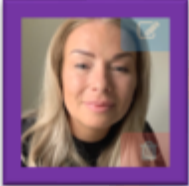




THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



NOTES FROM THE DESK OF MISS PARTON



What a short but fast term... As this week is Internet Safety week, I feel it is important for parents to reinforce learning and safety messages promoted in school this week. Please head over to our 'Online Safety page' and familiarize yourself with the support available for parents. Please monitor your children's devices over the half-term.

This week is also the week of 'Random Acts of Kindness.' Be sure to spread your kindness with a nice compliment, maybe plant a tree, volunteer your time, or just simply greet someone with a smile. Whatever you do, it will surely make someone's day. It is also the start of LGBT+ History Month and we celebrate diversity.

On that note, we would like to say thank you to FOSPs; we really appreciate their support in fundraising and creating exciting events for the children and families of the school. The Valentine's disco was a real success, and we hope your children enjoyed it. Be sure to thank them for all their hard work!

The term has been filled to the brim with educational experiences! We've welcomed visitors, embarked on educational field trips, participated in sports events, attended workshops, engaged in a residential visit and conducted a productive parent forum! Next term is looking just as exciting. Have a lovely half-term, and we look forward to your return on Tuesday 20th February.

LGBT

Dates for your diary

£1

Use your £1 book token for World Book Day to get a brilliant read for free - available from 15th February to 31st March 2024.

Watch out for yours.

Break up for half term holidays - 12th to 16th February

19th February - Staff Training Day (school closed to children)

20th February - Back to school

21st February - Reception visit to McCarthy & Stone development

22nd February - Y4/5 Loudmouth production - online safety & Y4 workshop Shakespeare Birthplace Trust

23rd February - Celebration assembly and BBC C&W Star School recording

28th February - Parent consultations

29th February - Y4 workshop Shakespeare Birthplace Trust & Parent consultations

1st March - Celebration assembly

4th March - Y4 Forest School Trip

7th March - World Book Day - wear your PJ's, slippers & bring a teddy to enjoy storybooks throughout the day.

STAY SAFE IN A DIGITAL WORLD



Keep yourself up to date with social media and statistics.

Do you know?

- 91% of 11-year olds have their own smart phone, children as young as 3 now have phones of their own!
- Age restrictions for games and social media - **Minecraft 7+** Call of Duty 17+ **FIFA 23 Everyone** Roblox 7+ **Fortnite 12** Whatsapp 16+
- The average 7-8 year old spends at least 3 hours per day online
- The average 15 - 16 year old spends at least 5 hours per day online
- Phubbing means 'Phone-Snubbing' (ignoring others)
- Meanspo means 'Mean inspiration'
- Fitspiration means 'Fitness Inspiration'

SAFEGUARDING - EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

EACH WEEK WE WILL SHARE SAFEGUARDING MESSAGES HERE FOR YOU

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE, HEALTHY AND WELL.

Online wellbeing

There are lots of positives to being online for children, from staying in touch with friends to learning about the world.

There are some challenges, too, and the online world can be tricky for children to navigate. For some it can become overwhelming trying to keep up with friends, and the pressure can mount.

Noticing how your child is affected by being online is the first step in helping them manage their wellbeing.

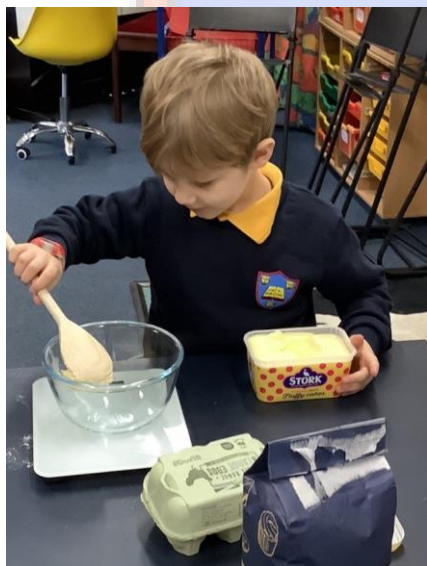
You can:

- Manage the content that your children see
- Ensure the interactions they have are suitable
- Manage how long they're online, in balance with other activities



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

RECEPTION — They never stop exploring. They have enjoyed designing and making fairy cakes, learning about capacity and using their knowledge of Andy Goldsworthy to make their own inspirational outdoor art.



