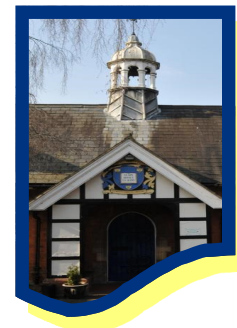


# Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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**Reminders:** Continue to check your email for updates from Mrs Humphriss and the school office during the summer holidays.

**All Parent Pay balances must be paid up to date by midday, Monday 20th July.**

**Latest Government Advice:** Please adhere to social distancing regulations.

Masks must be worn in shops from 24th July 2020.

**Mrs Humphriss will be aware of any changes to guidance made during the summer and will communicate any changes to parents.**

## News from the Desk of the Executive Head

Well I cannot believe that it is the end of another academic year and we are about to start our summer holidays. When I took on the role of Executive Head last September I envisaged a very different year ahead of me; one which would be full of the usual performances, sporting events, musical extravaganzas, educational visits and of course children progressing through the year learning, laughing and growing. Whilst the year started like that in between we have had to change and learn together very differently. What has become very clear throughout lockdown though is that our community has grown together and become united. Our children have continued to make progress in their own inevitable resilient way and everyone has demonstrated that actually we can change and find other ways to celebrate and learn. We have ended this year very different to others. There isn't a final get together in Holy Trinity where we sing, laugh and celebrate the year gone by. However that doesn't stop us from reminiscing over the year which has had so many beautiful moments.

The final newsletter of the year is always about saying thank you as well as celebrating what has gone before. So my first thank you is actually to you the parents. Thank you for listening, supporting and understanding and thank you for your resilience through home/school learning. You have been amazing and should be proud of how your children have continued to make progress and are so resilient. They come to school or greet us on Teams generally happy, well and smiling. Thank you for working with us and we hope that you enjoy a summer holiday without having to worry about facilitating learning.

Thank you as well to all of the staff who are Stratford Primary School. They have truly been incredible and maintained a real strength of positivity. They never stop thinking of different ways to inspire the children. What I love about them all is that they are one big family. It doesn't matter what their role is all of them contribute to the development and want the children in our care to thrive. This is the perfect opportunity to celebrate one of our team. Miss Bradburn celebrates 20 years as a member of staff at Stratford Primary which is incredible. She started in our school as a newly qualified teacher in 2000 and now is a champion of all children through her role as SENDCo and Pupil Premium champion. We all love her and thank her for her dedication.

We are proud to say that we are a Community Academies school and we have an excellent governing body who work very closely with us all and ensure that we continue to deliver high quality of education. During lockdown we have been governed by the trustees of the trust and a central team who support and guide us. Thank you to them and the members of our governing body who are looking forward to meeting with us again in the Autumn Term and continuing the journey of excellence we are on. I also need to say thank you to the friends of the school (FOSP) who run events and raise funds to purchase resources and pay for trips for the children. They are a small group of focussed individuals who have done a terrific job. Thank you.

Sadly we do need to say goodbye to some members of our Stratford family, our Year 6 children. It is always a poignant time right now as we watch our oldest children in the school. They have grown so much and I am so glad they were able to return to school for this final term. It might not have been full of the things we would normally do but that doesn't matter. We are incredibly proud of their progress and their journey through primary school. They are leaving us with a whole host of memories and knowledge and we know they will do well. It is usually au revoir because we know they will come back and see us and share their next adventure. Good luck to you all. We will miss you. We have also said goodbye to Isla and Erin who are off to Sweden, now that is an adventure and we wish you all the very best for your future. Please send us a postcard and let us know your news.

Finally I need to say thank you to the children who make our day. They are the heart of our school. I know I say this a lot but I love walking round the school and hearing their news, seeing them excited about learning and having fun. Our children have been incredible this year. They are resilient, focussed and always keen to share their learning. During lockdown their messages to the staff made us laugh and cry. They couldn't wait to show us pictures they had painted or cakes they had baked or tell us about how they had mastered a multiplication task. For those children who returned to school they came skipping in as if they had never been away whilst those still at home didn't moan but just got on with things.

