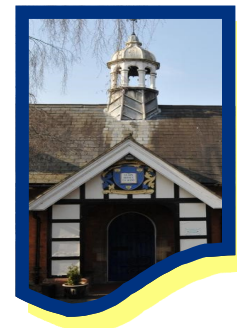


# Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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

Our school will be open for emergency childcare for Keyworkers during the Easter Holidays.

**Latest Government Advice:** Stay at home. 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 Executive Head

Well here we are at the end of Spring Term 2020 and it has certainly been a different one. We started the New Year off with lots of plans for performances, Shakespeare trails, author weeks and more. What we have ended with is a community, a country and a world that have come together in solidarity and hope.

I want to say a huge thank you not only to everyone on the frontline but also to all of you who have engaged with us throughout the past two weeks and sent us photos, videos, drawings, brilliant ways to learn and wonderful messages.

I also want to say a massive thank you to all of my staff who have been caring for our keyworker children in school and for those who are working from home who continue to engage with all of our children and parents daily. Teachers and teaching assistants are becoming increasingly more creative as the days go by. I have seen some excellent videos of them modelling lessons, adding soundbites to powerpoints and recording daily story readings to name just some of the things they are putting together. The office staff have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that finance is up to date and that they respond regularly to your communications and you wouldn't know they are doing it all from home. There have been no gaps in the system. The caretaker and cleaners are making sure the school is spotless and secure. So thank you.

For the next two weeks it is the Easter holidays but school remains open for our keyworker children. We do want you to have a break from the internet and not worry about home-schooling for now. Spend time gardening (if you can), baking, playing board games and chatting. If the meteorologists are correct we are in for some lovely sunshine. I do hope so because my poor garden is sadly neglected and I am hoping to get out there. I am definitely a fair weather gardener and maybe I'll get some seeds planted in the greenhouse.

On Monday 27th April teachers will have new online learning ready for you on your e-schools. Can I please remind everyone that to access class pages, you need to login with your child's details not your parent ones? If you can't remember it then please email us and we can reset it.

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude."

Have a good Easter and stay safe.

Mrs Humphriss

## Thank you!

To our caring NHS and all the people working hard to take care of us and make sure we are well, safe, fed and looked after at the moment.



## Top Tips for Reception - from Mrs Slater

Get the children involved in what they are doing – visual timetables are brilliant and are simple to do. Use pictures and key words – the children can even draw and write their own, post-it's work well for this, as do photos. There are lots of examples on Pinterest, Twinkl and TES websites. Message me if you need some help setting this up.

Do not expect your Reception children to concentrate on directed learning for a long period of time! Anything where they need to focus on listening, reading or writing should be kept short – roughly 20 minutes as a maximum. They can then go and practice – playing schools with toys or teaching a sibling/parent works really well and is fun to watch!

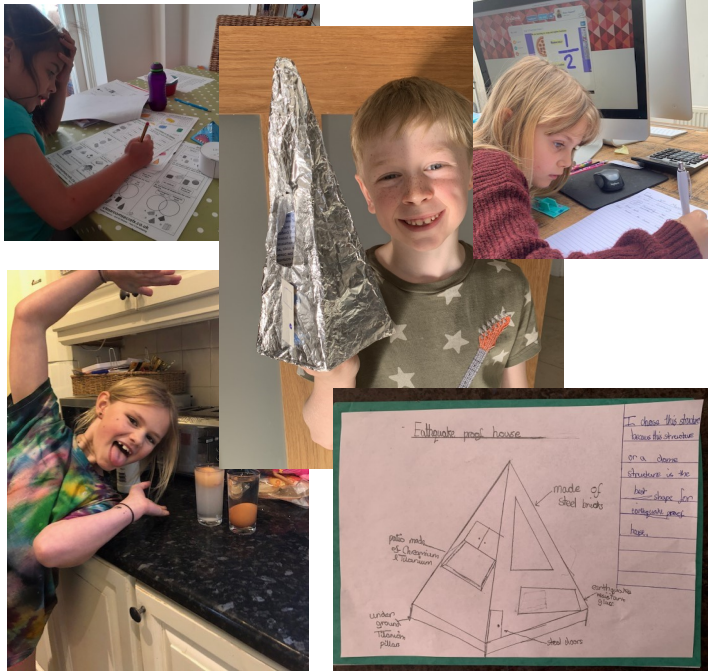
Keep it practical – a child that is 'doing' is a child that is learning. I have deliberately designed the tasks on eSchools to follow this principle. Please message me for help and support if you need it, I am more than happy to help.

Photos and videos are really valuable for an indication of what the children are doing. We use them a lot in their Learning Journeys at school and they are a good tool for a child to be able to reflect on their own learning. They also provide lovely memories for later on.

Have fun with your children, stay calm and be kind to yourself. These are unprecedented times for us all and we are in this together. Please keep in touch, ask for support if you need it and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the end of this journey! You are doing a great job so far, thank you.



## Home Learning - STEM



## Story Time with Mrs Humphriss



Mrs Humphriss has been in the recording studio this week!

She has uploaded the videos of herself reading books so that the children can watch and listen.

Log on to eSchools to watch 'Story Time with Mrs Humphriss!'

## Home Learning



## Safeguarding - Mindfulness

### ☆ Top tips for... Practicing mindfulness!

It can be so easy to take notice of our negative thoughts that we miss taking notice of the present and the good things. Mindfulness means giving attention to our environment and ourselves. It helps you focus on the present and see what is beautiful and unusual in the world. It is being aware of your thoughts and feelings as they arise, without ever getting lost in them.

### Mindfulness to try at home:

- 🍊 While eating, pay attention to your senses: the smell, taste and how it feels.
- 👣 Try a walk or run without a phone or music and take notice of your surroundings.
- 🪥 When you brush your teeth, can you taste the toothpaste, is it hot/ cold, what does the brush feel like on your teeth?

## Online Tips

This website will give you some fun maths activities over Easter:

[https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/fun-maths-games-activities-for-kids/?utm\\_campaign=02\\_04\\_2020\\_25\\_Games\\_Activities\\_Blog\\_MHP&utm\\_source=pardot&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=button](https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/fun-maths-games-activities-for-kids/?utm_campaign=02_04_2020_25_Games_Activities_Blog_MHP&utm_source=pardot&utm_medium=email&utm_content=button)

## Year 2 - Pirate Day



Year 2 went ahead with Pirate Day - lots of fun was had dressed as Pirates and 'Zooming' with each other!

