

THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



A NOTE FROM MRS SLATER



First of all, an enormous congratulations to our published poetry winners, what an incredible achievement! This week I have been so impressed with the phonics progress in Year 1, their reading has been a joy to listen to! I have had children in all year groups wanting to share their writing with me and have been blown away in particular by the writing in Year 5. Our library is at the start of an exciting revamp and the amazing success of the book fair will go a long way to starting this - thank you to all who supported, it is much appreciated by us all.

Dates for your diary



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*weeks to
Christmas*



- 29th November - Y6 Twelfth Night visit to KES
- 30th November - YR/Y1 Parent Phonic Workshop
- 2nd December - Cygnets Christmas Fair
- 5th December - Y5 visit to Mad Museum
- 6th December - Reception Christmas Play & Y4 singing at local care home
- 8th December - Y4 singing at Victorian Christmas Fair 11am
- 11th December - Reception off to see The Gruffalo in Warwick
- 12th December - Rocksteady concert KS1 & KS2
- 13th December - Y1/2 Christmas concert 10am & 1.30pm
- 14th December - FOSP Christmas Fair

STAY SAFE IN A DIGITAL WORLD

PARENTS - XMAS DEVICES

AS XMAS IS APPROACHING MANY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE ASKING FOR NEW DEVICES. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT PARENTS THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT THESE DEVICES AND THE PARENTAL FEATURES THAT ARE AVAILABLE. IT'S EQUALLY IMPORTANT PARENTS THINK ABOUT WHAT THE DEVICE WILL BE USED FOR, E.G. AN ALL-SINGING-ALL-DANCING SMARTPHONE WHEN IT WILL ONLY BE USED FOR MESSAGING AND THE ODD PHONE CALL, WOULD A DUMB PHONE BE BETTER?

INTERNET MATTERS HAS PUT TOGETHER A COUPLE OF REALLY GOOD GUIDES FOR PARENTS:

HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT PHONE FOR YOUR CHILD [HTTPS://WWW.INTERNETMATTERS.ORG/RESOURCES/TECH-GUIDE/MOBILE-PHONES-FOR-CHILDREN/](https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/mobile-phones-for-children/)

CHILDREN'S TECH GUIDE 2023 - WHICH HAS GUIDES ON A HUGE RANGE OF TECH FROM LAPTOPS TO GAMING CONSOLES, SMART TV'S AND MUCH MORE. THE GUIDES CAN BE FOUND HERE - [HTTPS://WWW.INTERNETMATTERS.ORG/RESOURCES/TECH-GUIDE/](https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/)

SAFEGUARDING - EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

EACH WEEK WE WILL SHARE SAFEGUARDING MESSAGES HERE FOR YOU
EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE, HEALTHY AND WELL.

Positive Parenting

All parents can come under pressure or stress from time to time, and it can even lead to them wanting to smack their children - although many parents regret it later. But evidence shows that it is not an effective way to discipline your children. In Scotland and Jersey (and, from March 2022, in Wales), the law no longer permits any type of physical punishment of children.

Positive parenting uses techniques that work well for every child. These techniques will help you build and strengthen your relationship with your child, leading to them being happier, along with less stress for you. Children's needs and behaviours change as they get older, and understanding these needs will help you better understand your child. A lot has been written about the needs of children and advice for parents can be found on the NSPCC website.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/positive-parenting/>

School-age children are constantly learning and exploring their world. They may have lots of questions as they start to form their own views on issues. As they move towards being more independent they may seem to push boundaries and become more challenging. This is a necessary part of growing up. Ideas on bringing up children have changed, and we now know a lot more about the effects of smacking. Smacking can hurt children's feelings - making them resentful and angry, and damaging the relationship between parent and child. This makes parenting and discipline harder in the long run, not easier. Smacking can get out of control. This also comes back to being a role model. If you smack your child, they may think this is acceptable behaviour and treat other people in the same way. Praise children whenever possible for all they do. Reward positive behavior.

