

Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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Reminders: School opens 7th January, school dinners to be booked via Parent Pay by Friday night for the following week

Letters issued this week: None

Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th
INSET DAY - School closed to children	Rocksteady		Rocksteady Year 3 - MAD Science workshop	

Festive Message from The Executive Head's Desk



It is nearly the end of 2019 and almost 2 decades since we entered a new century. Where does the time go? Those of you who are of older disposition will agree that time speeds up as you increase in age but I live by the old adage 'Time flies when you are having fun' and what fun we have had at Stratford over the past term. We are always finding ways to inspire the children through our diverse curriculum and over this autumn term we have found ways to make unforgettable moments from stargazing in the forest to singing at The Albert Hall.

On Tuesday the whole school came together for our annual Christmas lunch. Our hall was jam packed but we all enjoy being together as one big family. It is great fun and when we hear the children singing Christmas songs and skipping down the corridor saying 'This was the best day ever', it makes it all worthwhile. We were also entertained by our Rock Steady bands in the morning. James from Rock Steady has been a real part of our school now for some time and we cannot imagine Stratford without him. He works with so many children from Reception to Year 6 and every time I watch the termly performances I am in awe of the progress he has made with them and also the confidence and determination of the children.



A huge thank you to the staff of Stratford upon Avon Primary School who make each day special and who care so much for the children. I couldn't do my job without each and every one of you. Thank you to all of the governing body and Community Academies Trust who continuously support and challenge our school in maintaining excellent education. To The Friends of Stratford Primary, where would we be without your dedication to raising funds and providing entertainment for the children? Thank you to all the parents for letting us share your children's lives and for putting your trust in us and finally thank you to the children who make us laugh and make us proud each day.

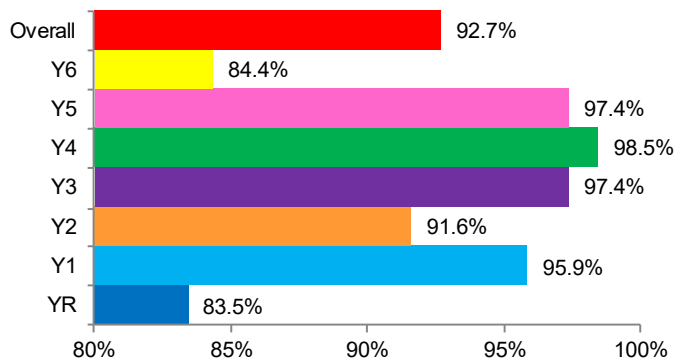
I hope you all have a great Christmas break and enjoy spending time together with each other. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 7th January. Stay safe and stay well.

'The magic of Christmas never ends and its greatest gifts are family and friends.'

Mrs Humphriss



Weekly Attendance by Class



This week's winners of a visit from Desmond the Dragon are Year 4 with 98.5%.

Well Done!

House Points



The House Points Champions for this term are:

HALL



This month's certificates:

Writer of the month

Reader of the month

Mathematician of the month

Good Friend Award

R Leighton S	R Olivier R	R Chloe M	R Imogen J
1 Jaime A	1 Naia W	1 Ava J	1 Lottie W
2 Isla B + Erin M	2 Frankie L + Alfie B	2 Finn M + Enoch S	2 Esme B + Lois S
3 Louis B	3 Edie L	3 Oliver B	3 Grace A
4 Isla M	4 Petra M	4 Josephine H	4 Myriam R
5 Taiga B	5 Jake G	5 Maya C	5 Cornelia H
6 Freya S	6 Bea C	6 Jamie O	6 Fred S



Christmas Message from the Chair of Governors

This Autumn term seems to have flown by! The Local Governing Body met on 21st November for the second of our Autumn term meetings. The governors have been reviewing their roles and ensuring that we are working efficiently with the new curriculum, whilst embracing the new Ofsted requirements. As always, we focussed on safeguarding, finance, governor training and policies. In addition, we reviewed, tested and ratified progress against the school Learning Improvement Plan and Self-Evaluation Form, some of which was evidenced through "deep dives" into the curriculum. This process ensures that governors and staff are effectively monitoring the children's learning and progress.

This term has again seen the children engaged in many enriching activities; their enthusiasm and inspiring work can be seen in the lovely displays and books and through talking to them. The children are so proud of their school and their behaviour in and around school, as well as on school trips, has been exemplary. We are all delighted to be their governors.

