

Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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Reminders: If you would like to take your child straight from church on Thursday please wait for a teacher to release them to you.

Letters issued this week: Year 6 mobile phone policy.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir 3.30-4.30pm Netball 3.30-4.30pm Topic Sharing Y2 2.30pm	Rocksteady Multi Sports Skills 3.30-4.15pm Change Makers 3.30-4.45pm Heart of England Y5 Topic Sharing Y1 2.30pm	Drama 3.30-4.30pm Textiles 3.30-4.30pm Football 3.30-4.30pm Topic Sharing Y5 2.30pm Topic Sharing YR 2.15pm	Rocksteady Art 3.30-4.30pm Harvest Festival Church Service 1.30pm	INSET DAY

From the Desk of the Executive Head...

Здравейте всички – Hello everyone in Bulgarian.

This is our latest language of the month. When you first see it, it can be confusing; the letters are different and some of them look like Latin but are pronounced a completely different way. There are also nine tenses in the grammar. But did you know these amazing things? The alphabet has 30 letters, 6 are vowels and the rest are consonants. The Bulgarian B is pronounced like the Latin 'v' and the H is actually pronounced as an 'n'. Some letters have two sounds, the letter 'u' in Bulgarian, [j] sounds like "sheep," but there is a 'u' too, [ʃ] that sounds like 'shoe'. In the 9th century, Bulgarian brothers Cyril and Methodius created the Cyrillic script, which is used still used today in Bulgarian, Russian, Serbian and other Slavic languages. The longest Bulgarian word has 39 letters!
непротивоустойчивостта на българския език – do you think you can pronounce it? I love languages and think that everyone should learn to speak even a little bit of another language to improve communication. Izzy in Year 2 can help you if you are not sure how to say any of the words.

It has been an incredibly busy week so far. People often ask me how things are going. They are going well but if you actually saw my diary (for example Tuesday saw me leave the house at 7.30am and get home at 10pm) you would wonder how I fit everything in and still keep smiling. Simple really – I love my job and just want children to have a great education so they can make choices for their future. I work with an excellent team who also keep children at the centre of everything they do and never stop thinking creatively, planning for experiences and looking after those in their care. Thank you to everyone really who is a part of Stratford Primary and of course my family who know how important my job is to me.

On Tuesday we welcomed Mr Andrew Warren, The Regional School's Commissioner. He acts on behalf of the Secretary of State for Education and he visited us to find out more about how we are teaching the children. Mrs Kennedy (Chair of Governors) and I gave Mr Warren a tour of the school and talked about the history of our school. It was World Maths Day so he saw a wide range of maths and science activities throughout the school. In Year 6 they were on Chocolate Button Island! They were considering evolution and which beak is best for eating chocolate buttons. Not exactly a healthy island but it certainly helped the children understand how evolution works. In Year 5 they were in space, exploring materials for space suits! Mrs Ingate was demonstrating the latest look in chiffon and foil for her space suit and the children were making educated guesses about temperature. Year 3 and 4 had been exploring numbers in times tables and tricky number squares whilst in Year 2 they travelled back in time to The Gunpowder Plot and were writing to Lord Montague to warn him not to go to The Houses of Parliament. Year 1 were outside learning PE and in Reception it was a delight to see the children making mud recipes, being imaginative in the pirate ship, using their phonics to read and explore letters and much more. You could really feel the buzz of learning throughout.

On Wednesday, we were visited by many prospective parents and their children for Reception 2020. Our Year 6 children were tour guides for the morning and at one point every single child was out touring the school and we had to call on our Year 5's to join in. The children did us proud, they love their school and shared all of the exciting things they get up to and answered questions with confidence. So much so that Mrs Withers and I had very few questions to answer because the children know our school so well. They are the product of everything we offer and we received so many compliments from visitors. Thank you Year 5 and 6. House points all round.

Topic sharing has also started to take place and I will let Mrs Withers talk more about this next week. Don't want to steal her thunder! If you have already been in, we hope you enjoyed sharing our learning and of course finding out new things.

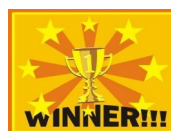
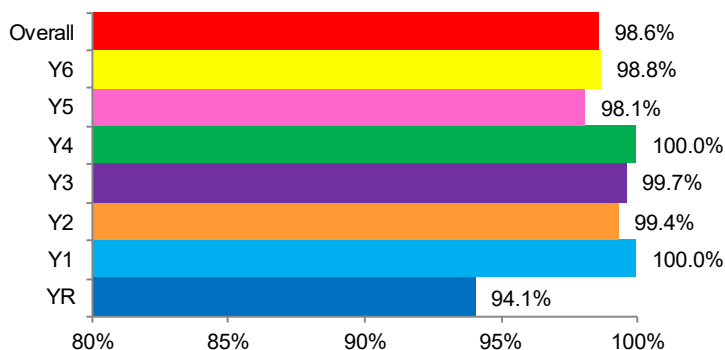
I met with the Friends of Stratford Primary this week. Planning is underway for the Christmas fair and we need lots of people to come forward and offer 30 minutes/1 hour on stalls so we can all have festive fun together. Soon we will be asking for donations for tombola's and hampers. SAVE THE DATE – Friday 6th December. It is going to be Christmastastic!

