



18th July 2019

Reminders: Collect all children from Holy Trinity at 2.15pm on Friday 19th July

Letters issued this week:

Monday 2nd Sept	Tuesday 3rd Sept	Wednesday 4th Sept	Thursday 5th Sept	Friday 6th Sept
INSET DAY	School starts Y1-6	New Reception Class Start		

Well I cannot believe that this is my final newsletter of the year. What a year it has been! We have celebrated the 135th birthday of our school building, remembered 100 years since the end of the First World War with our community poppy trail, achieved Outstanding with Ofsted, sung at Coventry Cathedral, visited Stonehenge, hunted for dinosaurs, travelled Stratford Airlines, played a variety of sports and performed at The RSC and that is just a snapshot of our busy year. There is so much goes on here to provide the children with different experiences so they can make choices for their future careers and we hope that they go away at the end of each year saying 'Well that was fun!'

Last week our Year 3's performed at The Swan Theatre as part of a whole playmaking project across the country. I was really proud of their performance. They were confident and so thrilled to be acting a scene from Romeo and Juliet to a live audience. Well done. I received the following from a parent. 'It was lovely to see all the children so engaged, confident and happy in which could have been an extremely challenging environment. Thank you to the staff for putting their trust and belief in the children, it just proves what we already know, that anyone can fly given the opportunity!'

Sadly we have to say goodbye to some of our Stratford family. Isaac in Year 3 and Oscar in Year 5 are moving house and we wish them well for their future and thank them for everything they have contributed to our school. We say a tearful farewell to all of our Year 6 pupils who are about to end their primary education. Every single one of them have been resilient, risen to various challenges and tried their best. We wish them all the very best for the next stage of their education and hope to hear lots about their lives. Good luck. Thank you to all of their families for the support you have given them. We say goodbye to Miss Hancock who has been with us for such a short time but has ensured that the children in Reception are looked after with care, challenged to do well and given so many different opportunities. Good luck for the next stage of your teaching career and do stay in touch. Finally we say au revoir to Mrs Abernethy. She has been at Stratford since January 2017 which doesn't seem that long but during that time she has been a driving force behind the development in English and Phonics, a strong advocate for Shakespeare in our curriculum, an excellent member of the senior leadership team and a lovely caring teacher. You will be missed by all at Stratford Mrs Abernethy but we are proud of your achievement in becoming a deputy head and know you will still visit us to keep us all on track!

So it just remains for me to say a huge thank you to everybody for all they do for the children of Stratford Primary School. To all of the staff who are committed to ensuring that our children have a great education and care for each and every one of them. You are a great team to be part of and I am grateful for everything you do. To our governing body who challenge us to go above and beyond and are always there when we need them, thank you. To Community Academies Trust who are the backbone of our school and make sure we provide an excellent education. We appreciate you. To all of the parents/carers, grandparents who support us and trust us to educate your children, we enjoy being part of your lives. Finally to the children. You are the reason we get up each day and we all hope you have a great summer holiday, stay safe and come back buzzing and excited in September. Thank you for making each day unique.

This week the world celebrates 50 years since man first stepped foot on the moon. What an incredible achievement. It seems fitting to end with Neil Armstrong's words as each day at school is another step on our journey.

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

Happy holidays everyone.
Mrs Humphriss

This week we have celebrated anyone with yearly attendance above the school target of 97%.

Although we recognise that children will at some point suffer with ill health, it is still important that we congratulate good attendance, especially those with 100% for the whole year!

WELL DONE!

Program	Lines of Code
Arden	13987
Hall	13887
Hathaway	12613
Shakespeare	12899

Congratulations

Arden

you are this year's House Cup winners!



Congratulations

Hall

**you are this
year's Sports Day
winners!**

Achievement Certificates

- ★ Reception - Cameron J
- ★ Year 1 - Eleanor M
- ★ Year 2 - Hongtian G
- ★ Year 3 - Maddie S, Liam N, Lewis M, Boris A
- ★ Year 4 - Jack S, Evelyn G
- ★ Year 5 - Henry G, Fred S, George L
- ★ Year 6 - Michael A

Reception

Our favourite memories of Reception!

'My favourite memory is sports day because I liked running and I came first!' – Lottie

'I really like making kites at forest school and racing with them' – Alex

'I loved the trips we have been on' – Rhys

'I have loved playing with new friends and going to forest school every week' – Sonny



Year 1

What a brilliant year we have had in Year One.

Some of our highlights have been adding and subtracting in maths, writing the story 'Chalk', making our handwriting neater, improving our writing, making porridge, learning about dinosaurs, toasting marshmallows, going to All Things Wild, having a tea

party, Superhero Day, pancake day, sports day and the Christmas play to name just a few!



Year 2

We've had a wonderful time in Year 2.

We did lots of fun learning activities such as finding a mysterious dragon egg, training as a knight at Tamworth Castle and watching a performance of As You Like It at the RSC.

Our favourite topics were Street Detective where we got to learn about A Midsummer Night's Dream and Land Ahoy where we got to dress up as fierce pirates, arghhhhhh! Recently we had a great time working together to make our Rainbow Garden bright and colourful and some of us went on a bug hunt to scare Mrs Abernethy!

