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Reminders: Reception to Y5 - Please remember to hand in your flu vaccination forms even if you do not consent to the vaccination by Monday morning.

| Letters issued this week: Y4 Lunt Fort Trip |  |  |  |  |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| KS1 Sports Club 3.30-4.30pm <br> Choir 3.30-4.30pm <br> Football Match: <br> Thomas Jolyffe vs Stratford Primary | Year 6 First Aid Workshop <br> Football Club 3.30-4.45pm <br> Cross Country 3.30-4.30pm | Year 6 Cookery with Chef Matt Year 2 Topic Sharing 2.00pm <br> Netball Club 3.30-4.30pm <br> Textiles Club 3.30-4.30pm <br> Football Match: <br> Stratford Primary vs Alveston | Rock Steady Music School <br> Art Club KS1 3.30-4.30pm <br> Art Club KS2 3.30-4.30pm | Rock Steady Music School FOSP Light and Sparkle Disco |

## News from the Headteacher

This weekend I reach half a century. It sounds quite scary when you say it like that but I realised that I probably am only half way through my life and if medical advancements continue it could be even more than that which is exciting to think about what the future might throw up. Whilst we may only have one body (try to treat it healthily) we can have many lives and I am constantly telling the children to embrace what life offers. You don't have to settle for the same thing and you can be whoever you want to be. I have had a wonderful day today when all of the children made me cards and the staff have given me some lovely gifts. Thank you to everyone for the birthday wishes. I can't wait for the next 50 years!

I was incredibly proud of our Year 6 children this week when on our open morning they showed round all of our visitors. They were polite, enthusiastic and demonstrated the distinctiveness of children at Stratford Primary School. Some of the children had thank you cards from those who came to look round. They said 'You are clearly very proud of your school and I can see why. If our daughter grows into a wonderful young person like you we will be very proud indeed.' Well done Year 6 and all the children who were welcoming and focussed on their learning.

Congratulations again to our football team who have excelled and gelled as a team. Mr Scarlett has given another thrilling write up in this week's letter. I also want to say well done to Jamie in Year 5 who played for us in this morning's assembly. He played with confidence and it is clear how much he practices. We would love more of our talented children to play for us each Friday morning and I am sure now they have heard Jamie they will want to share their love for music. Thank you to Arlo who helped give out star certificates today in our celebration assembly. Miss Bradburn was on a course so he stepped into her role. We were also really pleased to hear that 11 of our children from Year 6 in 2016-2017 cohort achieved silver blueprint or subject awards at Stratford Upon Avon School Student Awards evening. Superb achievement. Well done.

Welcome to Isabella and her family. Isabella has joined us in Year One and is settling well. She also brought Peter Rabbit with her and he has done some brilliant counting with me. Sometimes he forgets which number is next and Isabella clearly knows how to help him get the next number right. We hope you have a super time here with us at Stratford Isabella and Peter Rabbit.

We have had lots of entries for our homework competition. Lots of pictures to make us feel happy and well in ourselves. The judges are looking forward to judging them next week. Watch this space
'The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.' Oprah Winfrey
sa ai un weekend frumos - Romanian for 'Have a great weekend.'
Mrs Humphriss - Headteacher


## House Points - Year to date




| Achievement Certificates | Respect Certificates |
| :---: | :---: |
| Reception - Sara C | Arden - Ashton G Y4 |
| Year 2 - James A C | Hall - Lily I Y5 |
| Year 3 - Maia C | Hathaway - Hattie N Y1 |
| Year 4 - Harvey A | Shakespeare - Jensen F W Y6 |
| Year 5 - Joshua J |  |
| Year 6 - Maja S |  |

