



Friday 8th October 2021

# The Stratford Standard

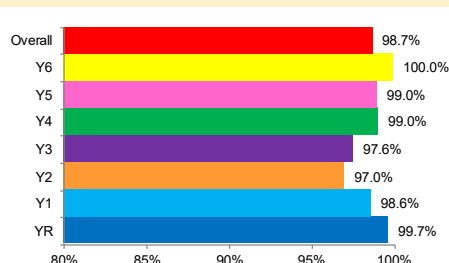
## Highlights from the Executive Head's Desk...

I have really enjoyed seeing the school develop over the past few weeks as we get further and further into the term. I particularly like looking in the books and talking to the children about their learning. They are always so proud of their work, particularly in Year 5. They have been really working on their presentation and editing their writing. The books are a delight to see. Year 3 were learning about calculations with 3 digits on Tuesday and confidently used diennes to help them solve problems, demonstrating how manipulatives can be used well. Meanwhile down in Year 1 a crime scene had appeared when a UFO crash landed! Where could it have come from? The children in Year 2 are beginning to design their own bugs and beetles from recycled materials in DT and the sound of singing echoed through the school from Year 4 as part of Warwickshire Sings! Reception are always on the go; phonics, painting, maths problems, investigating outside, mud kitchen and more! Year 6 have been exploring illustrations with an author as part of Stratford Literary week. This is just a highlight of life at Stratford but a delightful highlight! We have also been developing subject displays in school; every subject is represented and shows progression from Reception all the way to Year 6. I was showing a visitor today who remarked on the high quality of maths on display and the art. You could really see the National Curriculum in action. At the end of last week we held a couple of open days for next year's Reception children. We had some wonderful comments from visitors and today I received an email from one parent who said 'The two pupils who showed me round were delightful - so articulate and mature, and clearly very proud of their school!' I was very proud of all our Year 6's who completed tours of the school. They really were representative of our vision for the children; respectful, articulate, knowledgeable and confident. Thank you Year 6.

'By being yourself, you put something in the world that was not there before.' Edwin Elliot

Mrs Humphris

## Weekly Attendance by Class



This week:

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Arden       | 532 |
| Hall        | 632 |
| Hathaway    | 564 |
| Shakespeare | 577 |

## REMEMBER:

Thursday 14th October -  
Cadbury World Y3

Friday 15th October -  
School Discos KS1 5.30-6.30pm  
KS2 7-8pm

Tuesday 19th October -  
Individual school photos

Thursday 21st October -  
Harvest Festival 1.30pm

Friday 22nd October - INSET  
Day (school closed for pupils)

The school calendar is also  
available on the school website.

## Dream Draw

FOSP hope that you will once again support our school lottery, last year it raised over £700 for the school.

£1 per entry, it will be drawn monthly by the staff and pupils during whole school assembly around the second week of the month - a great source of excitement for the children.

50% of income will go towards school projects 50% on cash prizes. (30% 1st prize, 15% 2nd prize, 5% 3rd prize). Winners will be notified ASAP and payments made by BACS wherever possible and cash in the exception.

The draw will be open to staff, family and friends of the school community. Participants can enter multiple times.

HOW TO ENTER Text/Whatsapp the word INTERESTED to Denise Wood on 07711 768087

The Draw is licensed by the Council under the Small Lotteries Scheme. Names and contact details are stored/used only for the purpose of the notification of winners.

Thank you and be lucky!



## Safeguarding corner



### Choosing a club, tutor or coach for your child?

- Can I observe the sessions?
- Is there a policy on safeguarding children?
- Are staff trained in safeguarding and first aid?
- Is there a written code of conduct for staff and volunteers?
- Is there a health and safety policy in place?
- Is there any safety information available (leaflets or on website)?
- What are the emergency procedures?
- Who do I speak to if I have any concerns?
- Where do I go for help and advice?

## Notes for Parents:

The Harvest Festival Service will take place at Holy Trinity Church on Thursday 21st October at 1.30pm.

Parents are invited to come along to the service, but the children will be brought back to school afterwards and will finish school at the normal time.

## Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies at school:

Parent Governor - please see the website for details.

