

# Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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## Reminders:

Letters issued this week: All Years - Newsletter, Y3 Teaching Student, Y4 Cookery

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dance Club 3.30-4.30pm		Choir Lunchtime Textiles Club 3.30-4.30pm Drama Club 3.30-4.30pm	Art Club KS1 3.30-4.30pm Art Club KS2 3.30-4.30pm	Recorder Club Lunchtime

## News from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the start of 2018. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year together. Thank you for all the lovely messages and gifts I received. It is very much appreciated. The children have returned refreshed and very focussed. They are calm and learning well and looking forward to different adventures through the spring term.

New topics have begun and are being embedded. Reception are exploring Traditional Tales and the 3 bears seem to be visiting regularly. Year One have welcomed Miss Wheatley and are entering the world of Bright Lights, Big City. They are learning all about The Queen and are writing to ask her different questions. In Year 2 they are street detectives and will be exploring Stratford. In the meantime they have begun to learn about William Shakespeare and the world of fairies through his play a Midsummer Night's Dream. Exciting things are happening in Year 3 where volcanoes can be heard rumbling in their topic of Tremors. Year 3 are settled well in their new classroom and have welcomed Miss Poulton a teaching student from Worcester University. 'I am Warrior' has invaded Year 4 and they had a creative first day making Roman shields and this term our resident chef will be teaching them bread making from Roman and Viking settlements. The door into Year 5 has been turned into a mystery world as you enter Alchemy Island; a world of chemistry and long multiplication. Meanwhile at the top of the school Year 6 are going on a journey to Frozen Kingdoms and they began by creating their very own icebergs and observed them melting and changing.

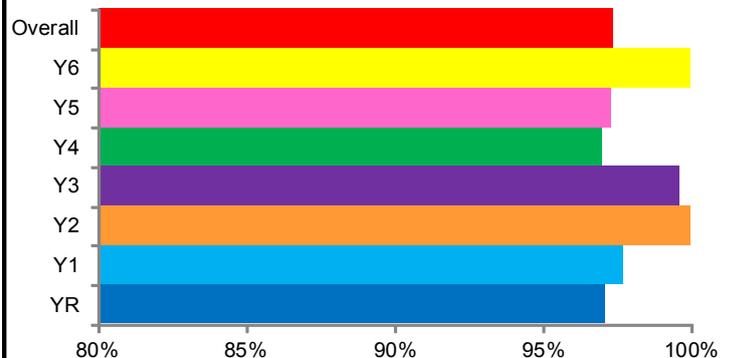
I am always telling the children that even as an adult you never stop learning and last Friday whilst they were enjoying the last day of their holidays all of the staff were immersed in Shakespeare. We had a very exciting training day with The RSC learning about Shakespeare's plays and how we can deliver learning that excites the children. We had a brilliant day exploring the language through drama, writing and discussion. You can't fail to be excited by "I know a bank where the wild thyme blows, Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows, Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine, With sweet musk-roses and with eglantine." Who wouldn't want to go and visit such a prolific place? Shakespeare is weaving his magic through our school and it was lovely to walk through the corridor yesterday and hear children looking at a new display saying 'I love Shakespeare!'

Next Tuesday we are looking forward to a grand opening of the library. Mrs Bean has been extremely busy for some time sorting and cataloguing books, redesigning furniture and layout and working with the children. She is training up a group of children to be librarians and inspire the others to want to read and love books. All of the school will be participating in different activities throughout the day and we will have a grand ceremony to celebrate the library and it's new lease of life. Thank you to FOSPs who have funded all of the changes and a huge thank you to Mrs Bean and her band of helpers for all the hard work in revamping this brilliant space.