Have a lovely summer holiday everyone. Please stay well, follow the guidance, wash your hands, socially distance, wear a mask when you need to but most of all have fun. We will see you all in September, we can't wait for our next adventure.

'Goodbye? Oh no can't we go back to page one and do it all over again?' - Winnie The Pooh

Mrs Humphriss

## FOSP – End of Year School Report

We've come to the end of another year and what an interesting one it's been!

Over the past year before lock down, we had enjoyed many events including the Christmas fair, and School discos. We had also celebrated raising £1000 from the Friday cake sale since the start of the school year and re-launched Second-hand uniform sales. Sadly, we had to miss our annual summer fete, movie nights planned and even the chance of some bingo. Thankfully, we have received a couple of small donations from local companies since March, so all is not lost. Also, there was a FOSP first and we held our first meeting via Zoom!

Through our fundraising, we have been able to provide new chairs for the School hall, new music equipment, general supplies for the classes, funding for the school library and forest school.

Looking forward, our fundraising will be very different and are trying to develop new ideas including a Virtual Pub Quiz for next term.

We would like to thank all the year 6 parents who have supported FOSP throughout the years. A special thanks to those who have served on the committee and spent time putting up Gazebos and cooking hotdogs in the rain! Good luck to all the children on their next adventure, we will miss you.

A massive thanks also go to the Friday cake sale team and everyone who has baked, bought and eaten the Friday delights. This has been a great fundraiser and hope we can introduce it again in the future. The Second-hand uniform team have been amazing and all our Disco helpers.

Finally, thanks to all the Committee for all their hard work behind the scenes to make things happen, the Stratford Primary staff for supporting us at our events and of course our wonderful parents. We couldn't do it without you!

Our AGM will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 23rd September at 8pm. We would love you to join us and welcome any new parents who would like to learn more about FOSP. If anyone can spare any time, however small, we are always grateful.

Have a wonderful summer, stay safe and see you in September.

Michelle and Emma

FOSP Co-Chairs

## Goodbye to Year 6!



Have a wonderful summer and good luck in your next adventures - come back and visit us and let us know how you are getting on. We will miss you. With love from all at Stratford Primary School.

## Reception



Reception have had a wonderful first year! From an amazing Nativity to a fantastic farm trip all the way through to meeting Molly Dog, they have been a true pleasure to teach and spend time with. They have all put their heart and soul into their learning and have made lovely friendships along the way. We wish them all a glorious summer holiday, they have truly earned it, as have the parents! Thank you.

## Year 2

Well, it's certainly been an action packed year for the Year 2's! We started the action packed Autumn term exploring mess, muck and mixtures alongside reading George's Marvellous Medicine and had a fantastic time making our own gingerbread men and women and pizzas at Pizza Express. The children marvelled at being able to make their own disgusting mixtures and the classroom was full of rather colourful concoctions in bottles! The Spring term started in a very Shakespearean fashion with the children inspired by the text A Midsummer Night's Dream. From making Shakespearean spoon puppets, 3D flowers and magical fairy potions, the children were immersed in their learning and thoroughly enjoyed learning about the life and times of the Bard. A definite highlight of the term was when the class visited Tudor World and had a tour of Stratford upon Avon and Shakespeare's grave at Holy Trinity Church by none other than William Shakespeare himself! The second half of the spring term saw the children transform into Pirates as we explored the text Peter Pan. As we moved quickly into lockdown, a particular highlight was our Zoom pirate morning where the children made up their own pirate names and told hilarious pirate jokes! Year 2 continued to impress with their resilience, positive attitudes and incredible attitudes to learning as the majority worked remotely exploring our topic of mini-beasts. The text James and the Giant Peach was a real hit and the children wowed us with their photos of 5\* bug hotels, moth catchers, butterfly gardens, mini beast art work and mini beast life cycles. As we have moved towards our blended curriculum and introduced the text Gangsta Granny, we have seen outstanding 3D models of Gangsta Granny, incredible persuasive advertising in iMovie film clips, historical timelines and 'eggcellent' scientific investigations! The work that we have seen, both remotely and in key worker school, has been INCREDIBLE! We are all so proud of how well the children have coped with this new way of learning and throughout the year they really have become such confident, resilient and independent learners who have achieved so much. Wow! What a year!



