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## News from the Headteacher

Well I cannot believe that I am writing the final News from The Head for this academic year and what a year it has been. I have just looked back through my diary and on the 4th September 2017 I wrote in big capital letters 'MY FIRST DAY AT STRATFORD' and I have loved my first year. Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome. Life is like a rollercoaster and whilst there have been downs there have been definitely more ups and some loop de loops. I am so proud of all the children and everything they have achieved this year. Our academic results have risen again this year and a huge congratulations particularly to our Year 6 who have excelled. The school is buzzina.

We have not stopped over the past year improving our curriculum and learning experiences for the children. Throughout the year we have held topic sharing events, held elections, welcomed Birds of Prey, celebrated harvest, pancake day, visited forest school, cooked a range of delights with Chef Matt, entered sporting competitions such as football, netball, cross-country, swimming, athletics to name a few, Christmas plays, summer plays, Shakespeare week, welcomed David Bradley (Filch), Authors, Scientists, a WW1 soldier, learnt about Sikhism, road safety, fire safety, space, first aid, raised money for Dogs for Good, visited our local area, the elderly, celebrated World Book day, dressed as pirates, found dinosaurs, gardened, danced, sang, played music, been mindful etc. etc. etc. This is all thanks to the fantastic team that work with me and go above and beyond the call of duty so that children's experiences at Stratford Primary are fab-u-lous and so they stay safe and well. I cannot thank all of my staff enough. I definitely couldn't do it without you. You deserve a break, enjoy it.

I also want to say thank you to the local governing body who have been so supportive and such a part of the school. They ensure that the school continues in the right direction and challenge us accordingly. They have been ably led by Mrs Kennedy and I am grateful for their enthusiasm and leadership. The whole school also appreciate the huge support we get from Community Academies Trust; they keep us on the straight and narrow and are just as excited as us by our journey. Thank you.

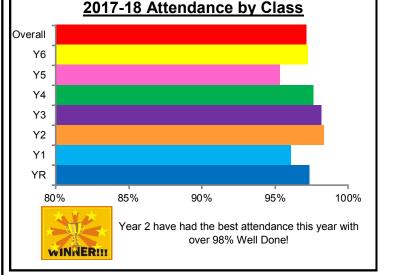
Thank you too to all of our brilliant volunteers over the year. Too numerous to mention. We really appreciate everything you do for the children; helping out on trips, walking into town or The Paddock, listening to readers, helping out in cooking, generally being around.

Sadly we are saying goodbye to a few of our family. Firstly to Miss Wheatley who joined us in January to teach Year One. She has been a ray of sunshine and worked very hard with the children. Phonic results were amazing - 96%! We wish her all the very best as she goes off to teach at Thomas Jolyffe. Good luck and stay in touch. We are also saying goodbye to Jayda & Paige in Year 4 and wish them well at their new schools. Of course we are saying a huge goodbye to all our Year 6's who have brightened our lives on a daily basis. We know they will continue to do well on the next stage of their education. Come back and see us and let us know how you are doing. You will be amazing. Don't look back in sadness, remember all the joy and laughter.

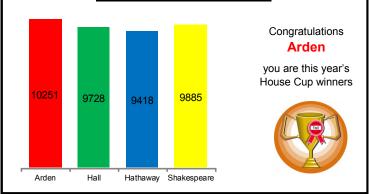
Happy News. Miss O'Connell returns to us in September as Mrs Abernethy. We send her off to her wedding in August with our love and best wishes. We hope you have a wonderful day. Enjoy your summer and save us some wedding cake.

What a super summer fair we all had on Saturday. If you visited I hope you enjoyed it, the sun shone and there was plenty to do. Thank you so much to FOSPs for organising yet another brilliant event. They have worked tirelessly over the past year to raise funds for the school and provide entertainment for the children. Thank you for funding the apple server so we can access more resources on the Ipads, refurbishing the library, for paying for our trip to the pantomime, Singing Playgrounds, artwork for the playground, supplies for the classrooms, playground equipment, PA system and so much more. We are always grateful for everything they do and are looking forward to next year's events.

Finally to you all have a fantastic summer holiday. Stay safe and well and enjoy being together. We look forward to seeing you in September bright, breezy and bushy tailed.



