

## SCHERIFIE MOVALOGUPONES



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Reminders: Dinners must be booked by Friday evening for the following week, or a packed lunch provided.  Letters issued this week: New Reception FOSP letter				
Yr6 Meet the Teacher - 2.45pm	Rocksteady	Yr1 Meet the Teacher - 2.45pm	Rocksteady	
	Yr2 Meet the Teacher - 2.45pm		Yr3 Meet the Teacher - 2.45pm	

### News from the Desk of the Executive Head

Well the weather was an unexpected bonus this week and how wonderful to feel the warmth of the sun on our faces. We continue to keep our windows and doors open as much as we are able and so the hot weather has certainly helped us to do this and not worry that cold winds are blowing

through. Those of you who have walked the corridors of Stratford know that the wind can whistle through relentlessly sometimes. We are focussed on keeping fresh air flowing but equally we don't want the children or staff

to get pneumonia. So we are saying thanks for the warm weather so that we can get outside as much as we are able. Remember everyone we are continuing to promote hands, face, space! Thank you for following our expectations and staying positive.

The theme of our assembly on Monday (through Teams) was 'Who will you think of this week?' Each week I lead an assembly across the whole school through Microsoft Teams. The classes love to see each other at the start of the day. We have a good wave and for the past 2 weeks I have delivered this from Heathcote. The children love to see my other office. It is a bit strange as when everyone is on mute so they can listen to the presentation, you can't always gauge reactions but when I return to Stratford the children tell me they have enjoyed the theme and how they are helping others. We talked about Roald Dahl's charity which supports sick children and their families. Sunday was Roald Dahl day. Normally we would celebrate with a dress up day but this year I have challenged the children to try and read a page from one of his books every day and if possible to raise money for his charity using one of their own ideas.



We also thought about some real-life superheroes in our school - our teaching assistants. Wednesday was National Teaching Assistant day and we took the opportunity to say a huge thank you to them. We could not do without them in school.

Throughout lockdown our teaching assistants went above and beyond; supporting keyworker children in school, telephoning families at home regularly, working with children online, talking to them using Teams and generally being there. Thank you to all our teaching assistants. You are truly amazing.

Finally, we thought about our world. As you know the children have been studying the key text 'Here we are' which is all about planet earth and caring for it and understanding it. Back in March it should have been 'The Great British Spring clean' which takes place and encourages people to pick up litter, not throw it away and protect our planet. This was postponed until now so I have asked the children to take a pledge to pick up litter safely wherever they see it but most importantly not throw it away. We should look after our planet and the wildlife on it.

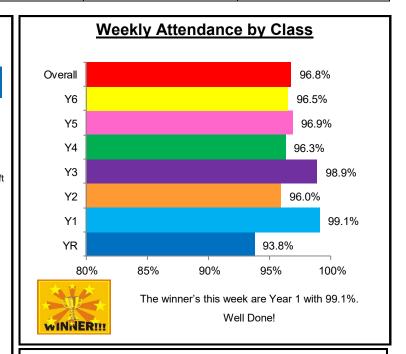
As usual there has been some super learning across the school. Year 2 sang their solar system song to me. What a great way for them to learn the order of the planets but also increase their scientific knowledge. Check it out: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=BZ-qLUIj A0 Year 6 had a fabulous day bell-boating on the River Avon. You can see some of their photos in the newsletter. Reception have been learning about Elmer and friendship. I love the Elmers they have made from milk bottles great recycling. We also launched Rock Star Times Tables the children are already racing to be the top of the leader boards and to beat the teachers. I think I shall be challenged soon so I had better get recapping my times tables and practising my fastest finger.

Mrs Withers and I have begun interviewing the children about their understanding of behaviour in school. So far in the cross reference we have spoken with they all understand that our school rule revolves around RESPECT and being kind. They all felt that the staff in school respect them too and that there is always someone to talk to. We were really pleased that the children talked extremely positively about behaviour management in Stratford and that we are one big family who learn to support each other and solve our differences together.

'Actions are remembered long after words are forgotten' John Maxwell

Stay safe - keep your distance. Keep smiling.

Mrs Humphriss



## Music Lessons

We are hoping to resume music lessons with Warwickshire Music soon, thank you to those who have returned their forms to us - your children will be added on Parent Pay for payment by the end of September.

Please note - children will only be able to start lessons once payment is received.

## \*\*\*\*\*\* **Reception 2021 Open Days**

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★ We are running socially distanced appointments for our prospective Reception 2021 parents during the week of 12th October **★** 2020

If you know anyone who is considering our school for their child next September, please ★ let them know they can call the office on ★ 01789293201 to book a visit.

# Year 6 Bell Boating Trip

## **Times Tables Rock Stars**



Times Table Rockstars has been relaunched in school with help from our brand new Leaderboard Display!

Updated weekly, this display will show the school not only who the fastest times-tablers are, but also the most improved, the highest earner and the Rockstar of the Week! It won't only be children - can you beat the teachers and move above them on the leaderboard?!



## Reception Practicing letters and sounds and investigating water. Practicing letters and sounds and investigating water.

## **Safeguarding**

## TikTok

In light of the significant concern around TikTok last week, it worth reminding parents to check their child's devices regularly.

TikTok has a number of settings that can help.

These settings include:

- Restricted mode similar to YouTube restricted that tries to prevent certain content from being seen.
- Screen time management how long children can spend in the app each day.
- Direct messages restricting who can send the child direct (private) messages, or turn DM's off altogether.

## Year 5

Using the outdoor stage, Year 5 presented the Inuit Myth of Annigan the Moon God and Mallina the Sun Goddess.



In Science, they learned about Orbital Velocity and Newton's 3rd Law.



## Year 2

Year 2 were challenged to build Apollo 11 during Forest School!