## Year 4

It has been a long time since this photo was taken outside of the Lunt Roman Fort last September! What a great day we had, wrapped up against the cold, spending the day as Roman Soldiers. Since then we have explored Victorian Britain, Looked at Teeth and Digestion (I wonder who remembers the experiment?!) and very nearly had the Greek play 'Go for Gold' on the stage! Miss McDermott joined us for the Spring Term too. You have all grown and changed and faced the challenges that this year has presented with determination and good humour. It was lovely to be together



for one last week in the hall and catch up before the summer holidays. We hope you have a good rest and look forward to seeing you around school in September. Bon voyage Isla M and Tymon; all the best as you move on to new places. We will remember you.

With very best wishes to you all, Mrs Beesley and Mr Moss.

## Year 6

Well year 6 ... despite a very unusual few months, we have had a brilliant last 7 weeks to complete your final year! We will have very fond memories of teetering towers, toasting marshmallows, running up and down hills, catching butterflies, dangling from trees (don't mention getting stuck in one!), playing cricket, amazing graffiti artwork and achieving the impossible – squeezing those tents back into their zip-up bags! You have been a lovely year and we will miss you very much – but we also know that you are well prepared for secondary school and ready to face new challenges. We hope you look back on your Stratford Primary years with a big smile. Good bye you squirrel-pigeon bumblebees!!

Love Mrs Mc and Mrs E xxx

## Year 1

Well...what a year it has been!

We've been bakers, explorers, superheroes, actors, scientists, palaeontologists, investigators, authors, poets, dancers, gymnasts and athletes.

We have improved our problem solving skills, worked well as teams and improved our resilience and perseverance.

You have impressed us with your determination to keep learning during lockdown and we are very proud of all that you have achieved. You all kept going even when things were different and we couldn't come to school as normal.

You are an incredibly hard working group of children and have made us very proud this year. I know that you will continue to push yourselves and we can't wait to hear about your achievements next year.



From the Year 1 adults

## Year 3

Well, what a year! It has certainly posed some challenges for us all and I am very proud of how Year 3 has risen to those challenges. We've had great fun whilst we have been in school. We've been practical with our Maths and done lots of hands on learning; we've included drama, hot seating and kung fu punctuation in our English; we've learnt so much about different periods of history, different topics in science and everything in between! We've spent time in the Heart of England Forest, made our own dancing split-pin skeletons, made pizza in Pizza Express and also enjoyed eating it for our lunch! We had perfected a superb Year 3/4 play and it's such a shame that we didn't get to perform it! Who knows, maybe it'll happen next year!

Not only have we learnt so much, we've grown as people too. We've improved our stickability and resilience, our work ethic and concentration, our creativity and our imagination.

I am proud of everyone in Year 3! I hope you all have a super summer and come back in September ready for Mr Moss and Year 4!

Mr Scarlett



## Fantastic Five - Over and Out.



Stargazers theme kicked off year 5 in September, exciting times were ahead with a trip to the National Space Centre along with some weather forecasting (scorchio!!!) swiftly followed by a

Stargazing visit to the Heart of England Forest with the Stratford Astronomy Society. During this year we have read lots of exciting class texts, written, drawn, tested and investigated. Scientists we became as we explored and investigated gravity, orbital velocity and the alchemy of metals. We also waited patiently for our next Science project to arrive: Bob, aka Artie Hill. Sadly, this project was cancelled due to rapid lockdown.

In our Dare to be Different Day we explored the Dell on the coldest day midwinter taking photos and looking for inspiration for mysterious writers and creative artists to come back to school and produce imaginative stories and original masterpieces.

Karate Kids we became getting stronger with our kicks and forms. Also cooking, singing and learning to meditate for mindfulness.

Finally, we gave 100% to the Home learning effort which we found ourselves in and would to say Thank you to our parents for everything they have done.