Middy Supervisor - 12-1pm,  
5 days per week

Cleaner - 3.30-5.30pm, 5 days per week

Please email the school office on  
[admin2042@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2042@welearn365.com)

## Literary Festival Line Up

**Saturday 13th November**

**EVENTS FOR FAMILIES**

**Alice in Wonderland**  
Drop In Workshop 4-5pm  
Join us for a drop in workshop to create a beautiful Alice in Wonderland scene. We'll be using a variety of materials to create a scene that you can take home with you. The scene will be a beautiful representation of the story and will be a great way to celebrate the festival.

**Grig, James and Chris Smith**  
The Great Green Gobbler  
8-10pm  
Join us for a drop in workshop to create a beautiful Great Green Gobbler scene. We'll be using a variety of materials to create a scene that you can take home with you. The scene will be a beautiful representation of the story and will be a great way to celebrate the festival.

**Neil Cameron**  
Comic Workshop  
4-5pm (KS1)  
Join us for a drop in workshop to create a beautiful comic scene. We'll be using a variety of materials to create a scene that you can take home with you. The scene will be a beautiful representation of the story and will be a great way to celebrate the festival.

**Box Office: 0333 666 2366 or online at [stratford.co.uk](http://stratford.co.uk)**

**Sunday 14th November**

**David Melling**  
Raffles 3-4pm  
Join us for a drop in workshop to create a beautiful Raffles scene. We'll be using a variety of materials to create a scene that you can take home with you. The scene will be a beautiful representation of the story and will be a great way to celebrate the festival.

**Teddy Kern**  
Journey to the Lost River 7-8pm  
Join us for a drop in workshop to create a beautiful Journey to the Lost River scene. We'll be using a variety of materials to create a scene that you can take home with you. The scene will be a beautiful representation of the story and will be a great way to celebrate the festival.

**Mr Men/Little Miss**  
Drop In Workshop 3-5pm  
Join us for a drop in workshop to create a beautiful Mr Men/Little Miss scene. We'll be using a variety of materials to create a scene that you can take home with you. The scene will be a beautiful representation of the story and will be a great way to celebrate the festival.

**Jackie Morris**  
East of the Sun, West of the Moon 7-8pm  
Join us for a drop in workshop to create a beautiful East of the Sun, West of the Moon scene. We'll be using a variety of materials to create a scene that you can take home with you. The scene will be a beautiful representation of the story and will be a great way to celebrate the festival.

## Our Week In Pictures...



**Year 2 have been practising counting in 2's, 5's, 10's and 3's, followed a route on an aerial map during a walk around the area and have learnt all about Charles Darwin and the Peppered Moth.**





# Spotlight on our staff



## 10 Questions with... Mrs Bean



### 1. What is your role at Stratford Primary?

I am a Teaching Assistant currently in Year 6 although I have worked across most of the year groups. I also look after the library and run a Maths intervention programme.

### 2. What made you want to be a teacher?

I used to work in large companies but I wanted to have a job that had more meaning and where I could see the impact of the work I was doing. I love being a TA and working with all the children.

### 3. What are you most proud of?

It would have to be taking my 7, 9 & 11 year old children on a six week trip from Stratford to Greece by train across Europe. We got there safely and I hope I have inspired a sense of adventure and curiosity in them.

### 4. What are your favourite things to do in your spare time?

I love exploring new places, camping, reading and baking. So sitting by a tent with a book and a piece of cake would be ideal!

### 5. Tell me your funniest joke!

What did the cheese say when it looked in the mirror?  
Halloo me!



### 6. What was the last book you read?

Somewhere More Simple by Marion Molteno, a mystery about a young teacher on the Isles of Scilly. .

### 7. What advice would you give children today to help them prepare for the future?

Be curious, don't be scared to ask questions and try something new.

### 8. If you had a magic minibus that could take you anywhere in history where would you go and why?

I would love to see what schools were like in the past and in other countries. So a whistle-stop tour around the world through time!

### 9. Have you got a hidden talent?

No—it is so well hidden I haven't found it yet! Although the other week I was told twice that I am very good at ripping paper!

### 10. Have you got any top tips for parents?

It is ok to look after yourself first sometimes. You will then be in a better place to look after others.