



Reminders:

The last day of term is Friday 18th December and we will finish at 12.00pm that day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Woodwind lessons	Rocksteady Piano lessons	Violin lessons Christmas Party and Panto Day - All years	Rocksteady	Guitar lessons Finish at 12.00

News from the Desk of the Chair of Governors

2020 has been a challenging year for many, which has brought us highs and lows. The true highs have been felt in our wonderful community of support and kindness. Governors have seen this throughout the school, and have been so impressed at how the children have adapted and embraced new procedures and systems with such positivity and without fuss during the changing landscape of Covid19.

The pandemic has also brought changes to the local governing body (LGB) who in March were asked to temporarily step down, along with all the other school's LGB's within the Trust to allow the Board of Trustees of the Community Academies Trust (CAT) to lead. This ensured that schools could react quickly and appropriately to the ever-changing guidance from the Department for Education and Public Health England.

As we know from the news, guidelines changed daily and although this was unsettling, the Trustees, Mrs Humphriss and her team did an amazing job to ensure that parents, carers and most importantly, the children had as much support as possible during the new times of blended learning and teaching. The governors would also like to thank everyone for their help and support in embracing home schooling.

I appreciate that it has been immensely challenging getting to grips with new technology, uploading programmes, navigating school work and keeping children motivated and focused, especially when many families were also trying to work from home! I am so pleased that when the children returned in September, they had made good progress and where there are learning gaps, teachers have swiftly identified them and interventions are in place to ensure that we can close these gaps.

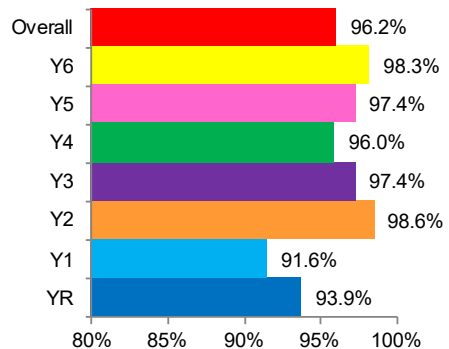
During the first half of this Autumn term the Trustees asked the governors to return in a reformed capacity, where we focus mainly on standards of education, and the Trustees of CAT retain certain roles including health and safety and finance. The LGB, are now called the SSC (School Standards Committee), which will be for an interim period for at least this academic year. The SSC had our first meeting via Zoom just before the Autumn half term, clarifying these new procedures and ascertaining new, practical ways of monitoring the school so that we are completing our due diligence to ensure standards are met. I have already undertaken a reading interview with some of the year 6 pupils via Teams and it was a pleasure to listen to them speak so confidently. I have also written to the reception children and received a lovely email back, showing me all their fantastic work! The other governors will be ratifying "deep dives" in all subjects and ensuring that the children are making great progress. The SSC will meet every half term, via Teams, and additionally the chairs of all the schools within the Trust will meet along with the Trustees of CAT. Last week we had the annual Governor Conference which was very informative and Mrs Humphriss conducted an excellent presentation on evaluating pupil's performance.

Finally, thank you again to everyone, especially the children – you are amazing!

May I take this opportunity, along with the governors to wish you a very happy festive period and a healthy and prosperous new year, with a little help from a vaccine!

Best wishes,
Karen Kennedy
Chair of Governors

Weekly Attendance by Class



The winner's this week are Year 2 with 98.6%
Well Done!

House Points (this week)

ARDEN	478	HATHAWAY	548
HALL	552	SHAKESPEARE	586

FOSP Dream Draw

- ★ Remember you can still join the Dream Draw!
- ★ 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.
- ★ FOSP

Year 5

In Year 5 we have been working hard this week writing a non-chronological report all about Dr Who's Tardis as part of our topic 'Time Travellers.' Over the past few weeks we have also enjoyed learning about Delia Derbyshire, the incredible women who wrote the Dr Who theme tune and have even worked together to create a dance in response to this piece of music. Every day we are reading our class book 'Phoenix'. This is what Conor, Ryan and Mia think about the story: "This book is an action-packed adventure story and we would definitely recommend it to our friends. It is full of exciting and interesting characters and is very hard to put down!"

Year 6 - Soldier Visit

Year 6 had a super start to their 'Child's War' theme this week, with a visit from a WWII soldier. In the morning, they learnt about weapons and warfare and were trained to be professional soldiers – great drills and rifle practice from our elite squad! In the afternoon, the war came closer to home with air raids, evacuation, rationing and German plane spotting. They even had stories and games in the air raid shelter... a fantastic day all round.

We are very much looking forward to our end of war party next week.



Safeguarding

Let's talk about life online
Advice and conversation starters for supporting your child to stay safe online

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Start with the positives
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Working together
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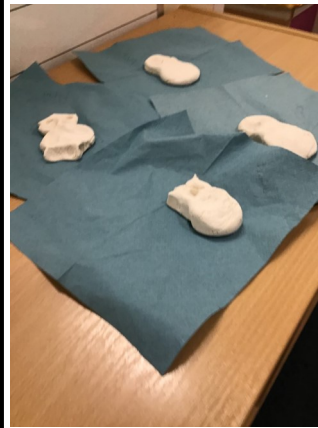
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10 Key messages to share with your child
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This parent tool for online safety may be useful over the holidays with children spending more time on their devices.

Year 2 - Salt Dough Owls

Year 2 have made salt dough owls like the character Plop in our story, The Owl who was Afraid of The Dark.



Year 3

This week in Maths we have been carrying on with Autumn revision lessons and have been revisiting adding two- and three-digit numbers and how we can group and share equally. We have also been reminding ourselves how to use part whole models and bar models during math lessons. The whole class have been working hard this week and have used their times table knowledge to help work out the answers. In other areas, the whole class wrote their own 'Mr Mayor' book, based on the Mayor of Stratford upon Avon but in the style of a Mr Men book. The class enjoyed sharing their ideas during lessons, before finally writing their own inspired stories. It was lovely to see such imaginative ideas come to fruition!

Reception - Nativity



Reception performed their Nativity play this week and did an amazing job remembering their lines and singing well!

Mrs Slater and Miss Blake were very proud of them all and can't wait for the final cut to be ready to send home for parents and carers to watch and enjoy.

It is a shame we have not been able to have our usual Christmas performance and invite you all in, but the teachers have worked hard to make sure the children don't miss out on any of the usual Reception experiences.

Goodbye

This week we say goodbye and good luck to Rhys and Grace who are moving schools.