

# Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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**Reminders:** Check your email for updates from Mrs Humphriss and the school office.

**Latest Government Advice:** The current levels of lockdown have been extended for at least 3 weeks.

Only go outside for food, health reasons or to work if you cannot work from home.

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

## News from the Desk of the Deputy Head

Welcome back to the Summer term, where, although we are experiencing a rather different start to a new term, we remain positive and optimistic that better things are to come. I hope you all managed to have a lovely Easter in some shape or form and have enjoyed spending time with your families.

I have been looking back at past newsletters and I have realised that the weather always appears to have its very own feature! It would be remiss of me then to not mention the beautiful weather that we are all enjoying at the moment, which has come as a welcome treat, especially for the staff and the key worker children who are attending school throughout the week. The children have been getting their hands dirty, clearing and preparing the school gardens ready for Stratford in Bloom and have enjoyed planting, painting tyres, weeding and creating Olympic athletes! If you happen to be passing the school as part of your daily exercise, you might be lucky enough to spot Andy Murray, Usain Bolt, Ellie Simmonds, Mo Farrah and Jessica Ennis at various positions in the garden! They look rather fabulous and they are part of the Olympic theme, in amongst the beautiful rainbow window and celebratory bunting.

On Monday, it appeared that the entire country attempted to log back on to e-Schools again – inevitably, there were a few problems but it appears to have settled down and lots of you are fully engaged once more in the learning being set by the staff team. It is wonderful to look at the work being sent in each day and the staff are enjoying sharing examples of work with one another. You will have noticed that all of the staff are commenting on the children's work online and there are different challenges, questions, cooking and baking tips and comments being posted every day. Mrs Humphriss is constantly looking at different ways to engage the children in their online learning – she is very busy making sure that we are always one step ahead in our approaches and is sharing exciting new ideas with us all the time. We're all becoming rather tech savvy! There are several pilot ideas in the pipe line, so watch this space!

On Wednesday this week, we celebrated Earth Day, both as part of our online learning and at school. I think the date of this annual event is even more poignant this year – with the enormous disruption to our everyday lives that we are currently facing, there are positives to be seen. The Earth is starting to heal – the canals, rivers and oceans are becoming cleaner; air pollution has plummeted; animals are beginning to reclaim the land and people are reconnecting with nature. We've been forced to pause, slow down, reflect and appreciate the little things our gardens and local walking paths have to offer.

Keep safe and keep doing the fantastic job that you are all doing - can I please remind everyone to access their class pages each day and if you need any support with work or login details, please let us know.

Nature is painting for us, day after day, pictures of infinite beauty.

Mrs Withers

## Dream Gardens Competition Winner

We are very proud of Dottie in Year 1 who was a winner in the Marks and Spencers 'Dream Garden' drawing competition.

She has won a lovely prize for our school - a number of seedling sets for our beautiful garden!

Well done Dottie!



## Top Tips for Year 2 - from Mrs Withers

**There is ONE thing I recommend that you absolutely, must try to do every day; share a story...**

Please share as many stories as you can each day - this is great for learning new language and developing your reading skills such as fluency, prediction, inference and sequencing.

In picture books, you can look at the pictures and make predictions about what might happen next; In more lengthy books, you could play 'I Spy' with a particular sound or a tricky word on each page; you could talk about new and challenging vocabulary or find the rhyming words.

You could talk about what has happened in previous days before you continue reading. Reading daily will also develop your fluency.

Have a look on our class page for 60 second reads. Challenge yourself - how many words can you read in one minute?

Some super resources for sharing stories at home include:  
<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>



## Gardening at School



Our teachers and Keyworker children have been hard at work keeping our school garden looking bright and beautiful.

Stratford in Bloom here we come!



## Stratford Foodbank

A message from the manager, Marion:

As you may know the Covid 19 Pandemic has had a significant impact on our charity – forcing us to completely relocate. A move, that would normally be months in the planning, has happened in less than three weeks. Thanks to the amazing generosity of Stratford Methodist Church we are now distributing emergency food parcels from the Methodist Church Centre in Old Town.

We hope soon to bring you details of how you can bring food donations directly to us, but whilst we work out the safest way to do that please continue to use our supermarket collections points. We are so grateful to our local stores of Tesco, Waitrose, Morrisons, Sainsbury on Bridge Street and Budgens at Bidford for keeping this life line open to us. At the moment we would particularly welcome donations of UHT milk and UHT juice.



## Raising Money for the NHS

Harris in Year 1 is raising money for our NHS by scoring 100 goals a day for 30 days!

If you would like to sponsor him, please visit his Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/harris-gurdag>



## Safeguarding

If your children are using video chat websites to keep in touch with their friends and family, we recommend checking the security settings to ensure their safety online.

Supervise your children while they are online.

Read reviews and make sure you are aware of the risks.

## Home Learning



## Celebrating Earth Day

Wednesday,  
22nd April  
2020 was the  
50th annual  
celebration of  
'Earth Day'.

