



Friday 26th November 2021

The Stratford Standard



Message from Chair of Governors

Dear All,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new families to our wonderful school, we hope you and your children are all settling in well. I would also like to thank families old and new for your on-going support as we continue to navigate the pandemic.

I am writing to update you with some governance matters. The Community Academies Trust (CAT) has been consulting with all governors over the last few months regarding the interim arrangements of the School Standards Committee (SSC), which replaced the Local Governing Body (LGB). This was due to the pandemic, where all local governing bodies (LGB) were requested to step down, whilst CAT dealt with the interests of the whole Trust and implemented the ever-changing demands of the lockdown. Moving forward all local governing bodies are back and governors on the SSC in the Trust have been expressing their views on the SSC arrangements. It has now been agreed to continue with the Trust dealing with school finance and Trust wide safeguarding, which is reflected in a new policy. We as a local governing body will continue to deal with Stratford Primary related issues regarding 'quality of education' behaviour, personal development and 'leadership and management'; governors will therefore, continue to follow the Trust Governance Charter.

Our first SSC meeting of the academic year was held just before half term, and we were joined by Mrs Ingate who conducted a great presentation on PHSE, a really important part of the curriculum, which compliments and enriches it. Also, all the formal annual documents were signed and importantly KCSIE (Keeping Children Safe in Education), with Claire Cookson presenting on Safeguarding and the new changes in this policy. The School Report, along with the LIP (Learning Improvement Plan) were ratified, with support and challenge. Also, the annual election of office was undertaken, and I can confirm that I will continue as Chair, with Jacqui O'Hanlon, and Stephen Lord as vice-chairs. We will be very much working towards succession planning of the SSC over the next year. It is however with sadness that Stephanie Ferries leaves us, and I wish to thank her sincerely for all her dedication and contribution to the SSC over the last four years. I would also like to thank all of the governors for their support, dedication and drive, they willingly volunteer their time and are an amazing team to work with. All details of the governors can be found on the school website.

As you are aware, we advertised for a parent governor before half term, we had one applicant, James Bradley, and after conducting the formal procedures, I am so delighted to welcome James onto the SSC.

The Autumn Term has seen so many enriching activities and the children have been working very hard on their projects. Their enthusiasm and inspiring work can be seen on the working walls and displays, where you can see the progress from reception to year 6. Remembrance Day is an important part of the school's calendar and the truly wonderful poppies and displays throughout the school has been a joy to visit. It is always a pleasure to see the children and all their fabulous work they are undertaking. I am always struck by how confidently they present themselves, particularly during events such as prospective parent open days and assemblies. It is an honour to watch them grow and develop and we are so proud to be their governors.

Finally, sincere thanks to Mrs Humphriss, Mrs Withers and all the team, whose continued enthusiasm, hard work, dedication and drive ensures the children receive an enriched, dynamic and exciting education.

With best wishes,

Karen Kennedy, Chair of Governors

Weekly Attendance by Class

Reception	97.3%	
Year 1	97.9%	Whole School
Year 2	84.8%	Attendance this week:
Year 3	90.6%	92.8%
Year 4	87.1%	
Year 5	91.4%	
Year 6	99.4%	

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
Please email the school office on admin2042@welearn365.com



This week:

Arden	315
Hall	407
Hathaway	330
Shakespeare	389

Notes for Parents:

Please check your emails for details of upcoming menu changes as well as our Christmas lunch!

REMEMBER:

Friday 3rd December - Christmas Fayre for children only

Wednesday 8th December - Reception Nativity 9.30am

Monday 13th December - Christmas Panto for All Classes

Wednesday 15th December - Y1&2 Christmas Play 9.30am and 1.30pm

Thursday 16th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

The school calendar is also available on the school website.

Safeguarding corner

Our pupil-led 'Team Safe' have been busy with meetings and leading on important issues this week:

'We have led a whole school assembly for anti-bullying week and we are now working with everyone to make lunchtimes fun. We have even introduced music in the dinner hall. Team Safe really care about everybody's well-being so we have launched a new pupil survey. We want to know your thoughts and opinions about school life. You have until **Monday 6th December** to complete the survey: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hEVTlm6ekOhnanlPyn9slh5dhOT3_tPhTuwpvANuUpUQ_TNETihUTIBLVT2SzUVTVEVTBGWkpOMC4u

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40p per card or 3 for £1

Last posting date: 15th December

Delivered by 24th December

Delivery Area: Stratford Town Centre

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Bishopston
Drayton
Shottery
Old Town
Bridgetown
Tiddington

Box Locations:

Tesco - Morrisons - Library - Co-op - Clopton Store
Tesco Express - Shakespeare Hospice Bookshop
Shottery St Andrews Church
Simply Fresh

Friends of Stratford Primary

Christmas Raffle

1st Prize: Luxury Hamper worth over £150

2nd Prize: Luxury Hamper worth over £100

3rd Prize: Luxury Hamper worth over £75

Tickets Just £1.00 each

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29th November

Draw Date: Thursday 16th December 2021



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