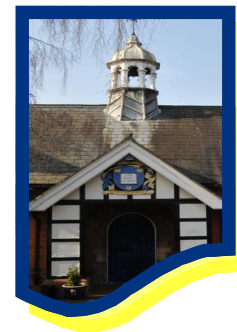


Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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11th January 2019

Reminders: Places are still available to book for our Spring Term After School Clubs

Letters issued this week: Y1-6 After School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir 3.30-4.30pm	Creative Writing Club 3.30-4.30pm	The World Around Me Club 3.30-4.30pm Drama Club 3.30-4.30pm Textiles Club 3.30-4.30pm	Rock Steady Music Academy Art Club KS1 3.30-4.30pm Art Club KS2 3.30-4.30pm KS1 Sports Club 3.30-4.30pm	Rock Steady Music Academy

News from the Headteacher

Happy New Year to one and all. We hope you had a lovely Christmas together and thank you for all of our lovely gifts and well-wishes. It is always appreciated. The children were very excited to be back and the school was buzzing with all of their news.

Well what an amazing end to our Autumn term we had. In fact I think I'll use the word OUTSTANDING. Thank you so much for all the wonderful comments, letters, and cards we have had. It would not be possible to achieve such an accolade without all of us working together and creating an inspiring school for the children to grow up in. Thank you for your continued support. We hope you enjoyed reading the report. If you have not received your own copy can you please see Mrs Phillips in the office. It is also available on our website. Ofsted will publish the report on their website on 11th January 2019. We have a lot of exciting things planned for our children this term so keep checking the website, emails, communication board etc as we continue to widen our curriculum further.

On Monday the staff came together for training. The theme of our day was 'Wider curriculum and TEAM.' Miss Gill and Mr Gardner took us over to forest school to learn more about the ethos and values of outdoor learning. We explored the forest, created natural art sculptures, whittled sticks and toasted marshmallows whilst learning how important it is to get children outside. I am a big advocate for outdoor learning and we are keen to ensure that every child experiences forest school throughout the year. Mr Moss then took us through beat, rhythm, pitch, dynamics and songs as he taught us how music can be accessed by everyone. You don't have to be an expert. Many of the techniques he taught us I have already heard in the school being delivered by different teachers. Then we moved on to STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. We looked at how Science doesn't have to be lengthy but sometimes a 5 minute experiment can inspire children to want to know more. The staff then split into 2 teams for the lighthouse challenge. Their brief? To design and build a prototype lighthouse keeper transfer system which: can carry an egg safely across a distance of 4 metres; operate in severe weather conditions, including the dark; includes at least one electric circuit; and can be returned to the lighthouse for future use. There were some impressive engineering skills being discovered and great teamwork.

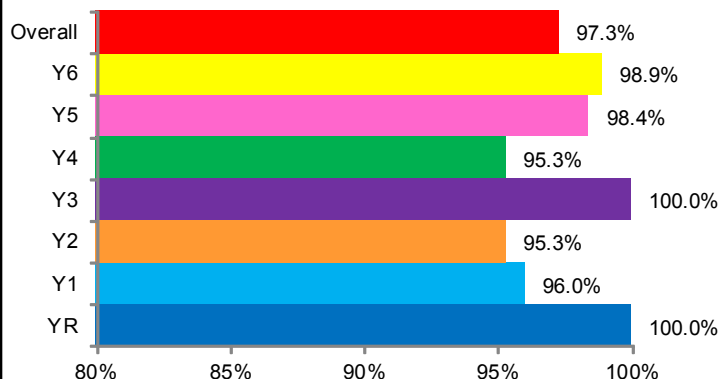
This week Miss Bradburn will launch our 'Language of the Month.' We have 15 different languages in our school and we are keen to learn from the children who speak them. So each month we will be promoting a different language. We start January with learning Polish. Cześć This is Hello. Dziękuję is Thank you. We have a great display and Miss Bradburn will put links on our EAL page on our website for you to use. Our children who speak Polish as a first language were very excited today to hear they will be leading the assembly on Friday and teaching us all. Please join us in learning more about the language and culture.

Finally welcome to Oliver and Isabella who have joined us in Y1 and Y3 and their family. We hope you enjoy being part of our school. Sadly we have said goodbye to Ashton in Y4 who has moved house. Good luck in your new school.

Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku – Happy New Year

Mrs Humphriss – Head Teacher

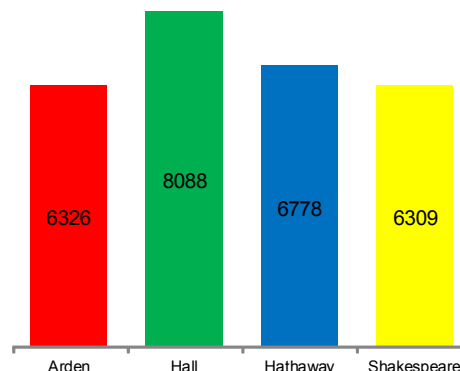
Weekly Attendance by Class



This week's winners of a visit from Desmond the Dragon are Reception and Year 3.

Well Done!

House Points - Year to date



Congratulations
Hall
you are this week's
House Cup winners



Primary School Application Deadline

The deadline for Primary school applications for September 2019 Reception places is **Tuesday 15th January 2019.**

Applications can be made online at:
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions.



Football Club visit to Stoke vs Millwall

Saturday 22nd December



Saturday 22nd December 2018. A date where many of you would've been enjoying the first lie-in of the Christmas Holidays, readying yourself for the festivities ahead and recharging your batteries after a long, hard-working first term. However, that was not the case for 24 Years 4-6 children and 4 brave men as they battled their way to the Bet365 Stadium in Stoke-on-Trent for the juicy prospect of the Championship showdown between Millwall and the mighty Stoke City.

We got on the bus at school and made the journey to Stoke. When we arrived, we spent time (and money!) in the club shop and stationed ourselves by the players' entrance. Luckily for us, the Stoke players were fantastic, happy to take pictures with us all (including Mr Scarlett!) and sign notepads, waterbottles, tickets and anything else that we could get our hands on. We even met the two Stoke City mascots, Pottermus and Pottermis, and a Stoke Santa also gave us some Christmas cards too. Meeting players, getting autographs and hugging giant hippos - what a way to start the day.

After meeting the players, we headed into the stadium where we got our first look of the pitch and the true magnificence of the Bet365 Stadium. At around 2.30pm, we were called to come to our positions by the players' tunnel and were given our huge flags and instructions on what to do next. As the instrumental track of 'Lose Yourself' by Eminem roared from the speakers, we made our way to the side of the pitch. Waving our flags, and with the 1972 Stoke City anthem of 'We'll Be With You' booming from the speakers, the players made their way to the pitch directly in front of us. As Tom Jones' dulcet tones rang out around the ground with a burst of 'Delilah', we made our way back to our seats, ready in anticipation for the start of the game.

The first half was fairly uneventful and the noisy Millwall fans to our right made themselves known. 0-0 half time. It was a fantastic opportunity to see professional players close up and our seats were quite close to the pitch so we really felt next to the action. Come the second half and the now former Stoke City manager Gary Rowett's style of play proved to be about as cutting edge as a blunt teaspoon. However, in the 61st minute, a teasing cross is floated into the Millwall penalty area and Saido Berahino leapt like a salmon to head Stoke into the lead. Cue wild celebrations from the Stoke fans, the children and especially Mr Scarlett! Stoke managed to hang onto the lead and win the game 1-0.

We walked back to the bus and made our way back to Stratford. It was a truly memorable day for all involved, meeting professional footballers, hugging hippos, watching high level football and seeing Mr Scarlett celebrate like England had won the World Cup. I really do hope that it is an experience that can be repeated later in the year, or next year, at either Stoke or another club. Speaking of that, how much are flights to Barcelona anyway...?

Mr Scarlett - Year 5 Class Teacher

Year 5 Minibeast Hunt



On Tuesday morning, as a Super Starter to our new topic 'Beast Creator', Year 5 went on a Minibeast Hunt at the Paddock. We looked all over the Paddock: in the Forest School area, around the borders, under logs and in piles of leaves. Worms, slugs, woodlice, centipedes and even a millipede were amongst some of the minibeasts found. We had a superb time doing this, sparked a lot of interest and discussion and we are looking forward to the rest of the topic! Of course, after we had finished looking at them, we made sure we put them back where we found them!

Public Access Defibrillator



We would like to say a huge thank you to AED Donate for providing the school with a defibrillator and to Tesco for funding it. The defibrillator is located in the school office reception.

If you do come across someone who is having a cardiac arrest, it's vital to call 999 as soon as possible and if relevant, alert the operator to the availability public access defibrillator.

Forest School Staff Training



TESCO Bags of Help



We are delighted to announce that FOSP have been shortlisted for latest round of the Tesco Bags of help community grant scheme. Throughout January and February voting will take place in the Tesco Superstore on Birmingham Road and the Tesco Express store on Banbury Road.

This is an opportunity for us to secure up to **£4000** which will be used to provide inspirational Forest School classes, offering our children opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a natural environment.

So, if you are visiting any of these Tesco stores in the next two months please make sure you grab a blue token and vote for FOSP!

