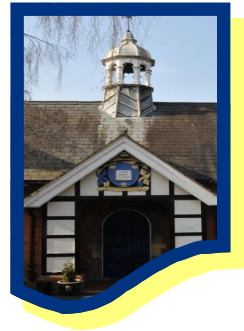


Stratford-upon-Avon Primary

'Lockdown News'



29th January 2021

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Reminders: If you need to contact the school please email admin2042@welearn365.com.

If your child is attending key worker school please ensure they are sent with a HEALTHY snack (no crisps, chocolate, etc).

During the period of national lockdown, we will remain open to vulnerable children and young people and the children of critical workers only **however, parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home when they can.**

News from the Desk of the Deputy Head

Well, this week seems to have come and gone in the blink of an eye! I can't believe we have nearly come to the end of our fourth week of home learning AND the end of January – the evenings are definitely starting to stay lighter for longer; snow drops are out in full force and some of the children have even spotted daffodils, which really is a sign of spring and hopefully better things to come.

On Monday, Mrs Humphriss arranged a whole school assembly, where our remote learners and critical worker children in school could all come together to learn about Burns Night. We counted over one hundred remote learners on Teams, which was impressive! Let's hope for such a good attendance next week too.

Live lessons continue to be another opportunity for the children to come together every day with their teachers and friends and we have had lots of visitors to our live lessons this week, including Mrs Humphriss and different Governors. They have been able to take part in, and understand, how we are continuing to deliver a varied and exciting curriculum and there have been many positive comments about pupil participation, engagement and interaction. The children are becoming quite adept at using different chat functions on Teams and are becoming a lot more confident at putting their hand up, typing answers into the chat function and unmuting themselves to contribute their thoughts and questions. Following the Prime Minister's announcement it looks like schools will be continuing with remote learning for a while yet so I am sure we will all be computing experts by the end of this!

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and this will be a key focus across the school. It is so very important to remember that just as we look after our physical health by doing things like exercising, eating well and getting enough sleep, we also need to look after our mental health. One way of caring for our mental health is to notice and share how we are feeling and expressing ourselves in creative ways can help us do this. These are extremely challenging times for us all and we need to find creative ways to help us through it. The focus of the week will be exploring the different ways we can all express ourselves, and the creative ways that we can share our feelings, our thoughts and our ideas.

So, with two weeks to go until half term, may I remind you all what a fantastic job you are doing and thank the children for being such resilient, brave and wonderful beings! Keep smiling!

Have a lovely weekend.

'Everyone is a bit scared,' said the horse, 'But we are less scared together.'

Mrs Withers

Safeguarding

CEOP - Safer In-Game Chat - for parents

CEOP have a video that may be useful for you as parents. It is less than 4 minutes in length and explains what in-game chat is, which can be useful opening up conversations with children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-ij1jm9K8&feature=youtu.be>

On our website we have a link to worksheets for online safety which you can use to keep conversations open with your children.

You can find it under 'parents' tab, 'online safety'.

Home and School Learning



School Council Competition

Can you help Alscot's Biodiversity Project design a brilliant nature logo?

It's for their exciting new nature project. It will be displayed as a sign on the land of the site and lots of people will see it.

The aim of the project is to increase the biodiversity in our area (near our school).

Biodiversity

Biodiversity comes from two words: bio which is short for biology (living things) and diversity (variety).

Biodiversity means the mixture of all life on earth.

What They Need for the Logo?

Use your skill and creativity to produce a piece of art.

The aim of the project is to increase the biodiversity in our area.

It needs to represent local Warwickshire nature and wildlife.

Create your logo on paper (no electronic designs).

Make sure the logo is not too small or too large (10cmx10cm) is perfect.



Services and websites for support with mental health.

CW RISE

Mental health services for children and adolescents in Coventry and Warwickshire.

cwrise.com

Urgent supportline:
02476 641799 (8am-8pm) or
0300 200 0111 (overnight)

Young Minds

A charity that supports young people's mental health. Visit their website for useful resources, information and blog articles.

www.youngminds.org.uk

Childline

Trained counsellors who provide confidential support on any matter, big or small.

www.childline.org.uk

0800 1111

Live chat here

The Mix

A support service for young people with lots of resources, forums and advice, as well as a free helpline or live chat.

www.themix.org.uk

0808 808 4994

Talk to a school nurse

Young people (aged 11-19) can contact Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service and talk to a school nurse if you're having difficulties with mental health. The nurse will be able to provide support, advice and resources, and can connect you with other services if extra support is needed.

Text ChatHealth on 07507 331 525.

FOSP Dream Draw

You can now enter the FOSP Dream Draw for February 2021, or sign up for the rest of the year!

The money is split between the school and 3 cash prize winners!

Please email fospschool@gmail.com or message Denise Wood on 07711 768087 if you are interested in signing up for any of the remaining draws.