Spotlight on our staff

Ten questions with Mrs Dale



1. What is your role at Stratford upon Avon Primary? *Admin officer (front office)*
2. What made you want to work in a school? *Always had a long association with the school having been a parent, when my daughter left it inspired me to apply for the post*
3. What are you most proud of? *I am most proud of my family and in particular my daughter's performance achievements.*
4. What are your favourite things to do in your spare time? *I am music mad; play violin, go to concerts, love cooking and crafting.*
5. Tell us your funniest joke! *Two snowmen standing in a field and one says to the other 'can you smell carrot?!'*
6. What was the last book you read? *Ninety Six – Robert Messenger (friend from a writing club I attend)*
7. What advice would you give children today to help them prepare for the future? *Listening is very valuable, always listen to people and take time to make major decisions (e.g. 24 hours)*
8. If you had a magic minibus that could take you anywhere in history where would you go and why? *I would go back to the turn of the century to visit one of my ancestors who invented a canal boat called a Joey boat to see the development of the idea.*
9. Have you got a hidden talent? *I like doing the odd TV or radio appearance from time to time.*
10. Have you got any top tips for parents? *Always chat with your child and ask them what they have done that day. You can learn a lot by listening to them and their day.*



IN AND AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

In support of

**Ukrainian
Medical Charity**

**DONATIONS
WELCOME**

COFFEE MORNING

FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2024
9:30-12:00

At the United Reformed Church

Rother Street
Stratford upon Avon

**Fundraising for medical equipment, supplies
and logistics to Ukrainian hospitals!**

**All proceeds
go to Ukrainian
Medical Charity**

**ENTRANCE
FREE**





Free Half Term



Workshops for Families

at Stratford Town Trust Community Hub

Tuesday, 13th February, 10 - 11:30am

Crafts with Mandala Arts

Suitable for 6-10 year olds (younger siblings welcome)

Join Val and learn how to make
cup-cake paper flowers

Wednesday, 14th February, 10 - 11:30am

Crafts with Stephen Grace

Suitable for 6-10 year olds (younger siblings welcome)

Join us to create a beautiful
Valentine's Day wooden heart



Early booking is essential



email: communityhub@stratfordtowntrust.co.uk
or call 01789 295011

Venture House,
Avenue Farm Industrial Estate, CV37 0HR
www.stratfordtowntrust.co.uk

Our governors are interested in your feedback - please follow the QR code below to a survey.
This will also be available at our upcoming parent consultations after half term.

Parent Feedback to the Governors



<https://forms.office.com/e/7WRygaQCPw>

Attendance, Houses & More



This week's winners are:

Year Two & Year Three with 98%

And Year Six with 97%

Rest of school

Reception = 69% (illnesses)

Year One = 89%

Year Four = 96%

Year Five = 92%

Whole school attendance for this year so far is:

97%

School council news

Class catering have replied to us

Really appreciate this feedback so thank you for taking the time out to express your ideas, thoughts and concerns as this really supports the idea of building relations and more importantly communication throughout the school term.

I would be more than happy to attend any further School Council meetings going forward if applicable of course. I truly believe we should be engaging more with our Schools & Children alike so we can keep the food offer alive and actioning any challenges that we may face in the current climate - communication is key.

They are meeting with us on Wednesday 21st February – power of the voice.



Arden = 1021

Hathaway = 1071

Hall = 1103

Shakespeare = 970

This week's winners = Hall



Desmond has been helping Year One bake bread this week - looks very yummy.

FOSP - Friends of Stratford Primary News



Incredible time at the disco last week - lovely to see so many children enjoying themselves. Thank you to the committee for organizing and to the parents and staff who gave up their time to support this popular event. The DJ Sam from Glo-Kids parties was amazing and really got children and adults joining in with gusto.

'Guess how many love hearts' in the jar has been whizzing its way around the school helping everyone to remember about Valentine's day next week.

The number of hearts in the jar were 87.

The winning guess came from Alex in Year 5.

Money raised £31.50



PARENT FORUM - presentation will be shared on our website.

The first meeting of our new parent forum took place last Friday and was attended by about 10 parents. Thank you to those who came. We discussed the communication policy and it was shared that regular reminders from the school as to which was the one everyone should be keeping an eye on would be great. Mrs H will share this after half term so everyone has the up to date information and where to find things. All key dates are shared weekly on our newsletter and our calendar on the website.

We looked at our curriculum. This can be found on our school website. Discussions were had around the PE curriculum. Everyone has 2 hours a week and we follow GetSet4PE which develops knowledge and skills in all areas of physical education so they can play different sports.

A request for more sports for after school clubs was made. We will look into this and increase the number of after school provision where we are able. Many providers expect a minimum number of children to attend. In the summer term the staff will be asked if they would like to volunteer to run a club.

Parents also asked for more information on extra music provision. This will be shared.

On the whole parents were positive and enthusiastic about the school and our provision.

The next meeting will take place on Friday 24th May at 2pm - please keep the date. We loved this first one and just having a chat over a coffee.

Ms Parton will be leading this one and it will have a SEND focus.

YEAR Six - As part of their Frozen Kingdom theme, Year 6 have become immersed in the world of Inuit Art. They are busy exploring art techniques used by Inuit artists, including their Artist of the Term: Kenojuak Ashevak. So far, they have tried soap sculpting and stencil printing. Here they are stencilling this week, using their handmade stencil templates

