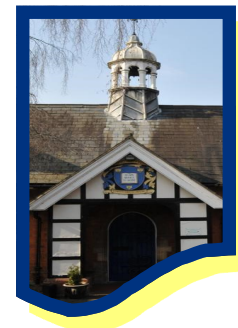


Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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Reminders: Check your email for updates from Mrs Humphriss and the school office. **Half Term - 25th May to 29th May 2020.**

Latest Government Advice: Please continue with social distancing and follow government advice.

Only go outside for food, exercise, or to work if you cannot work from home. Avoid using public transport where possible.

Stay 2 metres away from other people. Wash your hands as soon as you get home.

News from the Desk of the Deputy Head

I'm sure it is always my turn to write the newsletter when we are nearing a half term because I always find myself saying that I can't believe how quickly time flies! And time certainly has flown by in what has been a very different half term than we're used to. People do seem to be adjusting to this new 'normal' though and are starting to find new interests and ways to spend their time. I know that I am spending a lot more time with my family, walking and exploring our village (that I have lived in for nearly five years now) and finding places I never knew existed! I am making it my mission to find time to carry on doing this when life returns to some sense of normality.

Well, it's been another busy week in school for our Key Worker children – they really have shown such resilience over the past half term, coming into school every morning, washing their hands and then getting stuck into the eSchools learning. For children, socialising is a major part of their school life and overall development so we have been so impressed with how they have gotten to grips with social distancing in the classroom and in the playground. It is also really lovely to see new friendships blossoming, as they are working with children from a range of year groups that they might not have had chance to work with before.

I have had a great time this week uploading photos on to my Year 2 home learning page – I have been inundated with such wonderful pictures of home learning and am so impressed that the enthusiasm and motivation is still going strong. I have seen photos of a maths pizza butterfly, which was perfectly symmetrical and looked delicious; I have seen year 2 children telling the time using sun dials that were made in their gardens; I have seen real life caterpillars turning into butterflies and super storyboards about Charles Darwin's Voyage on the HMS Beagle. What a clever lot. In other year groups I have seen weather work in Science lessons; Orang-utan fact files in Geography lessons; mythological writing in English and thank you letters to health care workers. You might have also noticed that lots of the maths lessons this week have started to move over to BBC Bitesize, which is working in collaboration with The White Rose Maths Hub. The children have really enjoyed the maths activities set and there have been lots of positive comments about the Friday maths challenges too.

The staff team have also been busy this week preparing and planning for the potential re-opening of school on 1st June. The government anticipate that schools may be able to reopen then and Mrs Humphriss is in daily contact with all parents, carers and members of the local community so you will know that we are doing everything we can to make sure we're ready and all plans and risk assessments are in place if we are able to open.

And talking of our busy team, one member of staff will be busier than ever, with the arrival of their beautiful baby girl Phoebe May Hodgkins. I am sure you will join us in congratulating Mr and Mrs Hodgkins on their lovely new bundle of joy!

Have a lovely weekend and a restful half term – enjoy spending time with your families.

'And suddenly you just know it's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings.'

Mrs Withers

Mental Health Week 2020

No act of kindness is ever wasted.

This Mental Health Awareness Week, make kindness matter.



#kindnessmatters #mentalhealthawarenessweek

Top Tips for Keeping Fit and Healthy at Home

- ★ Hello everyone, Mr Scarlett here.
- ★ I thought I would pen a few words about keeping fit and healthy whilst being at home.
- ★ It's a tough time for everyone at the moment (especially Year 3 parents trying to support the teaching of fractions!) but one thing that can help take our minds off what is happening in the world is exercise. (I'm sure there are some of you who read that and audibly groaned!) But it has been proved that keeping a moderately active lifestyle up can have huge benefits to not only physical but mental health as well.
- ★ I've been spending some of my free time at home reading and listening to podcasts to try and learn more.
- ★ I came across a diagram and it completely shifted my mindset.
- ★ It's so important, especially in these times, to keep your **NEAT (Non Exercise Active Thermogenesis)** up and it's so easy to do.
 - ★ Taking the dog for a walk with your children
 - ★ Getting 10,000 steps in a day by taking the stairs, parking in a space a little bit further away from the shops, walking instead of driving, etc.
- ★ There are so many small changes that we can make to our lifestyles that will make us more active without running marathons, cycling 100km, etc.
- ★ **Hitting our NEAT/EAT targets makes us feel like we are succeeding, which in turn releases endorphins and makes us feel that little bit happier!**
- ★ So to conclude, in times like these staying active is more important than we perhaps think and is also a lot easier than we realise.
- ★ Of course, we need to adhere to physical distancing guidelines whilst doing this but get outside and go for that walk, have a kickabout in the garden and whatever else you can think of!
- ★ Stay safe, be active, be happy.
- ★ Mr Scarlett
- ★ Look online for more information about **#NEATUP247**

Music Soiree

On Friday 15th May the 7th annual music soiree took place, but this year it happened online. With 27 pupils taking part and 53 pieces of music performed, it was a wonderful reflection of the musical talent we have at Stratford and was thoroughly enjoyed by the families of the performers. Miss Bradburn was as proud as ever!



"We absolutely enjoyed every second - what a total delight!"
"It brightened up our Friday evening. She loved seeing her school friends."

Resources Available

Here is a link to a free eBook available, it is a picture book dealing with worries about Covid-19:



<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/ion-burgerman-everybody-worries-free-ebook/>

WELL DONE!

A huge well done to Bea in Year 6 and George, who have raised over £600 for the NHS by not talking for a WHOLE DAY this week!!

We are extremely proud of you.

Competition Time!

Nursery Rhyme Competition
Child Safety Week
2020

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service are running a competition for Child Safety week 2020


Using the tune to one of your favourite Nursery rhymes create a rhyme about child or Fire safety.

All you have to do is, request a Nursery Rhyme template from cfs@warwickshire.gov.uk once completed, return by email or post to Gemma Childs, Bedworth Fire Station, Park Road, Bedworth, CV12 8LB.

You could be in with the chance of winning your very own Blaze the Bear and have your Rhyme printed in a book for Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service to use in their Early years resources.


All entries need to be sent in by 5th June

Good Luck



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Home Learning



School Council Bake Sale

The School Council have arranged a at home bake sale to raise money for our chosen charities Vasa and Diabetes UK so get baking!

BAKE SALE!



We challenge you to practise your baking skills and bake something! Then sell it to your family!



All of the Money will go towards our School Council Charities Vasa and Diabetes UK



DIABETES UK
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.



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Sell what you have made to your family and **drop the money off in the box in the school porch.**