



Friday 1st July 2022

The Stratford Standard



Highlights from the Desk of the Head of School...

It's been another exciting week in school, with Year 2's enterprise project coming to fruition! The nurture room was packed full of visitors for their show, which was a real hit! I am SO impressed with the fantastic puppets that have been created in Miss P's design and technology lessons - from the children's innovative designs to the incredible sewing techniques, demonstrated skilfully by Mrs Beesley and Mrs Buchanan. Linked to their seaside topic, the class created their very own 'Punch and Judy' inspired puppet show; the puppets told lots of funny jokes to make their audience laugh and their visitors were even treated to a handful of popcorn! What a lovely afternoon. After a trip up in the loft this week, I discovered an Egyptian Sarcophagus hidden away in the rafters, which is now on display in Year 5's classroom for their Egyptian topic. This week the children have been learning all about ancient Egyptian beliefs and cultural practices, including mummification. They are really excited about making their very own canopic jars and have been taking great pleasure explaining what used to be stored in them! Very gruesome! Year 3 have been learning outside the classroom again this week in their Science lessons and set up an investigation at the paddock. On Monday, Mr Edwards and Year 3 played 'Hide and Seed' - they found secret places to hide raisins, like a squirrel might do for their winter store of food. On Thursday, the children went back to the paddock to find the secret stash. Some children found their cache of raisins, others were unable to locate any! What an innovative way to highlight that different methods trees and other plants use to disperse their seeds. On Thursday, we had our very first Open the Book assembly, which the whole school was able to participate in. With the help of some brave volunteers and a lot of audience participation, the children were told the story of David and Goliath. The key message from today's assembly was, 'size doesn't matter, it's heart, courage and commitment that matters.' This message was timely, leading into our annual sports day. What a super afternoon we have all had. The children, and parents, participated brilliantly and I would really like to thank Mrs Fade, Miss Postlethwaite and Mr Hodgkins for helping to prepare for the afternoon. A real team effort.

And finally, I would like to say a HUGE 'thank you for everything' and a very fond farewell to Mrs Wilson, who is sadly leaving us today. She has been an instrumental part of the school, from developing our fantastic school website, creating your weekly newsletters, multi-tasking like a machine and quite often carrying out impressive DIY repairs around the school to name just a few of her talents. We had a whole school assembly this morning to show her our thanks - we are all going to miss her and wish her lots of luck in her new adventures!

I wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you on Saturday at the summer fair!

Mrs Withers

Message from Mrs Humphriss - Executive Head

Firstly, I wanted to mention the Year 5/6 play - I know that Mrs Withers has already talked about it in her piece last week but I wanted to take the time to say how absolutely brilliant it was. The children were extremely confident and held the stage. I was particularly blown away by some beautiful solo singing and very impressed by comic timing. A great performance well done everyone!

Secondly, I want to talk about Mrs Wilson who sadly is leaving us today and will be missed by us all. As the very first person people meet when they come to our school, she epitomises our values. She has a smile for everyone and ensures that the many requests she deals with on a daily basis are dealt with quickly and efficiently. Mrs Wilson is the ultimate multi-tasker. She has streamlined many of our systems in the office and I know that Mrs Chisholm will miss her calm and organised manner. Mrs Withers and I will miss the laughter. She always manages to cheer us up. She is truly a part of our team and will often suggest solutions to problems. Every child in the school knows that when they come to the office they will be helped and on their behalf I say thank you. I am sure every single member of staff will say she has supported them and made sure their deadlines are met. Don't be a stranger Mrs Wilson as you go off to your next career. Come and see us and save our pot plants when they are looking thirsty!! Good luck.

REMEMBER:

Saturday 2nd July - Summer Fayre
11am - 1pm

Tuesday 5th July - Showcase Evening

Wednesday 6th July - Change Up Day (ALL CLASSES)

Monday 11th July - Sea Life Centre - YR
Monday 11th to Friday 15th July - Y6 Residential

Tuesday 12th July - Drone Day Y2,3,4,5

Thursday 14th July - KS1 Rocksteady Concert

Tuesday 19th July - KS2 Rocksteady Concert

Thursday 21st July - Last day of term, Church Service 1.30pm. ALL CHILDREN TO BE COLLECTED FROM CHURCH BY 2.15PM

Monday and Tuesday 5th & 6th September - INSET DAYS School closed to children

FIRST DAY BACK FOR CHILDREN - Wednesday 7th September

The school calendar is also available on the school website.

Weekly Attendance by Class

Reception	98.0%	
Year 1	96.7%	Whole
Year 2	96.7%	School -
Year 3	95.0%	96.7%
Year 4	95.9%	
Year 5	95.3%	
Year 6	99.1%	

Year 5 and 6 would like to say a massive thank you to FOSP for the cake donation and to Helen Beadle for her homemade lemonade and sweet stall - these went down a treat!

Thank you to the parents for supporting the children with their performance and enterprise initiatives.



Deafblind Awareness Week 2022

Deafblind UK 27th June - 3rd July 2022.

Each year during Deafblind Awareness Week we run events, activities and campaigns to raise awareness of dual sensory loss.

deafblind.org.uk

<https://deafblind.org.uk/get-involved/our-campaigns/deafblind-awareness-week-2022/>



Safeguarding corner

STRATFORD PRIMARY SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 2nd July
11.00-1.00pm

- Face Painting
- Fun Games
- Bottle Stall
- Raffle
- Splat The Teacher
- Food and Drink

And so much more!

Friends of Stratford Primary School

Join Us!

FOSP will be looking to fill the following Committee positions from September:

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary

For more information please drop us an email: fospschool@gmail.com

We are of course always looking for volunteers too! So, if you would like to get involved or would just like some further information.....please do get in touch!

Our Week in Pictures



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SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

Are you or do you know of families struggling financially due to universal credit, COVID-19, in-work poverty, domestic abuse or mental health?

Founded in February 2019, **Stratford-upon-Avon Little Bird Baby Bank** is here to help try and provide those in need with baby clothes, nappies, toys and equipment.

We also offer an exchange service where you can swap out-grown clothes, equipment etc for the next size or stage.

This helps cut down on the volume of items ending up in landfill!

Please do not hesitate to contact us:

f [SUABabybank](#)

07963 324 205

info@suababybank.co.uk



www.suababybank.co.uk

Scan QR code to fill out referral form →



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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Escape Arts Summer Celebration

Free
Family
Fun!

Saturday 2nd July

at Lifeways Gardens
from 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Live Music

Relax to the chilled out
tunes from the Lounge
Club

Free Activities

Games and creative
activities, open mic.
Food and drinks to
purchase

Come
To
Lifeways
Garden!

You're Invited

To a chilled relaxed FREE family
outdoor event to celebrate 25
years of Escape Arts

Join Us

Join us as we give thanks to
our wonderful volunteers
and supporters who've made
the past 25 years possible!

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creating community wellbeing

 **Lifeways**
A natural health charity



Rear garden at Lifeways,
30 Albany Road,
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