

Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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Reminders: Please ensure dinner and trip money payments on Parent Pay are all up to date.

Letters issued this week: None

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir 3.30-4.30pm	Rocksteady KS2 concert 10am Christmas Lunch		Achievement Assembly 9.05am Rocksteady Art 3.30-4.30pm	Last Day of Term - can collect from 1.30pm Church Service Holy Trinity 10am

News from the Desk of the Deputy Head

Well, even if the weather isn't quite in the festive spirit yet, the Christmas celebrations are finally, now well and truly in full swing in school.

Year 1 and 2 kicked off the week spectacularly and delivered two Christmas performances of their play Straw and Order. Judge Grumps took centre stage with his sidekicks Mr Proper and Miss Correct and held court in Bethlehem, listening to the case of the Cows versus the Donkeys. The audiences were fantastic, laughing in all the right places at all the festive jokes and applauding the wonderful array of songs. The important Christmas message was portrayed in such a clever way and we received so many lovely comments about how well the children performed and how impressive it was for such young performers to learn SO many lines! Thank you to all the members of staff involved in helping to shape such a super performance and thank you to all the parents and carers who have helped the children to learn their lines and create some impressive looking costumes! We have such talented children in KS1 and I have a few hunches about who we might see gracing the stage in years to come!

Some of the children took a rather rainy trip into town at the end of last week to see their art work displayed at the Methodist Church. Within their art lessons, the children got creative, taking part in an art exhibition, titled 'The Journey of the Kings' and created class; shared and individual pieces of artwork. This was another well received community event – we rather enjoy taking part in as many community events as possible. The children were able to view their art work, dress up and talk to different members of the Church community about the Christmas story.

On Thursday, KS2 visited the RSC to watch A Boy in a Dress. We are so fortunate to live within the town of Stratford-upon-Avon that has such a wide range of culture on our doorstep. The children came back to school beaming, excitedly comparing favourite parts of the play and talking about the different characters. Mrs Humphriss was very impressed with the children's behaviour during the visit – her exact words were, 'They were so mesmerised, you could have heard a pin drop. Throughout the entire performance, their behaviour was exemplary.' What a super experience for KS2 – a lovely way to consolidate the Autumn term.

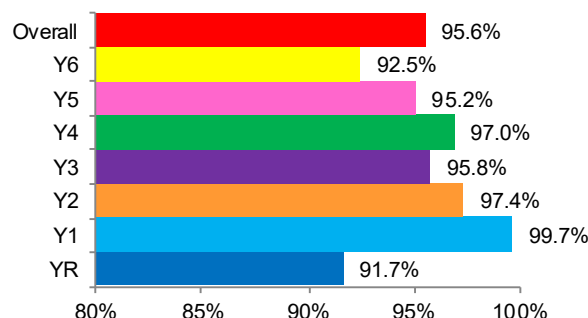
Today the children came to school wearing their Christmas jumpers. The children have had a lot of festive fun, showing off their different jumper designs but have also learnt the reason why we have special days like this. Christmas Jumper Day is an annual charity event that is held on December 13th, with 100% of proceeds going to the charity 'Save the Children'. This event was launched in 2012 and the event has grown every year since, having raised £17m for children living in poverty in the UK and elsewhere in the world. Thank you for your support with this worthwhile event – so far, we have raised £164.50. Fantastic!

Wow! What a busy week again - we have just one week left but there is still a lot going on and lots of reminders so please keep an eye on the blackboard outside of school. I hope you all have a well-deserved, restful weekend.

'The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!'

Mrs Withers

Weekly Attendance by Class



This week's winners of a visit from Desmond the Dragon are Year 1 with 99.7%. Well Done!

Weekly House Points



Well done - Hall!

Maths: Fluent in Five

Continuing with our 'Fluent in Five' Maths work that you will have seen introduced in previous newsletters (available to view on our website) - this week is an example for Year 2.

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Rocksteady Concert KS1



KS1 performed their termly Rocksteady Concert for their classmates and grown ups this week. We were impressed with their progress within their

bands and with their confidence in performing.

Thank you to James who works had each week with the children.



Year 6 - What We May Be

Year 6 visited RSC's 'The Other Place' this week for an interactive exhibition called 'What We May Be'.

It combines the numerous themes of identity found in Shakespeare's plays, looking at perceived, expected and actual identity. The idea came from a planned Garrick exhibition that was due to take place but was cancelled in 1769, but was given a modern twist and made into a fashion show style catwalk with inspiration taken from 'The Boy in the Dress'.

Year 6 enjoyed the fun and engaging exhibition.



Year 1 and 2 - Straw and Order

Years 1 and 2 have performed their Christmas play to the whole school, Cygnets and their parents and carers this week. They put on a fantastic show and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. Well done children and thank you to all the staff who were a part of the show!



Year 2 - Castles

Year 2 have been busy in Design and Technology creating Motte and Bailey castles. They have included the key parts of a castle including arrow loops, turrets and a drawbridge. Super creativity and team work Year 2!



Reception - Successful First Term!

Reception Class have had an amazing first term in school! They are all thriving in their roles as writers, readers, mathematicians, thinkers, sportspeople, investigators, actors and friends.

Their Nativity performance was wonderful and we hope you all enjoyed it. We are looking forward to sharing more of their fantastic learning with you in 2020.



Christmas Lunch - 17th December

If you have not booked a Christmas Lunch for your child for Tuesday 17th December, please ensure they have a packed lunch on that day as there will be no extra meals available.

If any child does not have a lunch with them or a Christmas Lunch ordered, we will telephone home for a lunch to be brought in to school.