

# Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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**Reminders:** Continue to check your email for updates from Mrs Humphriss and the school office.

**Latest Government Advice:** Year Reception, 1 and 6 are able to return to school - please make sure you arrive promptly for drop off and pick up times for your child's 'bubble'. If your child displays any symptoms do not send them into school.

Outside of school, continue to observe social distancing rules and only meet up to 6 people in outdoor spaces. Covid-19 tests are available to order for all over 5's.

## News from the Desk of the Executive Head

I love walking round our school and seeing all the amazing things going on. It is certainly a hive of activity.

Some of our keyworker children have been super busy creating 3D models of London landmarks. These are looking very impressive and certainly recognisable. I am told that we can expect a working model of Tower Bridge. Their classroom looks incredible too with a mural from the story. Whilst down in Year One they have been writing about the story of The Colour Monster. The presentation is excellent and you can really see how much their vocabulary has progressed. The children are really proud of their achievements. In Reception they have been following the story of Owl Babies and have learnt the skill of pom-pom making to create their own miniature owls. Mrs Wilson had one on her desk, it is super cute. Mrs Buchanan has also been showing the children how to paint an owl with different paint techniques. They look extremely life-like and gave me a bit of a shock when I saw them lined up on the table. At the top of the school in Year 6 they are following the text of Holes and Mrs McCormack has been very pleased with their writing. They have continued to make good progress during their time home-learning. They are also working on their art-work as part of their 'graffiti' topic and are designing excellent graphics.

Miss Blake has been busy in our school garden with her group of children. The plants are really thriving and it is very colourful. We would love some bedding plants to fill in the gaps if anyone would like to drop some off for us.

Myriam in Year 4 was amazed this week to find a letter from The House of Commons in her post box. She had written to our MP Mr Zahawi about dangerous driving in and around Stratford. She was thrilled to receive a reply and also that changes are being made to ensure that our roads are made safer.

Next week our Year 6 children should have been going on their residential visit but sadly this has been cancelled. We are not going to let ourselves be downhearted and Mrs McCormack has been gathering ideas from the children about how they can still have a PGL week in school. They had lots of thoughts from coming to school in their pyjamas for movie time, forest school activities, another survival day in the paddock and more. We are determined to give them a memorable final few weeks at Stratford Primary so watch this space next week to see what they get up to.

We are so pleased that so many of our Years 2,3,4 and 5 children are excited about coming back into school for 'keeping in touch' weeks. We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 2's next week. The hall is all prepared for 2 more bubbles in school and their stationery packs are ready and sealed for the children's use. We can't wait to hear their news and also find out what they are looking forward to when they become year 3 in September. Mrs Withers and Mrs Bean are full of beans to see their children back with them.

An exciting competition is coming out this weekend. The new Mayor of Stratford Mr Tony Jackson has asked the pupils of Stratford Primary to paint his portrait to hang in The Mayor's Parlour. The winning portrait will be professionally framed and the children can win Waterstones vouchers too. I can't wait to see the artistic pieces.

'There is nothing more beautiful than someone who goes out of their way to make life beautiful for others.'

I hope your weekend is less soggy than the week has been.

Mrs Humphriss

## WANTED!

Any pots, pans, funnels, colanders, non-sharp kitchen utensils like wooden spoons/spatulas etc, funnels, mixing bowls and any bits of plastic piping.

If you can help please email or telephone the school office to arrange drop off. Thank you!!



## Top Tips for Home Learning - Year 4

- You get good at something by practicing it regularly. Whether that's your times tables, riding a bike, baking a cake or writing a story.
- You get good by repeating repeating, repeating!
- Feelings of frustration are a normal part of learning - don't be afraid of those feelings. If you are trying to do something new or practicing something you find tricky you may feel frustrated. That's good, you are on the edge of new learning! Don't give up. Acknowledge those feelings and persevere.
- Why not let your children be teachers? Have them plan a lesson for you and teach you something they have learned recently.
- Try and do little and often with activities such as times tables practice. This is a great article from Third Space Learning on why times tables are so important and some different ideas for how to learn them:  
<https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/teach-times-tables-pupils-learn-instant-recall-ks1-ks2/>
- There are some great resources on the BBC Ten Pieces website.
- Here are ten ways to get creative with music at home:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/get-creative-with-classical-music-at-home/z6tqgp3>



## Home and School Learning



## Reception



## Year 6 - Practical Science



In Biology, Year 6 are exploring how living things can be classified into groups according to their different features. In their first lesson, working as taxonomists, the children devised a branching classification key to sort themselves based on their physical attributes, using 'yes' and 'no' type questions. In this way, we were able to identify and name each living thing in Bubble A! Super Science Year 6!



## Coronavirus Update

Sadly, due to current restrictions, we will not be able to run the MakeLunch club as usual this summer. However, we have teamed up with the Foodbank, and will be able to offer you parcels containing dry and fresh goods plus an activity for your children to enjoy. We especially welcome contact from families who find it difficult to manage when there are extra mouths to be fed when the children are not at school. This service will run twice weekly from the start of the summer holidays. ....

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## Well Done Myriam!

Myriam with her letter from MP Mr Zahawi.

