# THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



## DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

- 5th Feb Y5/6 Athletics Stratford School
- 7th Feb Celebration Assembly (By invitation only) and FOSP Valentine's Disco
- 11th Feb Y5 Stargazing visit to Heart of England Forest
- 14th Feb Celebration Assembly (By invitation only) and break up for Half Term
- 17th Feb to 21st Feb Half Term Holiday
- 28<sup>th</sup> Feb Celebration Assembly (By invitation only)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Feb Netball Y5
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mar Pancake Races in the Paddock
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mar -Archery Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6- selected children
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mar World Book Day

## HOUSE POINTS

Arden – 973

Hall -1019

Shakespeare – 943

Hathaway –807





## ATTENDANCE

## Our attendance so far is amazing.

## Whole School %

Reception = 98.7% Year One 99.3%

Year Two =99.3% Year Three =98%

Year Four =97.5% Year Five =95%

Year Six =91.4%



# Y1, Y2 & YR get the dragons – everyone is above national average. Thank you.

## MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF MS PARTON

School News and Updates

It was wonderful to see the children embracing different cultures as they celebrated Chinese New Year last week. They have enjoyed learning about traditions and taking part in creative activities.

Last week, our Safeguarding Governor, Karen Kennedy, visited the school to monitor our safeguarding procedures, ensuring we continue to provide a safe and supportive environment for all our pupils.

The DT workshops for Year 1 and Year 5 are well underway, and the children have been busy creating some fantastic projects. We look forward to sharing their finished work with you soon!

The competition is heating up in Penny Wars! Year 3 are racing ahead, avoiding those silver coins, while Year 5 had a tricky start in the minus. Reception took an early lead, but other year groups quickly sabotaged them with silver coins! Keep the pennies coming—who will be the ultimate winner?

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended our latest PINs meeting. There were some fantastic discussion points, and we appreciate your valuable feedback. The next meeting will take place in Spring 2–more details to follow.

Get ready to celebrate the magic of books! World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. If you're looking for budget-friendly costume ideas, check out the following link: <u>World Book Day Low-Cost</u> <u>Dressing Up Ideas</u>.

Thank you for your ongoing support-we look forward to another exciting week ahead!

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## SAFEGUARDING - IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

### Leaving Children Alone at Home

### What does the law say?

The law does not say an age when you can leave a child on their own, but it's an offence to leave a child alone if it places them at risk. Parents can be prosecuted if they leave a child unsupervised 'in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health'. If your child has an older sibling, you might feel you can leave them home together, especially if one child is older. There's no legal age a child can babysit – but if you leave your children with someone who's under 16, you're still responsible for their wellbeing.

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Warwickshire Safeguarding

#### Covid-19: What if I have to work?

Children may be at home more due to Covid-19, yet parents are needing to work. If you cannot work from home talk to your employer to make them aware of your childcare situation and to find out about the options you have available to you.

#### Where can I get information?

- The <u>NSPCC</u> has further information about children being at home alone including ways in which you can begin to prepare your child.
  ACAS has specific advice for employees in respect of
- COVID-19.
- FIS has information about childcare in Warwickshire

### What about secondary aged children?

The NSPCC don't recommend that children under 16 are left alone at night, and older children shouldn't be alone on a frequent basis. Whether they're 12 years old or almost 18 years old, there might be reasons that they don't feel safe in the house alone. Just because your child is older doesn't necessarily mean they are ready to look after themselves or know what to do in an emergency.

#### Babies and toddlers should never be left alone. Children under 12 shouldn't be left home alone for long Children under 16 shouldn't be left alone overnight and children over 16 years shouldn't be left alone frequently for long periods of time or for multiple nights.

What do the NSPCC recommend?

### What about babies and toddlers?

Infants and young children aged 0-3 years old should never be left alone. This applies not just to leaving them home alone but also in your car while you run into the shops or in another room on their own.

### What about primary aged children?

While every child is different, the NSPCC don't recommend leaving a child under 12 years old home alone, particularly for longer periods of time. If you need to leave them home, it's worth considering finding some suitable childcare.

## SEND NEWS

Have you visited our school's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) webpage? It's a valuable resource offering comprehensive information on the support we provide, aligned with our inclusive ethos. You'll find details about the SEND Local Offer, guidance on Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) applications, and key dates and deadlines for secondary school transitions. Additionally, there are links to parent support services. Explore these resources to stay informed and ensure your child receives the best possible support. https://www.stratfordprimary.co.uk/web/send\_information/213317



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## CURRICULUM



As part of their 'Rocks, Relics, and Rumbles' topic, Year 3 have been creating volcano-themed calligrams, linking to their history learning about Pompeii.





### Year 2 celebrated Chinese New Year!

The children learned about the traditions and celebrations of Chinese New Year, and each enjoyed a fortune cookie in school. They also created a snake craft to mark the Year of the Snake.

A big thank you to Sienna and Tom for bringing in the fortune cookies, and to Noah and Luke for the chocolates.

Wishing you all happiness, health, and success in the Year of the Snake! B



Year 1 have been busy with their home learning project based on the key text *Katie Goes to London*. The models they have created are absolutely amazing! Well done to everyone for their fantastic effort and creativity.





Is your New Year's resolution to read more? Then get involved in Book Bingo at Warwickshire Libraries this year! Read the full article <u>here</u>.

During February, we are focusing on the category 'A book translated from another language.' There will be displays in our libraries with recommendations, as well as recommendations online on the <u>Book Bingo website</u> and on our social media channels.

Find out more about the challenge and how you can get involved at warwickshire.gov.uk/bookbingo



We're excited to be hosting FREE dinosaur-themed activities for school-aged children this February half term at our libraries! Join us for a week of 'dino-mite' fun with crafts and activities that will spark creativity and curiosity. Bring your little palaeontologists and let their imaginations roar! Find out what is happening where on Eventbrite.



Remember - your education is important - don't miss out!



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