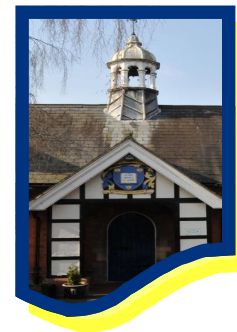


Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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Reminders: Spring Disco Tonight! Thursday 11th April children can be collected straight from church at 2.15pm if you wish. Easter Holidays - summer term starts 29th April.

Letters issued this week: County Music Tuition - 2019/20. After School Clubs - Summer Term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1 - All Things Wild, packed lunch and appropriate clothing required! Football match v The Willows - away	Rock Steady KS1 Year 5 - Guild Chapel visit Years 2,3 - Explore Learning workshop	Year 4,5 - Explore Learning workshop The World Around Me 3.30-4.30pm	Rock Steady KS2 Church Service 1.30pm	INSET - School Closed to pupils

News from the Headteacher

Dobro pozhalovat' v nashu rassylku (Welcome to our newsletter.) This month we are learning Russian. Miss Bradburn and 4 children from KS2 introduced us to Language of the Month, correcting our pronunciation and teaching us key words such as hello, please, thank you, good bye. We learnt about the culture of Russia and enjoyed some music by Tchaikovsky. It is always tricky learning new things but we are persevering and increasing our vocabulary all the time.

Last Friday Mrs Abernethy, Mrs Fade and I took 30 children to the RSC to watch a scene from The Merchant of Venice. We were invited by a group of students who had been learning from the education department at The Royal Shakespeare Company about the whole process of putting on a performance. In two days they learnt how to perform, make costumes and props, how to market the play, how to use light and sound to enhance and the whole nuances of a Shakespearean production. It was brilliant. At one point I was on the edge of my seat as the actors drew you into the play with their acting. Our children certainly enjoyed it and it could be something they get involved in as they grow up.

It has been a busy week here as both Year 3 and 4 went out to Spenal Forest to learn in the outdoors. It couldn't have been two more contrasting days. For Year 3 the sun shone and they skipped, danced and ran through the trees. For Year 4, though the heavens opened and with hail pattering down, they made bread and mushroom soup but came back full of the joys of spring. We also enjoyed some bedtime stories in the hall with a visiting author to start literary festival week and then KS1 learnt how Michelle Robinson wrote the story Ten Fat Sausages! We are continuing our work to promote reading around the school with cosy reading corners so literary week is perfect to remind the children how much comfort and fun books can be. We have also been entertained by our Rock Steady bands this week. I am always amazed at how much the children have progressed every time and how confident they are to stand up and play and sing in front of an audience. James is a great teacher and I know the children who attend have so much fun. Learning an instrument stays with you for life and improves your co-ordination so if your child ever gets the chance to learn one, give it a go. Finally, some of Year 5 have been completing their Bikeability (to those of an older generation - cycling proficiency.) They have been out and about on the surrounding streets learning to cycle safely and negotiate traffic correctly. Well done to them all for perseverance, concentration and determination to succeed.

We have welcomed two new families this week. Emma has joined us in Year 4 and has settled straight in. She told me all about the mushroom soup which she helped make but didn't fancy! Not to everyone's taste but she did enjoy the forest and making new friends. Oscar has started in Reception and was soon chatting with us all about his love of Spiderman. Welcome to both of you and we hope you enjoy being at Stratford Primary.

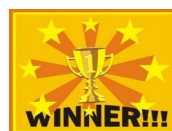
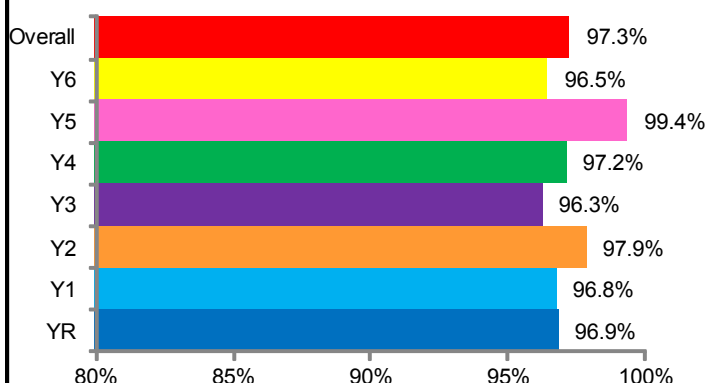
Miss Gill will soon be leaving us and we will be saying our farewells at church next Thursday. Meanwhile a rigorous recruitment process took place for her replacement. The panel were impressed by Miss Megan Hancock's creativity and vision for children's education. The children loved her active phonic lesson and so Miss Hancock will be joining the team after the Easter holidays and continuing Reception's great progress as they prepare for Year One.

