

# Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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**Reminders:** Monday 4th January is a Staff Training Day.

Money raised from charity days: £115.00 for Alzheimer's, £115.00 for Save the Children, £125.60 for FOSP

Monday 4th	Tuesday 5th	Wednesday 6th	Thursday 7th	Friday 8th
INSET Day	Rocksteady Piano lessons	Violin lessons	Rocksteady	Guitar lessons Woodwind lessons

## Festive Message from the Desk of the Executive Head

**2020** I love this time of year when the children are excited to open Christmas cards and share with you how many they have got, when their eyes light up when they see the tree in the hall and the sound of chatter as they join their friends for the annual Christmas lunch. We have had a great first term back under very different circumstances but as usual our fabulous community has come together to support each other and make sure that the children are happy, safe and well.

Normally we would have a whole range of different performances and events to share. This year our Reception children performed a brilliant nativity play to a video camera and this was uploaded to Teams for everyone to see. It was as usual though, full of confident children singing and speaking their lines with gusto. We have been using Teams regularly to come together as a school for assembly and every now and again we join Heathcote Primary, this Christmas we held a wonderful joint celebration where every class performed to each other. Governors joined us and we all felt a sense of unity and collaboration. Long may that continue.



I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Withers who leads the school so well on a day to day basis. She does a terrific job.

I would also like to thank all the staff of Stratford Primary School who continue to go above and beyond in their care of the children. They are always planning and delivering an exciting curriculum and always with a smile. Thank you to all of the governing body and Community Academies Trust who continuously support and challenge our school in maintaining excellent education. The Friends of Stratford Primary, have had to think outside the box but continue to raise funds virtually and want to improve the lives of the children by developing the school environment. Thank you. Finally thank you to all our families for working with us to keep everyone as safe and well as we are able. We love teaching your children and can't wait for 2021.

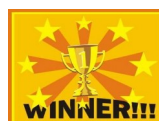
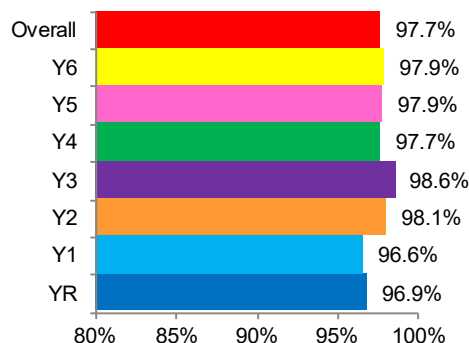
I hope you all have a great Christmas break however that looks. Stay safe, wash hands, keep your distance where you have to but enjoy being together. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th January. Stay safe and stay well.

***'Just remember, the true spirit of Christmas lies in your heart'***

Mrs Humphriss



## Full Term Attendance by Class



This term we have achieved 97.7% attendance overall!

Well Done to all!

## House Points - Autumn Term Total

<b>ARDEN</b>	<b>1550</b>	<b>HATHAWAY</b>	<b>1807</b>
<b>HALL</b>	<b>1762</b>	<b>SHAKESPEARE</b>	<b>1786</b>

## FOSP December Dream Draw Winners!

**1st Prize Huseyin Gurdag**

**2nd Prize Laura Newell**

**3rd Prize Lucy Kelleher**

Please email fospschool@gmail.com or message Denise Wood on 07711 768087 if you are interested in signing up for the remaining draws...payments can be made by BACS, standing order or cash by arrangement.

**50% of each month's pot goes to the school, the rest is shared between 3 cash prize winners.**

Thank you to everyone who has supported the initiative so far.

## Reception

Reception have had an incredible first term at school – it feels like they have always been here! Building friendships, forest school, learning their letters and sounds, developing their maths, baking, painting, making cards and decorations, building outdoors, water play...the list goes on! We are so proud of them and look forward to seeing them again after Father Christmas has visited – they are all definitely on the nice list!



## Year 1

What a brilliant start Year 1 have had to Key Stage 1!

They have been brilliant bakers, excellent explorers, marvellous mathematicians, perfect problem-solvers and incredible inventors.

Throughout this jam packed term they have made us all proud by showing great resilience and determination in whatever they do.

All of us are extremely proud of the children and we can't wait to see what they achieve throughout the rest of the year.

Here are some of the children's highlights from this term.

"I have enjoyed our special days. Superhero day. Elf day and odd socks day." Chloe M

"I loved making gingerbread men." Paolo



## Year 2

Well, what a year it's been! The year started off a little differently, sitting in rows, being based in a new classroom and getting to know each other but everyone has risen to the challenge and it has been a BRILLIANT autumn term!

The children realised today that they have read three whole chapter books this term, including our class novel; have completed two amazing topics, 'What is Dark?' and 'Here We Are'; had a visit from a famous falconer, whose birds have starred in pop videos and films, and made amazing progress in our reading, writing and maths. They have really risen to the challenges that 2020 has presented to them and are very excited about everything we have planned for 2021.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year from all of Year 2!