Довиждане – Goodbye

"TELL ME AND I FORGET. TEACH ME AND I REMEMBER. INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN."
—BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Mrs Humphries

Weekly Attendance by Class



This week's winners of a visit from Desmond the Dragon are Year 1 and Year 4 with 100%.

Well Done!

Weekly House Points



House Captain's Respect Award

Arden Aaron H
Shakespeare Alf S
Hall Audrey M
Hathaway Naomi C

This month's certificates:

Writer of the month

Reader of the month

Mathematician of the month

Good Friend Award

R Jahiem D

R Sophia C

R Alex H

R Layla J

1 Layla B

1 Ryan S

1 Kip H

1 Emilia P

2 Seren T

2 Maja S

2 Oliver P

2 Ananya N

3 Alfie G

3 Leo S

3 Thomas TH

3 Kacper K

4 Maia C

4 Olivia N

4 George S

4 Bethany M

5 Charlie B

5 Magalie M

5 Maddie S

5 Evie G

6 Kyla B

6 Summer H

6 Frankie S

6 Wren T

Reception



This week, Reception have been applying their maths skills across all areas of learning, looking at numbers, shapes and space.



Harvest Festival in aid of Stratford Foodbank

There will be a box in the school entrance from Monday 21st October to Wednesday 23rd October for Harvest Festival Donations. These will be given to Stratford Foodbank on Thursday 24th October.

Items to donate include:

- **TINNED SOUPS, BEANS, ETC**
- **JAMS AND PRESERVES**
- **TINNED PIES**
- **SAVOURY SNACKS**
- **UHT MILK/JUICES**

Thank you all in advance for your generosity.

Year 5 - Science



This week year 5 have been continuing with their Space themed science lessons by being given the challenge of finding out which material would make the most effective insulator and then designing a space suit based on their findings.

Children had surprising results which prompted lots of excellent science discussion in their working groups. We also found out that the last 3 layers of spacesuits are made out of Kevlar which is also used in bullet proof vests.

Who knew???



Half Term Fun

Spook Academy
Calling all monsters...

26th October - 3rd November
Attend Spooktacular classes to Graduate!
Get a certificate & trick or treat goody bag!

Spell Casting
Scream School
Potion Making
Dark Arts
Creepy Creatures
Pirate Adventures

Purchase discounted tickets online NOW!

JUNIOR TENNIS CAMPS

SNITTERFIELD TENNIS CLUB

6-12 year olds, all abilities welcome

Week: 26th October 2019
Wednesday 28th October 2019
Thursday 29th October 2019

TIME: Each day 9am - 12 midday

BOOKINGS: Please contact Bill on 01909 891212 or 08 00 1 900 000 000



An invitation from Scorch

Coventry Blaze's mischievous mascot Scorch the Dragon would love to see you at the Skydome Arena for one of the team's games and he's offering pupils, family and friends of our school tickets for a very special price of:

Adults £10 Under-16's £7
Max 5 per person (normal price Adults £18 Under 16's £10)

Scorch's invitation is valid for the following games:

Half-term hockey night in Coventry
Thursday 24th October
Blaze vs. Guildford Flames
Challenge Cup (7.30pm)

Sunday Hockey night with FREE ice skating
Sunday 3rd November
Blaze vs. Belfast Giants
Elite League (5.30pm)

Skydome Arena, Croft Rd, Coventry CV1 3AZ

To book email: coventryblazehockey@gmail.com
Quote the name of our school

Collect and pay for the tickets (in cash) on the night of the game.

What is Autism?

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a difference in the way a child's brain develops. Autism is something that children are born with. Children with autism may have trouble understanding the world around them.

A child with autism may have trouble with:

- talking and learning the meaning of words
- making friends or fitting in
- dealing with changes (like trying new foods, having a substitute teacher, or having toys moved from their normal places)
- dealing with loud noises, bright lights, or crowds

There is no cure for autism, but treatment can make a big difference. The younger children are when they start to receive treatment, the better. Doctors, therapists and special education teachers can help children to learn, to talk and to play. Therapists also help children learn about making friends, taking turns, and getting along. Children with ASD can struggle to communicate their feelings and scream, hit out or hurt people because the world is so different to them.

All people deserve respect. But children with ASD may be teased, bullied, or left out because they're different. Bullying and teasing are never the right way to treat other people, but it may be hard to be a friend with someone who has ASD. Children with ASD often don't understand playful jokes. You may need to be very clear when you communicate with someone who has ASD. Try to be patient and kind. Remember how hard it might be for the person with ASD to understand how to be a friend.

FOSP

Save the Date - 6th December



It's that time of year already - our FOSP Christmas Fayre will be 6th December, 3.00-5.00pm in the school hall.

Safeguarding



Please consider the health of the children and local residents and do your bit for the planet - turn off your car engine while you are stopped outside our school.

Thank you!