Remember 'It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves.' – William Shakespeare

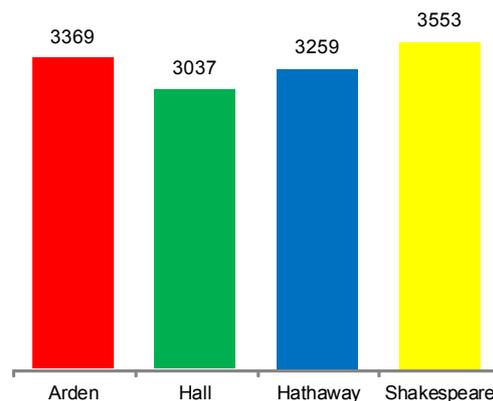
Mrs Humphriss - Headteacher

## Weekly Attendance by Class



This week's winners of a visit from Desmond the Dragon are Year 2 & Year 6 both with 100% Well Done!

## House Points - Year to date



Congratulations **Arden** you are this week's House Cup winner



## This Weeks Certificates

### Achievement Certificates

- Reception - Ruby W B
- Year 1 - Thomas P
- Year 2 - Emilia C
- Year 3 - Ina T
- Year 4 - Amaya A
- Year 5 - Amelie W
- Year 6 - Jasmine H

### House Captain Respect Certificates

- Arden - Ben Y
- Hall - Beau B
- Hathaway - Magalie M
- Shakespeare - Frankie S

## Mindfulness with Mrs Winter

Mrs Winter (Mum to Amelie & Charlie Y5) is running mindfulness workshops with Y2 & Y3 for the next 16 weeks.



On Tuesday in Year 2 we started to learn all about Mindfulness with Mrs Winter. We had to close our eyes and imagine a flower and talk about how many petals it had and what colour it was and what type of flower it was. Some were red, blue or rainbow-coloured. There were pansies, bluebells and lots of different types. It made us feel calm and relaxed. Mrs Winter also had bongo drums and she played a tune and we clapped it back or tapped on the table so we learnt that our brain was telling you to do that. We learnt that there are 846 neural pathways and watched a video. We had to colour in our own brain (on a piece of paper) and write all about what we have learnt since we were born right up to now. After our mindfulness session we feel relaxed and peaceful.

By Reporters Conor F, Isla M, Josephine H, Bethany M and Maia C.

“We learnt that if we do new things our minds will grow. Mrs Winter gave us pictures of our brain and took us on a trip around our brain. She told us to list things that we couldn’t do when we were a baby because when you do new things the tunnels for the neurons to grow bigger so that they can get to places quicker. It was a great mindfulness lesson and I learned a lot about our minds.”

Ina T Year 3

## RSC Training Day Friday 5th January



## Year 4 Cookery with Chef Matt

On Wednesday Year 4 were visited by Chef Matt. He demonstrated how to make a Swedish barley bread and we explored how bread was made thousands of years ago. In the afternoon, a group of children had their group cooking session with Chef Matt. They all made their own dough from scratch and baked a spelt slipper style loaf.



## FOSP AGM



The next AGM will be held at the school on Wednesday 31st January at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Primary School Application Deadline

The deadline for Primary school applications for September 2018 Reception places is **Monday 15th January 2018**.

Applications can be made online at:

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions).



## Safeguarding Advice - Positive Parenting

Everyday your child learns new things. It's what makes childhood such an exciting time. Your child will learn from you and your example and as a parent you have an important job in teaching them about your values and beliefs. Positive parenting is about bringing out the best in your child. Give lots of praise to build their self-confidence by talking about their strengths and not their weaknesses. Your opinion of your child has a huge impact on what they think about themselves; so being too critical can damage confidence. Young people have to learn to make their own decisions and establish independence. Unfortunately their decisions might not always fit with yours. Tension is normal. Choose your battles and let some go! Be friendly and supportive and let them know you have been through it and you are always willing to listen.

It's up to you to set boundaries - most children are happier living with rules. Be consistent. Rules work better when your child knows why they exist. Remember to give them the practical information they need about any physical and emotional changes and reassure them that their development is perfectly normal. A sense of self-esteem and being aware of some of the dangers they could come across is the best protection you could give them. Make them feel great!