



THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



NOTES FROM THE DESK OF MRS MCCORMACK

What a busy final week! Year 5 and 6 have been out and about with athletes representing the school in a Pentathlon event, with super results, and both classes taking part in the Warwickshire Big Sing event at Warwick Arts Centre. We certainly have some brilliant singers and I am really looking forward to starting the Year 5 and 6 play rehearsals after half term. The hall was also buzzing with a carnival feel yesterday as Year 1 embarked on a Brazilian Day, as a fabulous finish to their Rio de Vida topic. I was also fortunate enough to accompany Reception on their Outdoor Learning session to the Paddock where they worked with their buddies searching for minibeasts and carrying out a sensory walk. I was particularly impressed with all the super writing they did to record what they could see, hear, smell and feel. As always there are so many exciting learning opportunities it is impossible to mention them all!

We were all very proud of the children this week during our Ofsted visit. Their behaviour was outstanding, they made our visitor feel extremely welcome and they really showcased all the fantastic learning at Stratford Primary. I was very lucky to give our visitor a tour of Maths lessons in the school and was impressed as always with the excellent teaching and learning taking place - a huge well done to everyone!

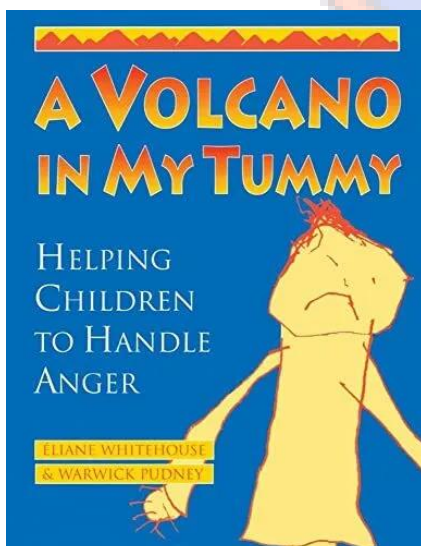
Finally, I hope you all have a restful holiday and we get to enjoy some sunshine!



Dates for your diary

Book Recommendation

There's a volcano in my tummy. A great way to support your child with anger management.



Half term holiday - return to school Monday 3rd June

3rd June - Multiplication statutory testing starts Y4

7th June - Grounds Day and Plant walks

10th June - Phonics screening for Year 1 begins/ Y1 dinosaur visit

Y6 Manor Adventure parent meeting 3.45pm/Netball match TJ

13th June- New Reception Parent meeting 6pm

14th June - Celebration Assembly/CAT football tournament

17th June - New Reception Stay & Play Grp 1

18th June - Y3/4 Athletics, New Reception Stay & Play Grp 2/Y5 & 6 Play

19th June - Y5/6 Play

21st June - School closed - Staff Training Day

26th June - Y2 Artbase experience

28th June - Sports Day

1st July - Y3 Natural History Trip/Y6 Residential

STAY SAFE IN A DIGITAL WORLD

The logo for Internet Matters, featuring the text "internet matters.org" in white on a green square background.

Managing screen time

With half-term almost upon us you might want to look for guidance about helping your children to develop a healthy relationship with technology. Internet Matters have a series of tips and guides to help with this including setting up parental controls, finding other activities to do, agreeing on boundaries and more. You can view the guidance **at this link - <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/protect-your-child/#age-guides>**

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.

Transition tips for parents

The logo for Young Minds, featuring the text "YOUNG MINDS" in large, bold, yellow and grey letters, with the tagline "fighting for young people's mental health" in smaller grey text below it.

At this time of year parents of Year 6 children start to think about the transition to Year 7. This is a significant change in their lives. Going through change can be scary or challenging, but sometimes it's just the small things, like showing an interest in your child's hobbies, that can make a difference.

Young Minds website has useful tips and videos to support you all.

See some top tips below too.

Choose health

Know what affects your child, what makes them grumpy, hyper, disconnected...

Do they need snacks throughout the day?
Do they need lots of sleep?
Do they need to get out and about and do exercise?
Do they need time alone?

Trust that you know your child and give them the basics that they need to cope with difficult days

Work together

Share ideas about how to:

- create action plans
- have a problem-solving approach
- enjoy achievements
- be forward-looking
- show them that we can all get things wrong

Move on up

Encourage independence:

- help them to move positively from child identity towards teen identity
- increase their responsibilities
- be positive whenever they act maturely

Be aware of your child's changing needs. Sometimes it might feel like one step forwards, two steps back.

