

Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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Letters issued this week: All Years - Newsletter, Y6 - Film permission

Monday 8th Jan	Tuesday 9th Jan	Wednesday 10th Jan	Thursday 11th Jan	Friday 12th Jan
Terms begins				

Christmas Poem from the Headteacher

Twas the Night before Ofsted, when all through the school
The teachers were working 'cos that is the rule!
Miss Gill and Mrs Gibson were marking with care
In hopes that the holidays soon would be there.

Miss O'Connell, Mrs Ingate were stuck in the class
While visions of tea-breaks seemed a thing of the past
And Mrs Chisholm in her office with Mrs Phillips too
Were beginning to think they were stuck in a zoo!

When out in the staff room there arose such a clatter
Miss White was busy, she was having a natter
Mr Scarlett and Mrs McCormack flew in like a flash
To help Miss Bradburn give counting a bash!

The moon shone down, yes it was night
It reminded them all that time was still tight
When what to their wondering eyes should appear
But a Hyundai i30, things will be clear

With an old Northern driver, all dressed in red
They knew in a moment it must be the head
More rapid than eagles she called for her team
She whistled and shouted and gave them a beam

Mrs Beesley came bounding with Mrs Euinton of course
Mrs Hill, Mrs Fade they came with some force
To the top of the school, to the top of the hall
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly
When Mrs Beadon met with an obstacle, she didn't cry
They sang and they danced, through the jobs they flew
Yes, Mrs Bean and Miss Blake and without biscuits too!

And then in a twinkling, the school was all clean
Mr Hodgkins was dusting with Mr Sheen
Miss Rushton couldn't believe that things were just right
Maybe, just maybe the future was bright.

But one person knew that they all were impressive
And increasingly bordering on the progressive
They never give up or stop having a go
To make sure that your children continue to grow

The head's eyes they twinkled, her dimples were merry
Her cheeks were like roses, her nose like a cherry
She loves a good laugh but knows with a smile
That her team are the best by a long country mile

The seeds of a plan she held tight in her hand
She readily shared it with her great band
They took it and grew it like a beautiful flower
Without them it would never have any power

Stratford staff are jolly and fab
They certainly have the gift of the gab
She knew from day one they would do her proud
And make Stratford school stand out from the crowd.

They spoke not a word but went straight to their work
Taught lessons and cared, then turned with a jerk
What was that wonderful sound they could hear?
The kettle was boiling, they all gave a cheer!

The head sprang to the teabags, to her team gave a whistle
Away they all came, like the down of a thistle
She was heard to exclaim as they came into sight
Merry Christmas to all, you're outstanding, that's right!

Mrs Humphriss - Headteacher

Fantastic News - 4th in Warwickshire!

Our school is in the top 1000 schools in the country for Year 6 attainment in 2017. We are listed as 644 but are 4th in Warwickshire. Fabulous results. Well done to Mrs McCormack and Mrs Euinton and of course all of the rest of the staff.

Thank you FOSP

A huge thank you to The Friends of Stratford Primary for paying for every child to go and see Jack & The Beanstalk at the Stratford ArtsHouse. The children had an amazing time and are still talking about it now. The Friends do so much for the school. The Christmas Fair was brilliant. Thank you.

Message from Chair of LGB

The newly formed LGB (Local Governing Body) met for the first time last week, in what was a constructive and productive meeting. I am pleased to inform you that I will be the chair and Steve Bazell is vice-chair, with other members of the board leading areas in finance, health and safety, safeguarding, SEND, PP, on-line safety etc. Further details can be found on the school website. The LGB are looking forward to working through the priorities of the school whilst ensuring high standards are maintained.

The autumn term has seen such an enrichment of activities, with the children working hard on their projects and so enthusiastic to visitors especially with their sharing topics. The newsletters are informative but just a snap shot of all the fantastic things the children undertake on a weekly basis. Enabling this to happen is the dedication, hard work and enthusiasm of Mrs Humphriss, teaching staff and TA's. Grateful thanks goes to them, along with office staff, catering, midday supervisors, volunteers and all the team of Stratford Primary whom enable the school to operate efficiently. Also to FOSP who produced another wonderful fair on Friday.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2018

Mrs Karen Kennedy - Chair of LGB

Christmas Message from Year 2



It has been a great start to Year 2. In September we got our hands all mucky and messy and had fun making very messy explosions! We also wrote some fantastic riddles which we entered into the Young Writers Competition and all our poems are going to be published in a book! After half term, we found a mysterious egg (shhhhhh, it's a secret, don't tell anyone!) and all became qualified dragonologists. We also had great fun performing in our Christmas play, wearing our fantastic costumes and singing Christmas songs. We hope everyone has a great holiday and want to say "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!"

