

# **Stratford-upon-Avon Primary School**

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## News from the desk of Mrs Withers



It was a rather surreal start to the week but the children have come back to school sharing their thoughts and feelings from the bank holiday Monday - our 'In the News' assembly is always a super opportunity to talk about topical news items and this week we asked the children the question, 'Who is King Charles III?' The children enjoyed talking about our new sovereign and learnt about his life as Prince of Wales, what his new role of King will entail and the new challenges he will face.

Considering it's only the third week back, the children are extremely settled and enjoying their own new challenges in their new year groups. I have enjoyed reading a story to Reception class this week and pop in to see the children each day - they have adapted to school life brilliantly and it's so lovely getting to know each of them. Year 1 have been enjoying their computing sessions this week, using Purple Mash for coding. Their outdoor garden area is also looking really fantastic - over the holidays, a pathway has been developed throughout the school garden to make it accessible for all. We are very grateful to Castle Homes, who very generously constructed this for us - I'm sure you will agree, it has transformed the garden area. Year 2 have been enjoying their music lessons this week - their singing was incredible and they filled the corridors with their beautiful songs. They have also wowed Miss P, Mrs Beesley and myself with their art work this week - their artist of the half term is Picasso and they have created their own Picasso inspired line drawings, which they have painted using just the primary colours. Year 3 have also been enjoying their art work this week, exploring the colour wheel and painting their own pictures using either warm or cool colours. They have been learning about Ganesh in RE, making their very own Ganesh using paper plates, and finding out about significant Hindu festivals. Year 4 have been out and about in Science this week, exploring the different food chains at the paddock. They have also started reading their new class text Viking Boy and are finding it fascinating learning about Viking invasions. Year 5 are also enjoying reading their new class text The Many Worlds of Albie Bright. It is one of my favourite children's novels and I always get really excited when I see the different learning opportunities that arise from the story. Linked to the book, the children are learning about the artist Chesley Bonestell and making their own space landscapes using the colour wheel to find complementary tints and tones. They have made mnemonics to remember the order of the planets and have started making solar system fact files. Very impressive! And as for Year 6, it's been all about democracy for them this week! The children have been taking part in their House Captain hustings, campaigning to be elected for House Captain and Vice Captain of Shakespeare, Hathaway, Hall and Arden. The school has been a hive of activity with the elections taking place across the school; campaign posters being displayed and then today, the final results being announced in assembly. Our new leaders will be congratulated again next week in our Celebration assembly, where they will share their RESPECT certificates with the school and tell us a little bit about the work they have undertaken in their first week as school leaders. Exciting times!

I hope you all have a very lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs Withers

## Diary Dates - subject to change



### AUTUMN TERM 1st HALF

Monday 12th September – Year 2 Meet the teacher (2:45pm)

Year 3 Meet the teacher (2:45pm)

Tuesday 13th September – Year 4 Meet the teacher (2:45pm)

Year 5 Bell boating

Wednesday 14th September – Year 1 Meet the teacher (2:45pm)

Wednesday 14th September - New Reception parents picnic in the paddock (3:30pm)

Thursday 15th September - Reception Meet the teacher (2:45pm)

Friday 16th September – Year 5 Meet the teacher (2:45pm)

Year 6 Meet the teacher (2:45pm)

Tuesday 27th September – FOSPS Cheese and Wine AGM evening in the school hall – 7pm

Friday 7th October - Wear it Wild Day (Eco Committee event - £1 donation)

Wednesday 12th October – Authors visiting (Stratford Literary Festival)

Thursday 13th October – Open Day

Friday 14th October – FOSPS Disco (KS1 5:30-6:30PM/ KS2 7-8pm)

Monday 17th October - Year 1 trip to Banbury Museum

Monday 17th October - Year 4 Viking Trip

Friday 21st October – Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity (1:30pm)

### AUTUMN TERM 2nd HALF

Monday 31st October – Year 5 Heart of England

Thursday 3rd November – Year 3 Topic Sharing event

Thursday 3rd November - Year 5 and 6 PSHE theatre workshop

Friday 4th November – Year 4 Heart of England

Tuesday 8th November – Parent Consultations

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Consultations

Friday 11th November – Poppy Trail

Monday 14th November – Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying week (£1)

Friday 18th November – Year 3 Heart of England

Friday 18th November - Reception Topic Sharing event

Thursday 24th November – Year 3 Cinema trip

Monday 28th November – Year 5 Topic Sharing event

Friday 2nd December – ‘Children only’ Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 6th December – Reception Nativity Performance (9:30am)

Wednesday 7th December – Year 4 Topic Sharing Event

Monday 12th December – Year 1 and 2 Pantomime in school

Tuesday 13th December – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 14th December – KS2 Pantomime at Stratford Playhouse

Wednesday 14th December - Whole school Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December – Reception to Warwick Arts Centre - Stickman

Friday 16th December – Christmas Service at Holy Trinity (1:30pm)

Break up for Christmas

## What's been happening in Year 1 and Year 6 this week?

Year 1 have been extremely busy this week. We have settled into our new routines well and have been building our stamina. In Maths we have been counting backwards, finding one more and one less. We have also been scientists and learnt about what a natural material is and found examples in school and in the Paddock. On Wednesday we were extremely excited to use the laptops to explore Purple Mash!