Be calm

Try to stay calm whilst your child is feeling distressed. Your child may show:

- highs and lows
- blame
- melodrama
- self-centredness
- anger

Communicate

The small things you do make all the difference:

Keep talking, texting, listening, hearing, hugging, sympathising, smiling, reassuring, checking, sharing, suggesting, encouraging, respecting

Get learning

Be involved, find out more and talk about:

- social media
- internet benefits and dangers
- new music
- language and slang
- current affairs
- what it's like to be young in the current world

Be wise

As they discover new things, try to:

- be interested
- be non-judgemental
- guide
- give boundaries
- see it from all sides
- listen to their point of view
- choose your words carefully
- act on warning bells

Be the anchor

In times of change you are:

- constant
- family
- familiar
- routine
- in-jokers
- irritating
- comforting
- home

Have fun

Provide lots of light relief:

- be silly
- be embarrassing
- play games
- laugh together
- do stuff together
- make jokes
- make things
- be outside

Look after yourself

Support yourself, to best support your child:

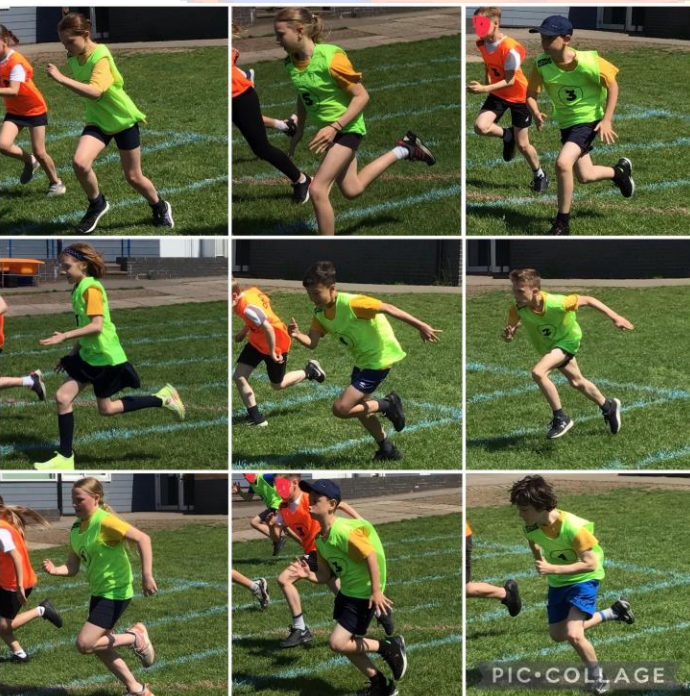
- lean on friends
- offload on other family
- find 'me time'
- see the GP
- relax, exercise, sleep well, eat well
- remember tomorrow is a new day



Ten Ways for parents to help children cope with change



Keep scrolling through our newsletter to see photos from various events that have happened with regards our wider curriculum - Y1 enjoyed a visit from grandparents sharing their childhood, they have also had a super Brazilian workshop and a visit from the fire service. Y5/6 did brilliantly at a pentathlon event - they came 2nd out of 12 schools. Awesome. Y5 have been doing science experiments and went with Y6 to sing with 1000 children at Warwick Arts centre



Attendance, Houses & More



House Points

Every child across the school received 100 dojos each for being such absolute superstars this week and an extra play in the paddock.



This week's winners are:

Y2, Y4 and Y6 & Y1 share

Attendance figures

Reception = 92%

Year One = 97%

Year Two = 99%

Year Three = 96%

Year Four = 98%

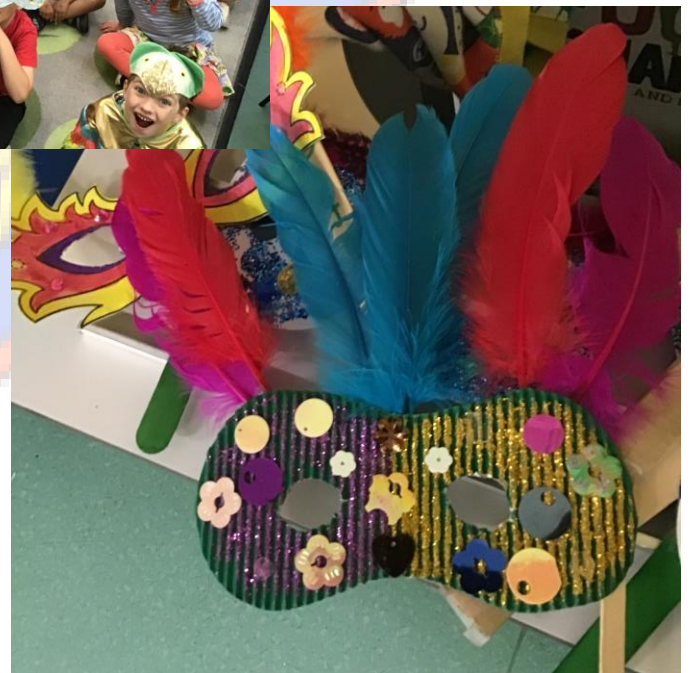
Year Five = 96%

Year Six = 97%

Whole school attendance for this year so far is:

96%





Happy Holidays from all of us including our Year 6 pupils in their new leaver's hoodies. Thank you for a great half term. See you on Monday 3rd June 2024

