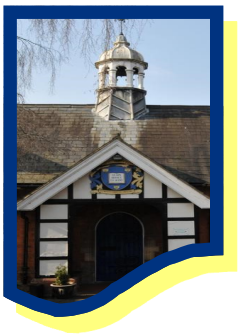
Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'Lockdown News'



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Reminders: If you need to contact the school please email admin2042@welearn365.com.
Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home when they can.

Save the Date! - Friday 19th March 2021 - Red Nose Day.
We will dress as superheroes and take part in different activities, please look out for further information to be sent out nearer the time including how to donate.

News from the Desk of the Deputy Head

Well, we have finally made it to the end of the first half term. Phew! In one respect, I think the weeks have flown by but on the other hand, Christmas seems like a lifetime ago! It certainly has been another very different half term with an assortment of experiences, challenges and emotions, but we are getting pretty adept at moving with the times and keeping up with this ever changing way of life and, once again, we have gotten through it, showing solidarity, determination and kindness.

It's been a lovely week, with the children starting and ending it celebrating Chinese New Year. Mrs Humphriss led our Monday assembly on Teams and the children also joined in from home to learn about the origins of the Chinese New Year and the animals of the Chinese Zodiac. Throughout the week there have been lots of Chinese New Year inspired activities, alongside a continuation of last week's 'express yourself' activities. There is now a superb, colourful display in the foyer, filled with examples of some really beautiful artwork from children in school and home learning based on the story 'Ooops' and 'The Dot.' It's a lovely addition to the school entrance.

We are all so incredibly proud of each and every one of our children and how they have once again risen to the challenge of immediate change – the engagement in remote learning; participation in class; work that has been submitted and daily messages have all been extremely positive and as a staff, we look forward to when we are finally able to come back together, when we will spend time talking, sharing, laughing, building relationships and having fun learning collectively again. The staff team have also been fantastic - the children are always at the very forefront of our minds. We too have had to adapt quickly to new methods of teaching and I for one, know that we have been learning lots too. Live lessons, break out rooms, chat functions, jazzy backgrounds and screen sharing are now an everyday part of teaching, alongside the odd technical glitch! And then, there are our amazing families, who have also worked tirelessly, multi-tasking amazingly and often working from home alongside supporting your children with their learning! I am sure you have learnt lots too but are all looking forward to being able to log off for a week and have a very well deserved rest!

We look forward to seeing you all after half term, be it in person or remotely, where we have lots to look forward to, including World Book Day, Shakespeare Week and Red Nose day.

Until then, stay safe and well.

'Sometimes just getting up and carrying on is brave and magnificent' - The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse.

Mrs Withers

Safeguarding

It is always important to talk about mental health and ensure that resources are available to help people who are struggling.
The link below has some resources for children, parents, carers and school staff.

https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/01/mental-health-resources-for-children-parents-carers-and-school-staff/

Stratford Foodbank

Please visit this link to see the most needed items and for more information on the campaign for Lent.

stratforduponavon.foodbank.org.uk/2021/02/11/most-needed-items-february-2021/

Home and School Learning

FOSP Dream Draw

You can now enter the FOSP Dream Draw for 22nd 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.