## Year 3

Year 3 have been busy during this Autumn term with lots of activities based on our theme 'scrumdiddlyumptious'. This has involved the children learning about the artist Paul Cezanne and creating their own pieces of artwork inspired by his paintings of food which were a delightful addition to our wall display in class. We learnt all about where food comes from around the world and the importance of Fairtrade food, nutrition and the importance of a healthy diet, and the children worked hard identifying the food groups before finally creating a healthy weekly food planner. Our class text has been Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory which the children have thoroughly enjoyed and we have been using our 'VIPER' knowledge to help us deepen our understanding. Inspired by our class text, we had the opportunity to design our own chocolate bar wrapper and chocolate factory advertisement during English which showcased great use of imagination and language. In maths, we focused on multiplication and addition which we will be carrying over into next term. Everyone has really worked hard over the past few months practising their timetables and it's definitely shown during our maths lessons.

We have lots of exciting things planned for next term and look forward to starting our new theme 'Romans' in the new year. Thank you to year 3 for making me feel welcome and I wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.



## Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic first term. We made a rainbow of hope and multi-coloured butterflies to hang from our classroom ceiling at the beginning of the term. This term, these symbols have reminded us that even in a pandemic our loving and respectful actions, thoughts and words create a rainbow of hope. We have been on an adventure to Valhalla with Gunnar and built Viking long boats as part of our Viking topic. This half term we have been learning about the Victorians, Victorian Christmas traditions and are on a journey with Jim as he desperately tries to find a way to escape the horrors of the workhouse. Both Viking Gunnar and Victorian Jim have something in common; despite the tragedy and sadness that has engulfed their lives, they have inner strength and do not give up hope on their respective journeys. Sharing hope for the Christmas season and new year, with best wishes to you all.



## Year 5

We have had a very busy term in Year 5! We thoroughly enjoyed being Stargazers and learning all about space and the galaxies. Our trip to the Heart of England Forest was a highlight of our term and it was very exciting looking for constellations and planets in the night sky. We were all very proud of our pieces of descriptive writing about the imaginary planet Pandora. Our Time Travellers theme has focused on Dr Who and his Tardis. We have finished off our term baking brownies inspired by our book Phoenix.

Next term we will be transported back to the Tudor times for our new theme 'Off With Her Head!' Our new class reader, Treason by Berlie Doherty, is an exciting, historical novel full of adventure and betrayal....

We hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone again in the Spring Term.



## Year 6

What a busy term! It has been fantastic welcoming Year 6 back to Stratford Primary after such a long time away – they have really risen to the challenge of being 'top of the school' and have made a fantastic start in their position as our leaders and role models. During our Islands of Evolution theme, we have been scientists travelling the world, following in the footsteps of Charles Darwin and this half term we have loved immersing ourselves in the history of WWI and WWII. Our thoughtful and emotive trench diaries and poems, inspired by Wilfred Owen, will transport you back in time. We are also all very proud of our creative art work around these themes: our scientific drawings of shells and beautiful wet felt poppies. One of the highlights of Year 6 so far has to be meeting our new Reception buddies – although we have been unable to spend as much time with them as we usually would, we loved having our socially distanced Christmas party, making them special Christmas bookmarks and, of course, proudly watching them perform in their Nativity play! January brings a new year and a new theme: we will be entering the realm of the Frozen Kingdom. Until then - a huge 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year' from all in Year 6!



## Stratford Foodbank

Here is the current 'most needed' list from Stratford Foodbank.

They have asked us to pass on their thanks for the support they have received this year.

They have been able to put together some Christmas Hampers for families in need and hope to keep being able to support people through difficult times, with your help.

## MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED VEG
- INSTANT MASH/TINNED POTATOES
- MEAT MEALS
- VEGETARIAN TINNED MEALS
- DRIED MILK
- SHAMPOO/DEODORANT/SHAVING FOAM/RAZORS
- TINNED FRUIT
- ANGEL DELIGHT/SOFT PUDDINGS
- TINNED RICE PUDDING/CUSTARD
- PRESERVES/PEANUT BUTTER
- UHT JUICE
- WASHING UP LIQUID
- WASHING POWDER/LIQUID
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE

Donations can be left at SVA branches of Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose, Co-op on Trinity Road, Salford's Local on Bridge Street, Co Op in Bolland, OR at the following times: Monday & Wednesday 2 - 4pm or Saturday 9.30 - 11.30am

(please note we cannot accept donations in any other form)

Instructions for delivery to the Methodist Church: please park away from the front door, press the buzzer for 'Wesley Hall' and then step back - one of our volunteers will be with you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support  
10/12/2020