Next week is our final week of the Spring Term as we head towards Easter. Don't forget to join us in church at 1.30 on Thursday.

'I have not failed. I have just found 10,000 ways that didn't work.' T A Edison
(inventor - electric light bulb)

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Mrs Humphris

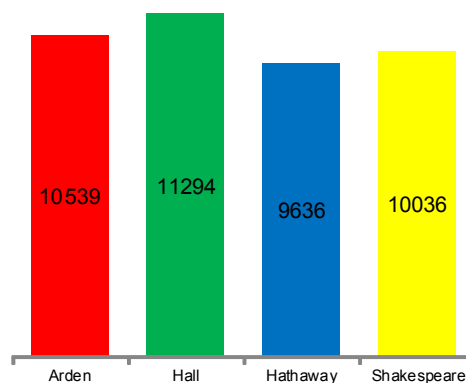
Weekly Attendance by Class



This week's winners of a visit from Desmond the Dragon are Year 5 with 99.4%.

Well Done!

House Points - Year to date



Congratulations

Arden

you are this week's House Cup winners



This Weeks Certificates

Achievement Certificates

Reception - Charlie B
Year 1 - Seren T
Year 2 - Joseph S
Year 3 - Myriam R
Year 4 - Emma H
Year 5 - Kyla B and Jodie O
Year 6 - Eleanor M

Respect Certificates

Arden Layla B
Hathaway Kip H
Shakespeare Amelie W
Hall Harry A

Bedtime Stories and Author Visits



Bikeability - Year 5



'It was fun! We even went on busy roads.' - Amaya A

'We did levels and were able to ride around town wherever we wanted.' - Hetty B

'We learnt loads more than I thought we would.' - Bea C



Rocksteady Concerts



School Council Competition

School Council Competition

All of the School Councils from the Primary Schools across Stratford have been working together.

We are working on protecting our oceans and the creatures that live in it.

We want you to think about what the ocean (and its inhabitants) mean to you and show this by entering our competition.

You could create anything including:

- A sculpture
- A painting
- A poem*
- A cartoon
- A story*
- A Minecraft world
- An animation
- A song

There will be a winner from each category which are:

1. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
2. Year 3 and 4
3. Year 5 and 6

The winners of each category will join the winners from the other schools to take part in an art workshop with Escape Arts and will have their entry displayed at the River Festival.

*There is a word limit of 500 words for each written piece.

All entries must be in school by

Friday 3rd May.

Every person who enters will receive 50 house points each.



Year 5 Modelling



Heart of England

The Heart of England's Fabulous Forest.

by Petra M
Year 3.



On Monday Year 3 went to the Heart of England and had a stupendous time!

First we climbed up an extremely steep hill but when we got to the top it was worth it. We had a talk about how Stone Agers would have lived.

Next we had lunch but not just the packed lunch, mushroom kebabs cooked over the fire as well!

We then went on a walk and we found animal tracks and edible plants (stinging nettle soup anyone?)



Age Restrictions on Social Media

WhatsApp minimum age is 16. All other social media services require users to be at least **13 years of age** to access and use their services. This includes Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Musically and Skype.

Whilst there is no age restriction for watching videos on YouTube, users need to be 13 or older to have their own YouTube account.

If your child is on any of these. Our advice is to delete their accounts. They are often the cause of bullying, mental health issues and complete lack of sleep. Don't let your child have electronic devices in their bedrooms at night. Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep, free from worry.

Save the Date!

The FOSP Summer Fair will be on
Saturday June 29th 11am-2pm.

More details to follow...

