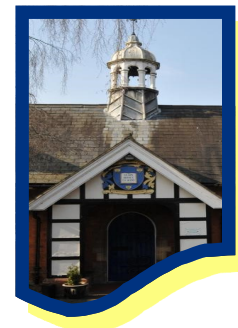


Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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Reminders: School will finish at 3pm on Friday 6th so that the children can go to the Christmas Fair. Please contact the school office if someone else is collecting or you cannot get here for 3pm.

Letters issued this week: None

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir 3.30-4.30pm	Rocksteady Multi Sports Skills 3.30-4.15pm Reception Christmas Play 9.30am	Drama 3.30-4.30pm Textiles 3.30-4.30pm Aladdin Production KS1 9.30am	Rocksteady Art 3.30-4.30pm Reception 2020 Open Afternoon 1.30pm	Christmas Fair 3-5pm

From the Desk of the Deputy Head...

Well, the Christmas preparations are definitely in full swing here at Stratford Primary – I'm sure the children have come home serenading you with a Christmas song or two? If not, you are in for a real treat over the next few weeks!

Reception class have been busy preparing for their Nativity performance this week – the singing has been beautiful and I am so impressed with how confidently the children performed to the rest of the school and Cygnets in their dress rehearsal today. What a talented bunch!

Year 2 have all applied for a job in a castle this week and have written some VERY persuasive letters to the King requesting that he consider their job applications to be either the castle Cook, Gardener, Herald, Candle Maker, Watchman or Messenger. Their learning was brought to life today when they visited Kenilworth Castle as part of their Towers, Tunnels and Turrets topic. They explored the different parts of the castle, learning more about the different people who lived and worked in a castle and thoroughly enjoyed being able to relate this to their learning in class. I was so impressed with how much they have learnt so far this term and they really impressed the staff at Kenilworth Castle with their knowledge, thoughtful questioning and manners! Well done Year 2!

Year 6 have created a wonderful History display this week, showing where the soldiers from WW1 who attended Stratford Primary School, lived and where their families still live, in and around Stratford-upon-Avon. The children also visited the Memorial Garden in Stratford and were able to find the different soldier's names on the monument. This really brought their History lessons to life. They have also been learning to calculate long division this week and have been practising different strategies and methods to work methodically and precisely. This is a very tricky concept but the children were able to tell me all about their learning and the different steps needed to achieve their answer. Well done Year 6!

Year 5 have also been exploring long division in their maths lessons and are becoming more resilient, learning from their mistakes. They have been writing to inform in their English lessons. I have seen some super newspaper articles that they have written, linked to their class text Phoenix. The children are so immersed in this text and Mrs Woollard has delivered some really inspiring English lessons linked to the characters, settings and themes from the novel. Mr Moss has Year 4 equally gripped with their class text Street Child. You could have heard a pin drop when I went into the classroom the other day! The back of the classroom has also been transformed into a Victorian living room, with an authentic fire place and memorabilia. It is so fantastic to see how a text can inspire every aspect of the curriculum. As a staff team, we are currently looking together at the class texts that we use each half term – Mrs Humphriss likes to challenge the staff to choose a text that is current, exciting and challenging and this also supports the children with their writing for different purposes. Watch this space to find out what next half term's text choices will be!

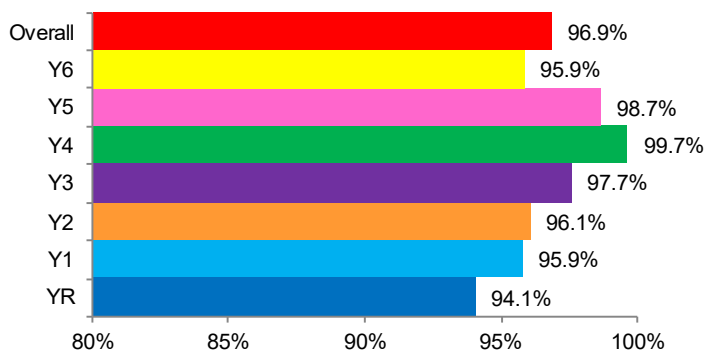
I have also shown lots of prospective parents around the school this week and it is so lovely to hear their comments about what a vibrant atmosphere there is in the school. All of our visitors have been very complimentary about the creative displays in the classrooms and corridors; commented on how engaged the children are in their learning and how welcoming the staff and children are. Whenever we show visitors around, it is the children that are the best people to showcase the school. They are always so eager to share their learning experiences and celebrate their achievements and never fail to amaze me at how confident they are speaking to adults. Once again, please keep an eye on our calendar for any key dates and events coming up – it is a busy time of year and there is lots going on, starting with Reception's Nativity performance and FOSP's Christmas Fayre next week! It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

'The worst thing about making a mistake is being afraid to make one.'