# House Points - 2017-18



#### ☆ This Weeks Certificates ☆ ☆ **Annual Achievement Certificate** ☆ ☆ Reception - Maisy G ☆ Year 1 - Ethan A Year 2 - Isla Me ☆ Year 3 - Ina T ☆ Year 4 - Henry G ☆ Year 5 - Euan P

## 100% Attendance 2017-18

Year 6 - Mrs Euinton

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Reception - Chloe B, Molly B, Maisy G, Imogen H Year 1 - Lauren B, Olivia M W, Luca O, Thomas T H Year 2 - Lauren H, Isla Ma, Bethany M, Reuben S, Maddison S, Leah T C, Mason V Year 3 - Charlie B, Theo B, Beau B, Ify M, Alfie M, Jiya N, Jack S, Madison S, Sam W Year 4 - Henry G, George L, Oscar W Year 5 - Matlida B, Jamie F, Ona M, Sebastien R D Year 6 - Lily F, Monika P, Alex P

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## Reception Class 2017-18

#### Our Year by Miss Gill

In Reception we have all enjoyed learning how to read and write in our Phonics lessons. We had a great time at the farm where we fed lots of animals. We have done lots of cooking this year and one of the best parts of the year was when we got to bring our bikes and scooters to school on Tuesdays. Show and Tell day has been a very popular day where we shared lots of exciting and meaningful things from home. We all took Elmer home for either a weekend or a week and we shared our home experiences in Elmer's Diary. We can't wait for our long summer holiday and we are all excited to go to Year One!

## Year One 2017-18

#### **Our Year by Miss Wheatley**

The highlight of Year 1 this year was our trip to All Things Wild and the children really enjoyed exploring the animals and finding out more about dinosaurs. 'Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs' are the main responses to the question, 'What has been your favourite thing in Year 1?'. Adventures in the paddock also came up trumps with the children saying they love playing in the open space and amongst the trees. Anything outdoors is popular with Year 1 and they are looking forward to having the garden off their new classroom. Enjoy your summer holidays!



## Year Two 2017-18

#### Our Year by Miss O'Connell

Year 2 has been amazing this year and we have had lots of fun. We have been on some fantastic trips around Stratford such as Shakespeare's birth place, Hoorays and a treasure hunt around town, we also went on a great trip to Tamworth Castle. We've had great fun discovering lots of exciting items around school like a dragon egg, a fairy house and a mysterious bag which we needed to work out who it belonged to. We've enjoyed dressing up as pirates for our Land Ahoy topic, quoting lines from A Midsummer Night's Dream for our Street Detective topic and making our garden into a lighthouse for our Beachcomber topic. We had a great time together throughout Year 1 and Year 2, everyone has worked really hard and have many excellent pieces of work to feel proud of and many great memories together.



## Year Three 2017-18

#### Our Year by Maya C

In year 3 we had 6 different topics, Predators, Scrumdidlyumpcious, Stone Age, Tremors, Superheroes and finally Flow .We enjoyed every single one of them in their own special way .In predators we took part in the Birds of Prey Experience. Scrumdidlyumpcious saw us cooking some delicious puddings with Matt the Chef. Stone Age we researched Scara Brae and Tremors we made our own volcanoes. Heroes and villains' appeared in full costume for our Superhero day we made our own T-shirts and had special appearances by mysterious heroes Polar and Python (it's funny because Mrs Ingate and Mrs Hill disappeared when Polar and Python turned up, So they totally missed the excitement! ). Finally for Flow we studied outdoors in a variety of locations across all our subjects to combine Art with Poetry and storytelling plus designing marble runs to demonstrate flow. It's been a great year.



## Year Four 2017-18

#### **Our Year by Miss White**

We have had lots and lots of fun in Year 4! We started the year with Misty Mountain Sierra. We wrote a biography about Sir Edmund Hilary, used potatoes as mountains to draw contour lines and wrote our own Yeti story. Our next topic was Potions and we created our own potions, wrote instructions and learnt all about Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

We started 2018 with I am Warrior. In this topic we made our own Roman shields and used them to practise different army formations. We ended this topic with a Roman day where we attacked our own parents with paper balls!

