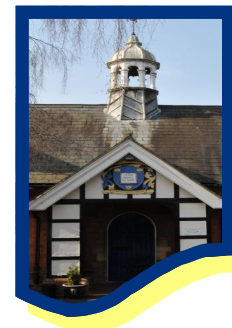


Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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| Reminders: None | | | | |
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| Letters issued this week: Kenilworth Castle - Yr2, Aladdin Yr R,1,2 | | | | |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Choir 3.30-4.30pm | Rocksteady Multi Sports Skills 3.30-4.15pm Yr4 Lunt Fort Yr 6 Soldier Visit | Drama 3.30-4.30pm Textiles 3.30-4.30pm | Rocksteady Art 3.30-4.30pm | |

News from the Desk of the Deputy Head

Well, we are now two weeks in to the second half of Autumn term and the school is looking fantastic – all the classes have started their new topics, each classroom and door display is looking inspiring; the classrooms are buzzing and, dare I say it, the Christmas preparations are coming on nicely! The staff all work extremely hard to ensure that the curriculum is always exciting and varied and just walking around the school this week, it is evident that the children are loving learning...

It was a very poignant start to the week – Year 6 did a wonderful job of leading our Remembrance Assembly on Monday morning and taught the children why they wear a poppy. They delivered their reading with such confidence and poise – Mrs McCormack and all the other staff really were impressed with how well they performed. The children also read out the names of the soldiers from WWI who attended Stratford Primary School and all the staff and children took part in a two-minute silence as a mark of respect and to recognise the importance of Remembrance Day.

This week has also been Anti-Bullying week and this year's theme is 'Change Starts with US!' Throughout the week in their PSHE lessons, the children have been learning about different types of bullying; strategies to tackle bullying and what to do in different situations. They have each made a pledge to help 'make a change' and have decorated a heart with a key message, pledge or picture to promote the theme.

Reception have been busy this week learning about 3D shapes in maths. They have been naming different shapes and starting to understand some of the different properties of 3D shapes. How clever! The children have had a lovely time looking for 3D shapes in the world around them! I was also lucky enough to spend some time in Reception class this week and listened to some of the children read. I was so impressed with how well the children were segmenting and blending their sounds. There is a real buzz in Reception class around reading – they were all very excited to share and talk about different books.

I also visited Year 1 this week during a very interesting English lesson. The children were really excited to be starting their new book Traction Man and to be starting guided reading sessions. The children had to answer different questions about the book using lots of different skills and were showing a super understanding of the story so far. It is a really great book, I'm sure Miss White is going to get some amazing writing from Class 1 this half term!

Year 2 are also enjoying their new topic Towers, Tunnels and Turrets and have been really engaged in their English lessons reading and writing about The Snow Dragon. They have also travelled back in time to the Tudor period in their History lessons and have enquired about why Henry VIII is such an important historical figure and how he shaped British history.

The hall was full of budding gymnasts from Year 3, who, this week, have been demonstrating such skill and ability in their stretching, curling and arching in their PE lessons! There were also squeals of delight in their Computing lesson this week – I had to go in and see what they were up to. I was lucky enough to be shown how they use coding to create a game and they proved to have an excellent understanding of this very important skill. It's lovely to see the children so engaged and inspired in their learning.

Year 4 couldn't wait to tell me about their new book Street Child. Although they were sad to finish their Roman Topic, the children's faces were full of excitement when they found out that they would be learning about the Victorians this half term. I'm such there are lots of Christmas links too!