We all deserve a well earned summer break and look forward to moving up to Year 3.



Year 3

Benvolio! Who began this bloody fray ?

The class's favourite line! That saw us enter an adventure which ended our year in spectacular fashion on stage at the Swan Theatre under lights, direction and gaining a full blown RSC experience.

We have spent time in forests exploring, writing, climbing and investigating. We have seen the real Stonehenge and built our own (from Weetabix!) and touched and described snakes and birds of prey. We've cooked cakes and treats and studied nutrition. We've been scientists, explorers, engineers and teachers. We've been authors, poets, mathematicians and musicians.

Phew what a busy year we deserve a holiday!



Year 4

What a busy year we have had in class 4!

Romans, Victorians, Burps Bottoms and Bile, Shakespeare, Blue Abyss, a visit to the Lunt Roman Fort, forest schools in the Heart of England Forest, swimming, visiting the Council Chamber, cooking, sewing, Latin, French, drawing, painting, modelling, poetry, stories, music, singing, acting, maths, problem solving, experiments... the list goes on!

It's been wonderful to see the class grow, develop and explore the world around them.

Mr Moss and Mrs Beesley say thank you for all your enthusiasm, hard work and sense of humour. Have a lovely summer and see you about school in September!



Year 5

Surviving Year 5...

This year has been one of a kind because of our wonderful teaching team, Mr Scarlett and Mrs Fade. They are always there to support us whenever we need them.

It's been different! We've had lots of fun – especially the science experiments and art afternoons and our favourites have been the vortex pictures, the rocket experiment and allotment. Growing new things in the garden from seeds and looking after them, watering regularly and watching things grow. We have loved tasting new things like radishes, nasturtium leaves, lettuce and spinach.

Trips out to the Space Centre and the sketching trip around Stratford were both great fun. Also, we enjoyed visiting the Shakespeare houses and especially the play A Midsummer Night's Dream where we had to act out the parts! We liked making the papier-mâché planets and painting them to our own design. Tudor portraits were difficult as we had to make our friends look like they lived in Tudor times.

All in all, we've had a fantastic year and will finish off nicely with our Goodbye to Year 5 song in the church.



Year 6

What a brilliant half term to complete your final year! We all will be left with fantastic memories of Lumbago locals, bumbling pirates, inept mop-dancing sailors and not forgetting our very own feathery friend – parrot Squawk! To top this off perfectly, we had our amazing activity week at PGL – what a week! Just don't mention fire alarms or guinea pigs 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 piratical doughnuts!! Love Mrs Mc and Mrs E xx



Letter from the Chair of Governors

This academic year has been another truly memorable one with so many fantastic fulfilling events. The pupils have continued to flourish both as individuals and as a school community; the ethos has unfailingly remained supportive, energetic and vibrant. Across the year we have also enjoyed some excellent results, which were ratified by Ofsted in December. Whilst we recognise this to be an important milestone for the school, we remain true to our core purpose: ensuring that pupils have a wonderful, well rounded experience at their school, feel safe and secure whilst being given every opportunity achieve their full potential across an array of curriculum areas and enrichment opportunities.

The LGB have had an extremely busy year ensuring that we continue to support as well as challenge and work our way through the school's changing needs. Recently we have worked with CAT, and Heathcote School team to ensure that both schools have aspirational key priorities for the new academic year. This process has been rigorous and will ensure that the best results will be achieved. Our final meeting last week focused on reviewing the Summer data, which has seen good results. We have also seen that the curriculum has been further enhanced, outdoor learning has improved, and enrichment activities have been extended, all of which was confirmed in the peer review that was undertaken a few weeks ago. Finances are always a challenge however we are constantly monitoring them and have also recently approved the budget for 2019/20.

As governors we have also thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the fantastic work that has been undertaken by the children this year, we would like to thank them for all their hard work and congratulate them on reaching their personal goals. The school has been buzzing and there has been so much to celebrate.

Mrs Humphriss has done a sterling job leading the school alongside the SLT team, all staff, and volunteers. They consistently go above and beyond to ensure the children have the very best education, one that is fulfilling and enriching. As governors we are very privileged and proud to be part of an awesome team and are looking forward to an equally exciting 2019/20 academic year. I would like to take this opportunity express my sincere thanks to my fellow governors for their support, dedication and hard work. As a voluntary role, they give up a huge amount of their own time to supporting the developments of our wonderful school. It is also with sadness that Steve Bazell has decided to step down as Governor and we wish to thank him for his dedication during his time in post. When we return in September we will undertake the process of recruiting a new governor, details will be circulated shortly.

We also say goodbye to our year 6 pupils and wish them all the very best as they continue their journey to secondary schools. They have been an absolute credit to the school and have also been excellent role models to their fellow pupils, they should feel very proud of themselves.

Finally, thank you to FOSP who never cease to amaze us with their resourcefulness, enthusiasm and military like organisation of school fundraising events throughout the year, as well as securing other funding streams to further improve the school.

Wishing you all the best for a pleasant and restful summer holiday, one that hopefully allows you to spend time with family and friends.

Karen Kennedy
Chair of Governors