Enabling this to happen is the dedication, hard work and enthusiasm of Mrs Humphriss, the teaching staff and TA's. Grateful thanks go to them all, along with the office team, caretaker, catering team, midday supervisors, volunteers and all the team of Stratford Primary who enable the school to operate efficiently. Also, huge thanks to FOSP who created another wonderful Christmas fair and continue to support the school throughout the year with other events.

Finally, I would like to thank the local governing board who volunteer their time, skills and support to the school and offer such fantastic support to me as Chair. It is however, with sadness that Niall Tucker has decided to step down as Vice Chair and Governor due to other commitments and I am sure you will join me in thanking him for his dedication over the last two years as a valued member of the team. In the new year we will be advertising for a new Community Governor.

On behalf of the governors and myself we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Karen Kennedy
Chair of Governors

Reception

Reception have had a lovely festive final week! We have enjoyed a Christmas lunch, made decorations, Christmas biscuits and reindeer buns, followed by a party with Cygnets where we played pass the parcel and musical statues. The children are now very ready for the Christmas break with their families. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!



Year 1

What a busy term we have had in Year 1!

We have worked extremely hard and learnt lots of new skills. We have been problem solving in Maths, painting Little Red Hens, tasting bread and then making our own, drawing a superhero scene, dressing up for Superhero day, writing our own Traction Man story, making predictions, Diwali workshops and performing our Christmas Play!



Year 2



What a busy, challenging but exciting first term as Year 2's! We have already read two whole class texts and are making fantastic progress with our reading and writing. We have been learning how to play the recorder and to count in French and lots of us have proven to be expert architects, designing sturdy bridges out of biscuits and marshmallows and constructing castles with drawbridges! Our trip to

Kenilworth castle was really exciting - we had lots of fun exploring the ruins of a castle and could find all the different parts of a castle that we had learnt about in our History lessons. We have also had lots of fun at Forest School with Mr Gardner this term and especially liked making our own Guy Fawkes for Bonfire Night!

Year 3

What a busy term Year 3 have had! We have made the big leap from KS1 and the small playground up to KS2 and the big playground well. Here is a selection of things that we have enjoyed so far!

We loved: making our own Willy Wonka-inspired chocolate bars to link with our class text of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (as well as designing and creating the packaging to take them home!), holding the Barn Owl when the birds of prey visited

us for our Predator topic, learning all about skeletons in Science, exploring the Heart of England Forest on Forest School, learning all about the current political climate in the UK and making political campaign videos for the different political parties, playing hockey and tag rugby in PE lessons, exploring Times Table Rockstars and working towards the next level on Cracking Times Table, learning all about Paul Cezanne and creating our own as well as learning how to Code using Purple Mash.

We can't wait for the Spring term!



Year 4

Year four have had a busy term exploring the Romans and the Victorians. We had a fantastic time at the Lunt Fort learning to be Roman soldiers. We've been getting ready for Christmas with the Victorians.

Have a lovely break and see you in January!



Year 5

Where has 2019 gone?

We have gone so many places,
Read about so many spaces,
The space centre times,
And shooting to Mars,
Going to the forest
And looking at stars.



When you find yourself back at school,
Learning something cool,
Art with Mrs Hill,
English is amusing,
Sketching top of the bill,
Maths, quite confusing!

Yr 5 is so much fun
Producing best times for everyone,
Two topics we have done,
Time travelling is so much fun,
Space is amazing,
Rockets a blazing!

I don't want to leave again,
I hope I don't lose my pen!
Super science,
Amazing acting,
Exciting English,
Never ending!

By Delilah H

Year 6



What a busy term! Year 6 have really risen to the challenge of their new responsibilities and have made a fantastic start in their position as our school leaders and role models. We have thoroughly enjoyed following in the footsteps of Charles Darwin, during our Islands of Evolution theme and have loved immersing ourselves in the history of WWI and WWII! Our trench diaries and poems inspired by Wilfred Owen will transport you back in time. We are also all very proud of our creative work around this theme, especially our beautiful wet felt poppies. Year 6 did a fantastic job leading the school's Remembrance Assembly and the Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church - well done! One of the highlights of Year 6 so far has to be meeting our new Reception buddies, getting to know them and of course, proudly watching them perform in their Nativity play! We are all looking forward to January when our class will be entering the realm of the Frozen Kingdom. Until then - a huge 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year' from all in Year 6!