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Dear Parents/Carers

CURRICULUM World Book Day

It was lovely to see so many children dressed up as their favourite characters for our World Book Day celebrations last week - despite the weather! The theme was 'Share a story' and it was really encouraging that so many children brought in a book of their own to swap with a friend. During the day, children were able to choose a story to listen to – they could pick the title of the book that they wanted, but did not know which member of staff was going to read it to them! Here are a few of the children dressed up – sadly we couldn't fit everyone into a picture but well done to everyone who took part!



DT: Y4 Chef Visit

Report from Y4: 'Last Thursday, Year 4 had another visit from our 'Adopt-a-Chef' Jonathan Harvey-Barnes. This time, we had a practical session where we prepared a delicious, healthy salad. As well as creating a nutritionally balanced meal, Jonathan also gave us tips on hygiene and safe use of a knife for cutting and preparing our food. To finish, we enjoyed eating the food we'd prepared together and then had a game of 'Guess the Food / Vegetable'. Unfortunately, we weren't able to beat the chef this time as he'd brought some tricky foods in for us guess, such as Sharon Fruit and Fennel! We look forward to seeing Jonathan again next term as he's arranging for us to go and visit the kitchens of a large local hotel.'



School Chef of the Year 2018 Judging



Two of our Y6 pupils; **Lucy Ganner & Dan Sear** were selected to be judges for the National School Chef of the Year 2018 competition, held yesterday at Stratford College. You may have seen the news report on BBC Midlands Today programme last

night on the television which featured them – if not, you can still catch it until 6:30pm today on the BBC iplayer (the report starts at 22:50mins into the evening programme on 8th March)



Stratford Literary Festival Sharing Stories Project

As part of the Stratford Literary Festival Sharing Stories Project, we have been involved with some very exciting activities; author visits (Tracey Corderoy), story times, drama workshop and a creative writing workshop.

Calling YR, Y1 and Y2 Parents!

As part of the Stratford Literary Festival, our YR, Y1 and Y2 pupils have sent you an invitation to write a story with them at home by **12 March**. There will then be a special 'Bedtime Story' event on **19 March at 3.30pm** where these stories will be shared in the school hall. I do hope that you and your child will be able to come. More details will follow next week.



Team Points

The winners of the cup this week are **Avon Blues**. Well done!

Lunchtime pupil of the week

The lunchtime pupil of the week award was presented to **Maisey Hobbs** (Y1).



Tea with the Headteacher

The children who had tea with me today were: **Millie Merrygold-Wood** (YR), **Ashleigh Wimperis** (YR), **Sydney-Jo Summerton** (Y1) and **Anna Richardson** (Y2)

Scholastic Book Club

Mrs Slatter has sent out letters/leaflets about setting up a club in partnership with Scholastic Books. I am delighted to announce that the club is now up and running! It is a great scheme designed to not only raise the profile of reading in school but also to raise additional funding towards books for school.

Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/alveston> to browse the latest books, which are competitively priced, and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards which we can then spend on books for our classrooms and library.



Please place your order online by March 22nd, 2018. All books will be delivered free of charge to school and will be given to your child to take home as soon as possible. If successful, then we hope to make this a quarterly event.

Tiddington Players' Panto – '*Beauty and the Beast*'

Mrs Slatter reported that three eager and budding young actresses from our school spent most of their half term preparing for and performing in Tiddington Players' pantomime: Beauty and the Beast. **Sophie Loosmore** (Y6), **Jemima Stannard** (Y6) and **Iris Stannard** (Y4) put their hearts and souls into the rehearsals and shows. You should be extremely proud of your achievement and also your contribution to community entertainment. Well done girls!



Y3 Swimming lessons

Sadly, due to an error with the coach company, the first swimming lesson for our Y3 pupils didn't go ahead on Monday (the bus went to the wrong school!). The company has apologised and for their mistake and a replacement lesson will take place on **Monday 14th May**. Please add that to your diaries.

Parents evening dates

The lists for the Parents Evenings have gone up in the school office area for you to make appointments (if you have not already done so) to see your child/s teachers on either **Monday 26 March** or **Tuesday 27 March**.

Community

SEND Parent Coffee Morning



Are you the parent of a child with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities?

Would you like the opportunity to talk to other parents in similar positions to you and have the opportunity to talk to a SEND Co-ordinator?

If so, you are invited to attend a SEND Coffee Morning Session to speak with a range of SEND Co-ordinators from the Stratford upon Avon Schools Cluster.

This will be held at Bridgetown Primary School on **Tuesday 27th March** at 9.30 - 10.30am.

Warwickshire Education Strategy 2018 - 2023

WCC Communities group is looking to engage with partners and stakeholders regarding their Education Strategy 2018 – 2023 and is holding a consultation period which runs from **5 March to 2 April 2018**. They want to hear from a wide range of respondents so are inviting parents, staff and members of the public to have their say.

Further information about the consultation, how to take part and the full draft strategy can be found here: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/communities-group/education-strategy/>

Please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter explaining full details.

Stratford-upon-Avon Library Lego Club



The second Saturday of each month 11:00 - 12:00 pm. Next session is **10th March 2018**.

Lego club is FREE for children aged 7 - 11

All children to be accompanied by an adult.

This session we will be making Lego towns and cities!

Please book a free ticket to reserve your place on www.eventbrite.co.uk

Charity
St James' Church Alveston



Canon Williams finally managed to get a digger truck to help take all the pennies from our Christingle service to the bank. He has reported that Alveston school pupils have raised the following for the Children's Society:

- £349.00
- 4 Euro's 11 cents
- 1 Australian Dollar & 5 cents
- and a Quarter, as they say in the USA!

A big 'Thank you' to everyone who donated!



Lions Easter Egg



We are now selling tickets for the giant Easter egg! If you would like your child to have a chance of winning it, and raise money for charity at the same time, please send £1.00 into school. Thank you.

Advert



Tiddington Preschool

Situated in the Community Centre on Main Street in Tiddington, our Ofsted rated Good Preschool offers a friendly, welcoming setting for 2 to 4 year olds during school term time.

Come along and meet our qualified and dedicated staff Julie, Sarah and Karen and find out more about how we provide a safe, fun learning experience here at Tiddington Preschool.

Bring your little ones and join us for a snack, some fun and creative activities and a tour of our fantastic setting.

To arrange a visit; Please call us on **01789 268390** to book a time to suit you.
Learning through play in a fun and safe way!

www.tiddingtonpreschool.org.uk
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Children's Challenge

What is the largest type of 'big cat' in the world?

Finally

YR Class assembly and Collective Worship

The YR class assembly/collective worship is being held on **Tuesday 13th March** at **9:15am**. The children were busy rehearsing this morning and had a special audience of pre-schoolers from Alveston Cygnets who said they had a lovely time!

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

Kryisia Vickery
Headteacher

Children's Challenge

Q: What is the largest type of 'big cat' in the world?

A:

Name: