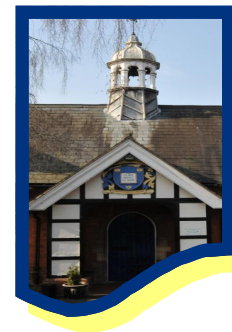


Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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Reminders: Any payments for the Christmas Panto must be received before 1st December to allow your child to take part in this event.

The last day of term is Friday 18th December and we will finish at 12.00pm that day - collection time will be 12-12.20pm to allow for social distancing.
If you would like your child to receive a packed lunch to bring home with them please order as normal on Parent Pay - any hot meals ordered for that day will be cancelled.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Woodwind lessons Heart of England - Year 3	Rocksteady Piano lessons Heart of England - Year 4	Violin lessons	Rocksteady	Guitar lessons Elf Day in aid of Alzheimer's

News from the Desk of the Executive Head



Wow what happened to the weather? Jack Frost has certainly been out and about this week. I hope the children have all found their hats and gloves and are wrapping up warm. Of course the irony is they need to stay wrapped up not only outside but in the classrooms too as we maintain ventilation throughout the building to keep everyone safe. The children are so resilient and are doing a terrific job in washing hands and really don't complain about the cold.

This week our Year 2 children have been working from home self-isolating. Mrs Withers and Mrs Parton have been super impressed with the work they are receiving online and are having lots of chats through e-schools and teams to support the children in their home learning. We have crazy hair day today to raise funds for The Friends of Stratford Primary and Mrs Withers held a live lesson through Microsoft Teams and was amazed by the different hairstyles. Thank you, Year 2, for staying safe at home. We miss you all but you'll be back soon. On Monday we are going to see if we can get you all to join in our morning assembly so keep an eye out for an invite.

We must say a big thank you to FOSP who have given us £2500 from funds to purchase iPads and a new iPad trolley. The school have also, from some funds we have, put in another £1000 and so we will be able to buy 10 new iPads, cases and the trolley which we hope will mean we have a whole class set. The children will be really pleased not to have to share when they are practising their rock star times tables or researching. We are going to carry on fund-raising for improved technology. Each class would like to have a visualiser and so the house captains are running a competition to start building up funds. The competition will be 'Whose Christmas tree is this?' The staff have kindly sent in photos of their trees from last year and for £1 you can enter to raise funds for new technology. Watch out for it!

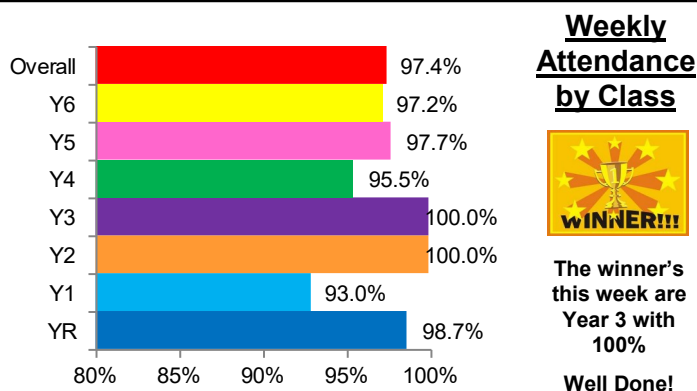


Year 6 this week have been studying WW1 poetry and have written some extremely poignant poems which they read to Mrs Withers through teams. As the English lead Mrs Withers is always keen to see how the children are using their key knowledge to improve their writing. She is self-isolating with year 2 this week and we wanted to ensure she could keep in touch so each day Mrs Withers dials in to talk to staff or the children. Mrs Kennedy, Chair of Governors talked to our year 6 children about reading skills this week too over teams. Of course not everything is about technology. Year 5 went off to the Heart of England forest for a wonderful



star-gazing trip as part of their learning about space. The day started very wet but fortunately the skies cleared and they were able to learn all about the constellations. Reception have been impressing me this week with their writing. They love exploring their outdoor area and wanted to share with me how they had created faces from natural materials, made mud pies, explored their investigation station, used natural materials to practice their number bonds to 10 and found sounds in the outdoor environment. They sent me some photographs and wrote sentences to go with their photos. What great progress they are making.

'Silently one by one, in the infinite meadows of heaven, blossomed the lovely stars, the forget-me-nots of the angels.' Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Mrs Humphriss



Please remember: Covid symptoms

The children are doing brilliantly in school at following rules and expectations around COVID-19. They are washing hands regularly, following 'Catch it, bin it, kill it,' maintaining social distance where they can and enduring fresh air ventilating through our building to keep them safe and well.

We would appreciate that all our families remember to follow the government rules around self-isolation. If you suspect you have symptoms and have booked a test you should self-isolate. You should not leave your home or interact with others whilst you are waiting for the results of that test. If you test positive your whole family should then self-isolate for the recommended time. If you need people to shop for you or support you then please call us and we will help. Go to the government website for further information. <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

House Points (this week)

ARDEN	101	HATHAWAY	117
HALL	113	SHAKESPEARE	95

Dream Draw!

Win £50 for Christmas!

To play our Dream Draw for December please email fospschool@gmail.com or contact Denise Wood on 07711768087.

Next draw - 14th December 2020

Year 1



Year 1 have been using watercolours to create a superhero skyscraper scene. We used our photos from our superhero day to make it look like we are flying through the sky.



Safeguarding

YOUNG MINDS

Parents Helpline

Worried about a child or young person? Contact the Parents Helpline for free, confidential advice via the phone, email or webchat.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-helpline/>

Year 2

Year 2 having Crazy Hair Day via Teams!!



Reception



As always, Reception are making the most of the fantastic outdoor area despite the weather!

Winter Warmer

Choose from
Mild Beef Chilli
or
Vegetable Chilli (v)
Served with
Rice, Sweetcorn & Nachos
Followed by
Syrup Sponge Pudding & Custard
JACKET POTATOES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE

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**Thursday 3rd
December**

Book your
Winter
Warmer
Lunch for
3rd
December
and your
Christmas
Lunch for
16th
December
via Parent
Pay.



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**Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16th December**

Year 5

On Wednesday, Year 5 ventured over to the Heart of England Forest for an afternoon of activities and an evening of Stargazing. The rain at the start of the day soon cleared to a sunny afternoon and clear skies for the evening. Children had a chance to explore the forest, plan out the solar system using watermelons, oranges, grapefruit, tomatoes, blueberries, peppercorns and toilet rolls! They then had to design and build a re-entry capsule for their Eggstronaut to land safely back on Earth.

Once the fire was lit, darkness fell over the forest and mist settled into the valley and it was time to toast marshmallows ready to make S'mores. Some children were lucky enough to see an owl swoop across the fields and even got a fleeting glimpse of a deer before it was startled by the noise that can only be made by a Year 5 class. We then walked by moonlight to the top of Windmill Hill through all the mud and puddles. It was an amazing clear sky where we could see Mars, Venus and Saturn and many different constellations.

We even watched the International Space Station fly over our heads. What a fantastic day out!