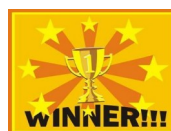
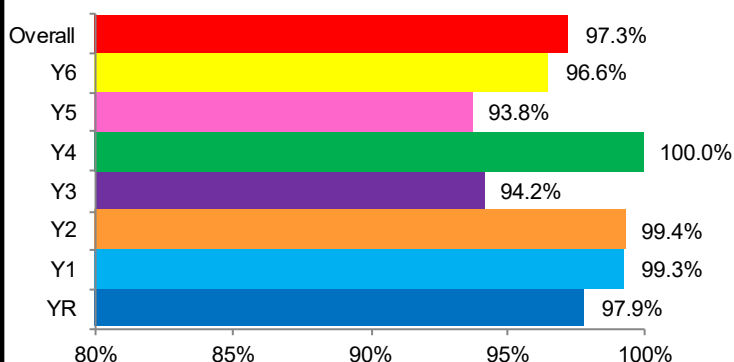
In Year 5, the children are thoroughly enjoying their new text Phoenix and whilst I was in the class this week, the children all let out a very loud and collective sigh when Mrs Woollard finished a chapter! They would happily read all day I think! They are having a great time making some very impressive looking technical drawings of clocks, linked to their text and the artist Salvador Dali.

Wow! What a busy week! Now all we need is for the rain to disappear ready for the weekend.

Mrs Withers

'In a world where you can be anything, choose kind.'

Weekly Attendance by Class



This week's winners of a visit from Desmond the Dragon are Year 4 with 100%.

Well Done!



Weekly House Points



Well done - Hall!

Reminders:

- If you have a child in Year 1,2, 3 or 5 please ensure you have returned their Data Collection Form to the school office by 22nd November.
- The deadline for returning Nasal Flu Vaccination consent forms has now passed, if you have not returned the form and you wish your child to receive this vaccination on 25th November, please contact the school office.

Year 4 - Circuits

Year 4 did a circuit 'role play' using skipping ropes, a 'battery' and a 'bulb' we arranged ourselves in a way we thought would make the bulb light up. We discussed each others' ideas.



'We had to make a bulb light up with 2 wires, 1 bulb and a battery.' Emilia C

'Year 4 have been learning about electricity and we had to light up the bulb. We had to use wires and batteries and a switch button. Most people and groups made it light up. After we explored how we did it, we had to connect all the wires and batteries plus the on and off switch and it was a lot of fun.' Isabella P

'Year 4 had a go at trying to make the bulb light up with wires and batteries - it was so much fun!' Josephine H

'We were learning to connect the battery to the wires to make the bulb light up.' Lewis M

Safeguarding - Support for Parents and Families

Warwickshire have some useful information for parents and families to help you make sense of your child's development and behaviour during different stages of growing up and to build reassurance that you are doing the right thing - we all question at times whether we have made the right decision or how we should have dealt with something - these guides might provide some useful support or advice.

For your free online guides please visit:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguides>

Year 6 - Remembrance Assembly



Year 6 led a beautiful Remembrance Assembly on Monday and we observed a 2 minutes silence to remember those who gave their lives for the freedom of future generations.

KS2 - The Boy in a Dress

Urgent reminder!

Payment is due by today, 15th November, if payment has not been received by Monday, 18th November, then arrangements will be made for children to remain in school.

FOSP - Christmas Fair

Stratford Primary

Christmas Fair

Friday 6th December
3.00pm-5.00pm

Festive Fun Games.
Food and Refreshments
For Everyone

Merry Christmas
from FOSP

DRESS DOWN DAY

Friday 29th November

All children are invited to join in a uniform-free day in exchange for donations for the Christmas Fair.

If your child would like to take part please donate the following:

Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3
Chocolates of any kind, packets, bars or boxes

Years 4, 5 & 6
Bottles anything ranging from wine, spirits, beer, kitchen or bathroom products

FOSP - Request for Help!

FOSP are working on getting some costumes for the annual Reception Nativity Play so that there is less pressure on Reception parents spending money on a costume to be used once - we are starting this year with Angels costumes.

If anyone has a used or incomplete Angel costume at home that they would like to donate, please leave them at the school office by Friday next week or bring them to the FOSP Friday Cake sale.

If there are any parents who would like to help with this project during next week, please contact Antonia - FOSP (Fran's Mum Y6).



Save the Children

Christmas Fair

Stratford Town Hall

1 Sheep Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6AF

Saturday 16 November

10am-4pm

Admission Free

40 Craft and Gift stalls Christmas cards
Giant Tombola Raffle Refreshments

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