Bonjour tout le monde – Hello everyone. We enjoyed French workshops

On Friday 17th November it was French day at Stratford-upon-Avon Primary. We were very lucky to have a visit from Mrs Rogers - MFL Curriculum Leader at Stratford upon Avon school with four of her students, delivering a French workshop to the KS2 children. They learnt how to describe what is in a town and discovered the differences between French and English towns. The children really enjoyed exploring French culture and having an opportunity to show off their French-speaking skills. We have had MFL links with Stratford-upon-Avon School for two years now, aligning our curriculum with theirs to aid progression into year 7 and instil confidence and passion for learning and speaking French. The children in KS1 enjoyed various French themed activities, from painting and creating their own Eiffel Towers, to learning about France, singing French songs and painting the Tricolore flag.

This was all topped off by a French themed lunch of cassoulet, pommes de terres sautées and French themed cupcakes!

We would like to thank Mrs Rogers and her students for providing us with such a fun and informative workshop. All the children took part in the day with such enthusiasm and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



FRENCH DAY

Choose from
Pork Sausage & Bean Stew (Cassoulet)
or
Cheese Quiche

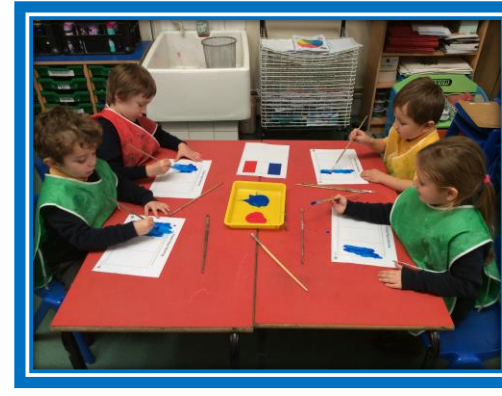
Served with
Sauteed Potatoes (Pommes de Terres Sautees)
Garden Peas (Petit Pois)

Followed by
French Themed Cupcakes



FOOD SMART
FOR BODY AND BRAIN

Friday 17th November



IN AND AROUND OUR COMMUNITY



Santa's Coming

Shakespeare Lions are delighted to confirm that Santa will once again be visiting Stratford in December! He's again asked Lions to assist while he tours around in his sleigh and catches up with all his fans. He will also be putting in an appearance at Morrisons, Tesco, Maybird centre and at the Christmas market in town.

Santa's elves will be collecting donations. alternatively, donating by phone or online will be available, or you can scan the QR code too !.

As usual, any monies raised will be used to support groups and individuals in our local area so please give generously .



Check our website (www.shakespearelions.com) & facebook page for details of routes, dates and times as they become available !

Attendance, Houses & More



George has been hanging around practicing his flying skills in Year 4. He was super impressed with their maths skills.

House news

Shakespeare house met this week to vote on their afternoon treat. Together they decided they would like to have a movie afternoon with treats such as popcorn and juice.

They are going to have a lovely afternoon on Friday 1st December.



Arden – this week's house cup winners

Arden = 1186
Hathaway = 1175
Hall = 1087
Shakespeare = 1179

This week's winners are:

Year 3 = 100% - amazing

and

Year 6 = 98.4%

Rest of school

Rec = 98.3%

Year One = 97.5%

Year Two = 94%

Year Four = 94.7%

Year Five = 98.2%

Whole school attendance is:

97.4%



George has also been learning more chords on the ukulele with Chloe. Who knew dragons could be so musical!



Year One are proud of their Henna tattoos



We enjoyed a special visitor to our Monday assembly - Sophie - a black Labrador who is part of the breeding stock for Guide Dogs for the Blind. She brought Maria and Linda with her who explained all about how Guide Dogs support those who are visually impaired or blind. Sophie was a delight and actually had a little sleep during the assembly. Guide Dogs for the Blind are our school council's chosen charity for the year.

