



30th November 2018 – 135th Birthday of Stratford Upon Avon Primary School Broad Street

Dear Parents/Carers,

This month it is 135 years since the current building for Stratford Upon Avon Primary School was opened and became known as Stratford Upon Avon Board School. We are actually nearly 200 years old having been founded as The British School and situated in Rother Street. The building in Rother Street became unsafe and so a school board was formed and land purchased and our current school was born. We are not 100% sure on which date the school actually officially opened as there are conflicting sources but we do know it was in November 1883. We have therefore decided to hold our birthday celebrations **on Friday 30th November** in the morning.

We will begin with a celebration assembly which will be followed by the ringing of our school bell. The youngest and oldest pupil will ring the bell with me 135 times.

After that we will be open from 9.30am to 11.30am for you to come and visit us and see each classroom through the decades; see a lesson from that period or some learning about the decade. There will also be a photograph/memorabilia exhibition in The Room of Imagination. The original plans for the building will be available, school registers and photos.

We would like each child to dress up in the fashion of the decade for their classroom. Please see your child's year group below and what decade they will be covering and need a costume for.

Year 6 – 1940's (evacuee's perhaps)

Year 5 – 1970's (disco time)

Year 4 – 1890's (Victorian)

Year 3 – 1980's (get those legwarmers out)

Year 2 – 1950's (teddy boys and tea dresses perhaps)

Year 1 – 1910- 1920 (WW1, Edwardians)

Reception – The 21st Century (easy one that)

We would also like to request any photographs/memorabilia you might have to share with us. Perhaps you came to our school or grandparents. If you do have something please send it to the school office – clearly named so we can return it to the right people. Please let us have anything no later than Monday 26th November. Thank you.

So get researching outfits and of course **SAVE THE DATE** we can't wait to see you.

Mrs Humphriss