



Friday 7th January 2022

The Stratford Standard



Highlights from the Desk of the Executive Head..

Happy New Year! Every time I hear those words I cannot help but burst into Abba's song! I really hope that our vision for the future is that everyone is a friend.

It has been wonderful to see all the children this week and the staff smiling and happy to be back with each other and excited for the term ahead. Even though the decorations have been taken down the school is looking fabulous with new doors decorated to reflect the topic of the year group. As you walk down KS2 corridor a giant mouth on Year 4 door smiles in anticipation of learning all about the human body and on the Year 2 door you are invited in to learn how to be a street detective through an enticing pathway. Some of the doors are on this week's newsletter. One day soon you will all be able to visit again and enjoy the creativity that radiates through our school.

Mrs Withers and I visited all the classes today as part of our regular monitoring and there was a real range of our curriculum on offer. Reception demonstrated how they use their phonics to read and were going on a hunt to find the objects or pictures that matched the word in their hand. Year One were exploring the spelling of tricky words such as 'they' and how they use their recall of sounds to learn to spell. I walked into a lesson on Shakespeare's text in Year 2 and the children were gathering words for a glossary from the text they were reading; it was full of words such as 'yesteryear', 'solemnly' and 'hurly burly'. They were learning the meanings and the challenge is to get you all at home to use them in a conversation! As I walked into Year 3 Dottie said to me "Mrs Humphriss, can I tell you what we are learning about?" Naturally the answer was yes. They were exploring whether they would like to be King or Queen and what they would introduce in the country as their first thing if they were the monarch. I loved that Dominic said he would plant trees and stop plastic in the oceans. Sam wanted to make all people equal! Such a mature understanding and full of humanitarianism. I then moved into the world of maths in Year 4 as they explored word problems and used their knowledge of number facts to solve them, whilst Year 5 recapped earlier knowledge on Shakespeare and his background before moving into Reading Vipers where they are exploring Shakespeare's glorious language. Just outside our office door is a huge portrait of Shakespeare created by Year 5 surrounded by quotes they have explored. It was back to maths in year 6 and factors. I was super impressed at the speed in which the children recalled factors of numbers. Great revision.

We are looking forward to a term of Shakespeare and National Storytelling week. All of the staff have been recommending books for the children to read and there was much laughter in Mrs Withers' and my office as we attempted to take selfies with our favourite stories. We will share these at some point with you all.

Have a great term everyone and stay safe.

'Storytelling is the most powerful way to put ideas into the world.'

REMEMBER:

Monday 10th January - After School Clubs Start (please see the clubs letter for a detailed timetable as some dates vary)

Monday 17th January - Vision Screening - Reception

Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February - Half Term

Tuesday 8th March - Heart of England - Year 3

Wednesday 9th March - Heart of England - Year 4

Wednesday 16th March - Heart of England - Year 5

The school calendar is also available on the school website.

Weekly Attendance by Class

Reception	100%	
Year 1	99.4%	
Year 2	96.6%	
Year 3	98.7%	
Year 4	100%	
Year 5	95.4%	98.6%
Year 6	100%	

Whole school attendance this week:



Autumn Term Totals:

Arden	4292
Hall	4895
Hathaway	5062
Shakespeare	4743



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Please drop your old cartridges in the recycle bin on the left of the school entrance - we can magically turn them into ££££££££££££££££'s. Branded cartridges only please.



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Safeguarding corner

Please visit the Safeguarding tab on our school website, which is full of information about Safeguarding in school (policies, Child protection, online safety, Operation Encompass) as well as pages for parents and carers to access Safeguarding support at home and a page for children to access age-appropriate safeguarding advice.

Please complete the following short Safeguarding survey to give us feedback on this:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-hEVTLM6ekOhnanIPyn9slh5dhOT3_tPhTuwvANuUpURUFRkFaMUFCMU8yVzhRUDFOWjRUUVQwNc4u

Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies at school:

Midday Supervisor (2 required)

- 12-1pm, 5 days per week

Cleaner - 3.30-5.30pm, 5 days per week

Email the school office on

admin2042@welearn365.com

to enquire.

Please pass on to friends and family who may be interested.

Notes for Parents:

Please ensure lunches are booked on Parent Pay before the deadline each week.

Our Week In Pictures...

Reception

What a fantastic start to Hubble, Bubble... building bridges for trolls to live under, reading potions, designing our magic shop and making troll snot - yuck!



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Spring term classroom doors!