## Football Team News

## Stratford Primary 3 - Stratford Prep 1

The biggest derby to grace Primary school football took place on Monday: The Old Town derby a.k.a. el Stratford Clasico a.k.a. Stratford Primary vs. Stratford Prep. It was a nervy start by both teams, probably down to the magnitude of the game. The deadlock was broken by Arlo T, who danced through the heart of their midfield and defence before placing the ball beyond the goalkeeper's reach. However, as we were still in 'celebration mode', Stratford Prep hit us on the counter and equalised. We went into half time 1-1. After a rousing and inspirational team talk by co-managers Scarlett \& Hodgkins, we came out of the blocks firing, communicating well with each other on the pitch, playing with more energy and passing well. Another Arlo T goal settled our nerves and we made sure to keep our concentration levels high and not go into the 'celebration mode' that cost us a goal in the first half! Soon after, Arlo T finished a good Stratford Primary passing move and scored his third hat trick in three games, bringing his personal goal tally to 11 in the last 3 games. We could've scored more as both Charlie W and Leo H went close but the game ended 3-1. A good second half gave us a deserved win and we head into Wednesday's clash with Bridgetown in good form.

## Stratford Primary 1 - Bridgetown 1

Following the success of Monday's game against the Prep, we went into Wednesday's game against Bridgetown with enthusiasm. Both teams started brightly and the first half was a very closely fought battle. Chances missed at both ends and good defending from both teams meant that we went into halftime at 0-0. Shortly after the break, Arlo T burst through the Bridgetown defence and absolutely smashed the ball home, celebrating with a big thump of the chest and a massive cheer. We then held on terrificly well for the whole of the second half until, with only 2 minutes left on the clock, Bridgetown got their equaliser from a well hit shot from distance. The game ended 1-1 and was perhaps the most jusitified scoreline. As we told the children after the game, myself and Mr Hodgkins were incredibly proud of the team and the result against a very strong Bridgetown team. We are now undefeated in 4 games, winning 3 and drawing 1, and Arlo T's goal tally has now gone to 12 in 4 games. Bring on Thomas Jolyffe on Monday and Alveston on Wednesday!

## Keeping Safe in Reception



We have been doing our Protective Behaviours Training. We know how to keep ourselves and our bodies safe and next week we will be learning about our Early Warning Signs. We all have the right to feel safe all the time - this is our daily mantra.

## Year 6 DNA Extraction!



More hands-on activities for our Year 6 scientists! This week we have been extracting DNA from strawberries, as part of our Science theme: Evolution and Inheritance.

## First Aid Year 5



## Thank you

We would like to say a huge thank you to Bordon Hill Nurseries who donated 200 plants to the school.

## Message from the Local Governing Body

A warm welcome back to the new term, and to new parents. The LGB (Local Governing Body) met last week for the first of our half termly meeting, the focus being data. The statutory assessment saw KS2 achieve $100 \%$ in maths and writing which is fantastic, our focus now is around the number of pupils achieving greater depth learning. All groups achieved good results and are above national average. Thanks goes to Mrs Humphriss and her team for developing such rich and broad learning opportunities. Special thanks and congratulations go to all the children, who are working so hard to achieve their potential.
Thank you to so many of you for completing the Governor survey. Amongst the positive feedback it highlighted that there are parents who do not know who the governors are. Please can I direct you to the school website where details of all governors can be found, we will also be ensuring that we become more visible to parents in the future. Last term the majority of the governors took an assembly to introduce themselves to the children which we will do again in the Spring Term, we also plan to visit the new reception class before the end of this.
The autumn term has already seen many enriching activities with the children working very hard on their projects; their enthusiasm was noted and celebrated when we welcomed the prospective parents to our open morning on Wednesday. We look forward to being part of the wonderful events planned and especially celebrating 135 years of Stratford Primary School on 30th November.
Finally birthday wishes to Mrs Humphriss who celebrates a special birthday tomorrow!

Best wishes,

Karen Kennedy, Claire Cookson, Stephanie Ferries, Steve Bazell, Louise Thomas, Jacqui O'Hanlon, Niall Tucker and Kim Abernethy