"I've really liked our Towers, Tunnels and Turrets topic as we got to see Tamworth Castle, it was great fun!" - Lily

"I really enjoyed designing and making my knight shield. I chose the colours red - to show I am strong and purple - to show I am important" - Conor

"I liked when my mum came in and helped me build my castle" - Emilia B

Christmas Message from Reception



"In Reception we have been adding and taking away and we did the number what goes before and what goes after. We read "The Gruffalo, The Gruffalo's Child, Stick Man and The Snowman. We performed our play the Nativity, "I liked it when I said gold for the baby." All the children in Reception wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Christmas Message from Year 1

WOW! What a half term Year 1 have had. We have enjoyed learning all about Superheroes, real-life heroes like Florence Nightingale, seeing and acting with Warwickshire firefighters. We have had many highlights. This is what the children said:

"I liked the friendship hands we did" Isobel J

"I loved being a dancing reindeer in the play" Leo S

"I liked writing about real life heroes" Naomi C

"I like English because it's hard and I like to try new thing" Cilla B

"Being an elf in the Christmas Play" Fabian C

"Singing all the songs in the play" Grace A

"Doing adding because it's fun" Tim G

"I like poetry, I wrote a poem about Bonfire Night" Henry B

Christmas Message from Year 3



It's been a very busy and productive term with lots of exciting learning taking place. We started the new year 3 class studying Predators for our topic where we were able to take part in the Bird of Prey experience, Year 3 children loved the feeling of the Barn Owl Mollie landing on their arms. The children were fascinated by Mollie "talking" to them after they had given her a tasty treat. Year 3 were able to use this experience to create lots and lots of lovely art work and writing, most memorably the children's Haiku poems and predator models.

In October we moved onto our Scrumdidlyumpcious topic where the children learnt new cooking skills with Matt the Chef which was very delicious and exciting. The children said, "We loved cooking with Matt it was epic!" We also managed to visit Tescos and take part in their Farm to Fork tour the children's favourite part was being put into the deep freeze! Luckily Graham let us out again!

The children have worked so hard this term and have completed lots of new projects. We say goodbye to this first term and finish with an Italian Carol with accompanying Makaton. The year 3 children wish you all a very happy Christmas and are looking forward to their new topic in the new year of Tremors and investigating exploding landscapes!

Best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas.

Christmas Message from Year 4

'We've had a very exciting first term in Year 4. Our first topic was Misty Mountain Sierra, and in the words of Lottie it was "Mountaculous!". We really enjoyed building mountains of our papier mache and finding out about Sir Edmund Hilary and his summit of Mount Everest. As a fabulous finish to our topic we had a visit from Bea's Mum and Dad who told us about their own mountain adventure. We especially enjoyed spotting the yeti but were disappointed we didn't get to meet one. Our second topic has been Potions and we have been very busy making our own potions, writing a spell, writing in the perspective of Harry Potter and drawing weird and wonderful bottles with human characteristics. We have especially enjoyed making our own chocolate bars, slime and testing the viscosity of different liquids. As Frankie said this topic 'was so much fun' and we are looking forward to starting our new topic after Christmas.'

Christmas Message from Year 5

Wow! What a busy term! Year 5 have been working incredibly hard throughout the past 4 months. We have been creative and have been pushing ourselves to achieve greatness. Highlights of our term include making papier-mache planets, writing superb science fiction and adventure stories, exploding bottle rockets on the playground and who can forget our trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester! In Time Travellers, we had fun debating whether Daleks should be allowed to live on Earth and designing our own time machines. Next half term, we will be stepping through the portal to Alchemy Island...

"It was hilarious when the bottle rocket exploded and splashed all over Mr Scarlett!" chortled Phoebe C.

"I absolutely loved the National Space Centre because we got to go on the Rocket Simulator!" exclaimed Jun.

Christmas Message from Year 6

What a busy term! Year 6 have really risen to the challenge of their new responsibilities and have made a fantastic start in their position as our school leaders and role models. We have thoroughly enjoyed being Galapagos Islands explorers, where we followed in the footsteps of Charles Darwin, and also have loved immersing ourselves in the history of WWI and WWII – some amazing DEPTH homework from the children! One of the highlights of Year 6 so far has to be meeting our new Reception buddies, getting to know them and of course, proudly watching them perform in their Nativity play – so good we had to watch it twice! We are all looking forward to January when our class will be entering the realm of the Frozen Kingdom. Until then - a huge 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year' from all in Year 6!

"I am proud of my WWII Time Traveller's Journal page" by Libby

"I am proud of being trusted to have my own Year 6 job!" by Eve

"I'm amazed that I found out that my Great Grandpa was an SOE agent and spy! This was due to our Year 6 WWII theme" by Alex

"I really enjoyed our end of WWII party. I thought it was great that we made it so realistic with the games we played and the cakes we made!" by Lily

Thank you from Mrs Humphriss

A huge thank you to all of the children, parents, staff and governors for a wonderful first term here at Stratford-Upon-Avon. Thank you to the kitchen team Kelly, Sharon and Hannah from Class Catering for their hard work and also to all the lunchtime supervisors and cleaners Mrs Edwards, Mrs Quarterman, Ms Candelas, Ms Oleksiuk and Mrs Finch. We say a sad goodbye to Mrs Quarterman who after 12 years of working at Stratford has decided to go on to pastures new. We wish her the very best of luck and thank you for everything you have done for the children over the years. We also say goodbye to Mrs Gibson who has taught in Key Stage One since September 2016. Mrs Gibson has also decided to move on and I am sure the children will miss her cheery smile. Thank you for your work with the school choir and forest school and good luck from us all. All of us here would also like to say thank you to Community Academies Trust for their continued support of our school. Merry Christmas from us all, cherish each other these holidays. See you in 2018.

FOSP Christmas Fair Friday 15th December