Year 6 have had a great start to the new school year. As part of our first Science Theme: Evolution and Inheritance, we have been finding out all about Charles Darwin; as artists, we have been developing mood boards and experimenting with drawing techniques; in English, we have been composing our job application letters, so we can take on important roles within the school; and in PE, we have been improving our rugby and hockey skills. This week has also seen the democratic election process underway, as all children from Year 1 to 6 voted in a secret ballot to elect their new Year 6 House Captain team – well done everyone for super campaign speeches and posters. Finally, and most importantly, we have found time to get to know our new reception buddies and to help them to settle in to school. What a busy few weeks!



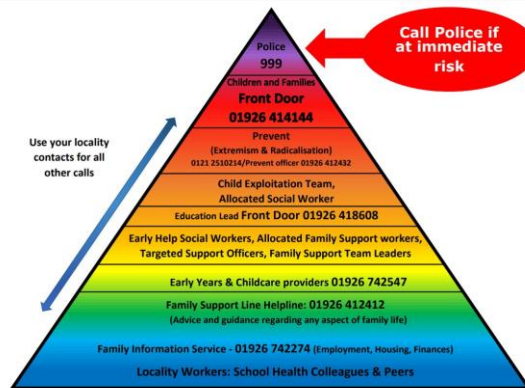


# Safeguarding Corner



Each week, we will keep you up to date with key safeguarding information, support, advice and key updates.

Our school website Safeguarding page also has a wealth of information for parents/carers and children: [https://www.stratfordprimary.co.uk/web/safeguarding\\_1/579229](https://www.stratfordprimary.co.uk/web/safeguarding_1/579229)



## PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

1. Talk to children and babies about feeling safe and keeping safe. It's never too early to start.
2. Always give children the reason for any decisions you have made – it helps them to understand 'why?' ...Because I say so' is not a good enough reason!
3. Help to build your child's confidence and self esteem. Praise them often. People who choose to bully or who are dangerous to children will often pick out less confident children or those who spend time or go out alone.
4. Listen to your children, especially when they are trying to tell you about things that worry them. Let children know that you will always take them seriously and do whatever you can to keep them safe.
5. Let children know they never have to do anything they don't like with an adult or another child – even if it is someone they know. Practise this at home by never making them kiss or hug an adult if they don't want to.
6. Teach children to trust their own 'Early Warning Signs' or 'gut feelings' about people and situations.
7. As soon as children are able to understand, teach them their full name, address and phone number. Practise these with them until you are sure they can remember.
8. In most situations, children under about eight years old shouldn't be out alone. Even when out playing with older children, they need to be kept in the care and sight of an adult or a much older child who is mature and trustworthy.
9. Never leave young children in unsupervised play areas in shops or parks. Don't leave them alone in the car or outside a shop, not even for a few minutes.
10. If you are in a crowded place, keep children in a pram or buggy, hold hands lightly or use reins. Don't walk ahead of small children who can't keep up. Remember it only takes a moment for toddlers to wander off.
11. You can start teaching children simple rules about personal safety from as young as two or three. Tell them clearly that they must never go off with anyone, not even with someone they know, without first asking you or the adult looking after them.
12. Teach older children safe ways of crossing roads, going shopping and asking adults for directions and let them practise these with you until you are sure they have understood. Help children decide who would be the safest adults to talk to if they need help or get lost (e.g. Police officer, shop-keeper, someone with a young child).
13. When children are mature enough to be out alone, make sure they tell you: Who they are going out with, Where they are going (and how to contact them), When they will be back.
14. In busy public places arrange somewhere to meet in case you get separated, like an information desk or specific shop/bank.
15. Keep electronic devices and televisions in public areas of your home, not in children's bedrooms. Monitor what your children are watching & looking at. Encourage children to talk with you if they feel uncomfortable about anything they come across.
16. There is no law that states the minimum age that a child can be left alone. However, it is an offence to leave a child alone when doing so puts him or her at risk. Never leave a baby or young child alone at home, whether asleep or awake. Most children under thirteen should not be left for more than a very short period and no child under sixteen should be left overnight.

No matter how much you teach your child about safety, remember the limits of their age and maturity.

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# SEN SUPPORT



## Information and Advice for Neurodivergent People and their Families

An e-booklet, aiming to improve the information and support available for neurodivergent people and their families, has been published and is available on the **news page of the Dimensions of Health and Wellbeing website**.

This e-booklet has been co-produced with neurodivergent people, their families and professionals across Coventry and Warwickshire. It provides a wealth of information all in one place about services and support available for those who are diagnosed or who self-identify as neurodivergent, and those who care for and support them.

Feedback is welcomed to enable improvements to this first version of the e-booklet. Please share any comments with [disabilitiescommissioning@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:disabilitiescommissioning@warwickshire.gov.uk)



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# Cost of Living Support

Warwickshire County Council

Home > Children and families > Managing money and debt > Energy advice

## Energy advice

If you are struggling to pay bills or manage energy debt, call the Act On Energy helpline on 0800 988 7861 or visit the [Act on Energy website](#) for energy advice.

**Help with household costs**

- [Act on Energy – energy advice on reducing bills, grants and heat for health](#)
- [British Gas Energy Trust](#)
- [Council Tax Benefits](#)
- [Council – Cold Weather Payments](#)
- [Council – Warm Front Scheme](#)
- [Housing Benefit](#)
- [Council – Severe Weather Grants](#)
- [Ordnance Survey](#)
- [Severn-Trent Water – Trouble saving bills](#)
- [Warm home discount scheme](#)

**DOCUMENTS AND DOWNLOADS**

Hardship support leaflet (PDF, 688 KB)

**YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN**

- Housing, money and debt
- Housing
- Benefits and welfare
- Help with childcare costs
- Find your nearest foodbank
- Council tax payments

1 - <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/energyadvice>

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