Next was our Burps, Bottoms and Bile topic. We completed lots of different science experiments including finding out which drink damages our teeth the most, using plaque tablets to see how well we brush our teeth and recreating the digestive system. Finally we finished off the year with Blue Abyss in which we looked at Jacques Cousteau and layers of the ocean, we ended the year with a great trip to the Sea Life Centre.

Some of our highlights have been: Josh "Creating a mountain picture with chalk" Jiya "Making clay potion bottles".



### Year Five 2017-18

#### Our Year by Mr Scarlett and the Children

At the start of Year 5 it was all very new Nobody knew quite what to do We travelled through space, laughing like a jester And had a great time at the Space Centre in Leicester Year 5 was super, never a frown Even when our bottle rockets went down In Tudor times we sketched portraits Old and new of our best mates

Dressing up in Tudor clothes And having names from times of old We walked through Stratford streets to school Where lessons learned, we are no fools

We ate crickets and worms for Beast Creator Some of us felt a bit sick later

Football, games, athletics and sport Hard earned trophies for which we fought Summer came early, making us sweat But, footballs not coming home yet Charlie times tables showed us our paths Now we are all great at maths We liked performing the Ali Baba play The Bongo Bandits didn't get away We tried to win Desmond but it was not to be We had to share him when he went to Year 3

Mr Scarlett in the tomb acting like a mummy He jumped out, "Boo" NOT funny

We designed a Garden based on Peter Pan A crocodile and fairies were part of our plan Pirates floated across the sky Lost Boys and Indians watched their boat fly

We loved Year 5 the treats and the tricks Now we're all ready to start Year 6



## <u>Year Six 2017-18</u>

#### Our Year by Mrs McCormack & Mrs Euinton

What a brilliant half term to complete your final year! We all will be left with fantastic memories of bumbling bandits, genius genies and not forgetting tap-dancing camels. To top this off perfectly, we had our amazing activity week at PGL – what a week! Just don't mention doughnuts or vinegar Year 6! You have been a lovely year and we will miss you very much – but we also know you are well-prepared for secondary school and ready to face new challenges. Good bye you Dingo Nitwits – or in the words of our Leavers' song ... Good Riddance!! Love Mrs Mc and Mrs E xx



# Stratford Upon Avon Primary School End Of Year Assessments 2017/18

# Early Years Foundation Stage

Percentage of pupils making a Good Level of Development

	School %							National %					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
GLD	47	66	83	83	81	87	52	60	66	69	71		

# Phonics Screening Check

Percentage achieving the Expected Standard in Year 1 Phonics Screening

	School %							National %					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
EX standard	83	83	69	63	93	96	69	74	77	81	81		

# Key Stage 1: Teacher Assessments

Percentage achieving the Expected Standard and Greater Depth in Yr2

			Schoo	l %		National %						
	20	2016		2017		2018		2016		2017		18
	EX	GD	EX	GD	EX	GD	EX	GD	EX	GD	EX	GD
Reading	73	27	89	43	94	47	74	24	76	25		
Writing	40	0	61	14	90	23	65	13	68	16		
Maths	63	10	79	32	94	27	73	18	75	21		
Science	47	N/A	82	N/A	93	N/A	82	N/A	83	N/A		N/A

# Key Stage 2: Test Results (Attainment)

Percentage achieving the Expected Standard and Higher Standard in Yr6

	School %								National %									
	2016		ò	2017			2018		2016			2017			2018			
	EX	HS	SS	EX	HS	SS	EX	HS	SS	EX	HS	SS	EX	HS	SS	EX	HS	SS
Reading	70	30	104	97	53	110	96	37	109	66	19		71	25	104			
Writing	73	27	-	90	30	-	100	26	-	74	15	-	76	18	-			-
VGPS	85	30	106	90	53	109	93	52	110	72	22		77	31	106			
Maths	70	24	104	93	36	107	96	30	106	70	17		75	23	104			
R, W, M	61	15	-	87	-	-	93	-	-	53	5	-	61	8	-			-

# Key Stage 2: Test Results (Progress)

Progress scores against National in Yr6

	School									
	2016	2017	2018							
Reading	-0.6	+0.3	TBC							
Writing	-1.5	-1.6	TBC TBC							
Maths	-1.3	-2.4	TBC							

GLD - Good Level of Development Ex-Expected Standard HS - Higher Standard GD- Greater Depth SS-Scaled Score