Have a super weekend

Mrs Withers

Weekly Attendance by Class



This week's winners of a visit from Desmond the Dragon are Year 4 with 99.7%.

Well Done!

Weekly House Points



Well done Hall!

House Captain's Respect Award

Arden Jacob C
Shakespeare Kacper K
Hall Alfie M
Hathaway Petra M



This month's certificates:

Writer of the month

Reader of the month

Mathematician of the month

Good Friend Award

R Thea W

R Molly P

R Imogen C

R Evan G

1 Sonny A

1 Audrey M

1 Adam B

1 Millie Rose S

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2 —

3 James AC

3 Henry B

3 Ethan A

3 Naomi C

4 Reuben S

4 Isabella P

4 Maia C

4 Hannah D

5 Lucie Mae W

5 Harvey A

5 Ina T

5 Delilah H

6 Henry G

6 Charlie B

6 Lucas M

6 Lily I

Year 1 - Rehearsals

Year 1 are getting into the Christmas Spirit!

We have been very busy practising for our Christmas Play, all the children have worked extremely hard to remember their lines and are listening carefully for their cues. I have been very impressed with how well they have projected their voices in rehearsal and I can't wait for them to perform it to their families.



Year 3 - IT

Year 3 have used Apple Maps on the iPads as atlases in order to find countries around the world.

We talked about where our food comes from and used the iPad to locate the source countries of different foods. It was quite tricky to begin with but we persevered and worked well in groups! We also looked at Google Street View in different places around the world and compared our school with other places such as New York and Tokyo!



Music Lessons

If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument at school next term (lessons provided by Warwickshire Music Service), please email the school office for information on availability and prices.

Christmas Trees!

If you are thinking of getting your Christmas Tree this week then print off the voucher sent earlier this week via Parent Pay and present it at Warwickshire Christmas Trees to help raise funds for our school!

For more information visit:

<https://www.warwickshirechristmastrees.co.uk/funding-for-your-school/>



Safety Reminder

If your child rides a scooter to school, please remind them that they must not use it whilst they are in the school playground.



Planting a Tree with the Mayor

The Mayor has donated and planted a beautiful Acer in our school grounds.



Safeguarding



The Early Help and Targeted Support Team

Drop-in sessions for support and advice for issues around Parenting.

For families, children and young people 0-19 years old, or 0-25 years with additional needs

Tuesday: 8.45 to 10.45am St Johns Children's Centre, Kenilworth, CV8 1FS
Tuesday: 8.45 to 10.45am Westgate Children's Centre, Warwick, CV34 4DD
Wednesday: 4 to 6pm Lillington Children's Centre, Leamington Spa, CV32 7QE
Thursday: 2 to 4pm Kingsway Children's Centre, CV31 3HB
Friday: 9.30 to 11.30am Sydnal Centre, Leamington Spa, CV31 1PT
Friday: 9 to 11am at Packmores Community Centre, CV34 5EB



Drop in for support and advice For all families in Warwickshire

For families, children and young people 0-19 years old, or 0-25 years with additional needs

Wednesday: 1-3 pm Lighthouse Heath Children and Family Centre
Wednesday: 3-5 pm Alcester Children and Family Centre
Thursday: 10 am -12 pm Stratford Children and Family Centre



For all families in Warwickshire

The Early Help and Targeted Support Team
 From week beginning 14.10.19



These drop in sessions may provide some useful support and advice for parents, carers and families.

Stratford Foodbank Christmas Requests



MOST NEEDED ITEMS



FOR CHRISTMAS



Must reach us by 4 December 2019

Tinned Ham, Fish & Tinned Meats	Savoury Christmas Snacks & Treats
Tinned Vegetables & Tinned Potatoes	Christmas Crackers
Tinned Tomatoes	Small Christmas Puddings & Tinned Custard
Tinned Soup & Tinned Veg Meals	Christmas Sweets, Biscuit Selection Boxes
Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate	Mince Pies, Yule Logs & Small Christmas Cakes
Jam, Peanut Butter	Angel Delight, Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit
Toilet Paper	Pet Food
Shampoo, Shower Gel, Razors, Shaving Foam, Deodorant	Washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid

Donations can be left at Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose, Coop, Sainsbury's Local, Stratford Leisure Centre, local Churches (including Holy Trinity) or brought directly to our Warehouse in the Tesco Carpark (opp Click & Collect) on Monday & Wednesday 2 - 3.30pm or Saturday 9.30 - 11.30am

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