



## Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

### Mrs Frake

Yesterday we said a fond farewell to our wonderful Mrs Frake.

After an amazing 33 years' service, we would like to thank her for the fantastic times we have shared together. We worked out that Mrs Frake will have seen nearly 10,000 children through the school! Impacting so many children's lives and supporting so many of our teachers through the years, we will be sure to miss her very much!

Mrs Frake was very kind to gift the school our very own star, named after the school for children and adults past and present. A very kind and thoughtful gesture.

We are sure we will be seeing Mrs Frake very soon for help in our school trips!



### Upcoming Events

- 05/11/2018** **Walk to School Week**  
5th - 9th November
- 06/11/2018** **Open Morning - 9:30am-11:30am**  
For prospective parents for Sept 2019 intake
- 06/11/2018** **Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm**  
For parents of children currently at school- Booking via Parentmail-
- 07/11/2018** **Parents' Evening 3:30pm-5:30pm**  
For parents of children currently at school- Booking via Parentmail-
- 07/11/2018** **Open Morning 9:30am-11:30am**  
For prospective parents for Sept 2019 intake

## Foundation Stage

This week in Foundation Stage the children have started their exciting new topic of "Fairytales". This has been very popular so far with lots of dressing up and role play! They listened to a story about knights and dragons and then had a go at making their own dragon scales using a variety of textured resources.

Children showed **independence and imagination**, selecting the resources they wanted to use. During character education they showed **thoughtfulness and courage**, sharing things that can make them feel a little scared. They then placed a peg in the basket to symbolise giving that worry away.

The children have also enjoyed more outdoor learning this week, making bird feeders using orange skins. They learnt that birds really need extra food as the weather starts getting colder, so we hope they like the feeders we made!



It is 100 years since the end of WW1. We will be selling Poppies from next week, remembering all those who have given their lives for our freedom. If you wish your child to have one, please send a donation of your choice into school with them in an envelope.

### REMINDER: WOW WEEK

Next week is our 'Walk to School' Week to encourage everyone to find an alternative way to come to school, rather than in the car. You could try scootering, walking, or skipping! How many different ways can you find?

## Key Stage 1

The children in Year 1.2 have been very busy this week exploring Autumn seasonal **changes and celebrations**. We've been foraging all around our wonderful school grounds in search of signs of Autumn and were able to find an array of different leaves, seeds, berries and other natural items! We've also been **learning** about the importance of firework safety and using our **creative skills** to make a colourful, eye-catching, spinning Catherine Wheel to celebrate Bonfire Night at the weekend. Our new topic 'Fire and Fury' this term, investigates 'The Great Fire of London' and it's been fascinating to travel back through time through our quality texts, and start to discover what happened during this important historical event.

Now that Autumn has well and truly arrived, we would like to remind parents that we continue to have PE outside and your child will therefore need to remember their outdoor PE kit which is a navy sweatshirt or fleece, long navy jogging bottoms and trainers. Please see our website for more details.



## Key Stage 2

As part of our Animal topic, the year 3/4 children have been very busy dissecting owl pellets (undigested food which has been regurgitated). Using protective gloves, they showed **great enthusiasm** breaking apart the pellets to find the hidden bones. It was a very messy job but the children were very **keen and enjoyed** getting stuck in. We found some great undigested rodent skulls, complete with jaw bones and teeth. The children were amazed how well preserved the bones were and even managed to reassemble some skeletons! What a fantastic lesson!

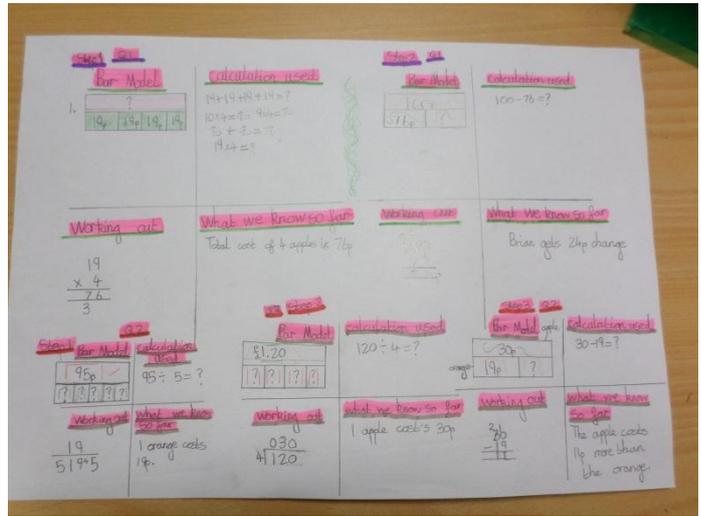
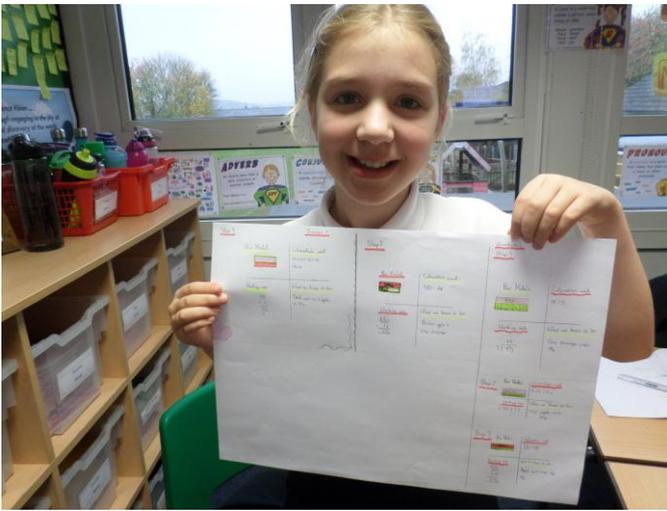


## Key Stage 2

What a brilliant start to Term 2 from Year 5.6. We have used scripts and comics for our work on inverted commas. The children created some fantastic pieces of writing, showing their **creativity and imagination**; they went on to create and draw their own comic strips. The work they produced was amazing!

In Maths, we have started to develop strategies using bar models to solve ever increasingly difficult word problems. The children have **adapted, with confidence**, to a different way of approaching a problem and are showing **great resilience** when tackling these types of questions.

Our scientific minds have been working over-time this week. Using torches, card and blu-tac (and a great amount of **teamwork**), we have started to prove how light travels in straight lines. Finally, in PE, we have continued working on balance and coordination. The children were tasked with various games and challenges to **improve** their core strength.



Don't forget our  
**Green Morning on Friday**  
**23rd November** – please look  
out for a Parentmail with  
details of the event sent this  
week.

All children in KS1 must be  
collected from the top  
playground at the end of the  
school day.  
Please can we also ask for your  
help in standing away from the  
steps for safety reasons.



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## STAMFORD ST GILBERT'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR - TERM 2

Date	Time	Event
5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> November		Walk to School Week
6 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am – 11.30am	Open Morning – Prospective parents for EYFS 2019
	4.00pm-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
7 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am – 11.30am	Open Morning – Prospective parents for EYFS 2019
	3.30pm-5.30pm	Parents' Evening –
8 <sup>th</sup> November		Netball Game - Home
14 <sup>th</sup> November	3.30pm – 4.30pm	KS1 School Disco
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> November	ALL WEEK	Bikeability
15 <sup>th</sup> November		Y3.4 to Stamford School – Drama Day
16 <sup>th</sup> November		Children in Need
23 <sup>rd</sup> November		Green Morning & Y5.6 Collective Worship
3 <sup>rd</sup> December		KS2 Advent Service
5 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm	EYFS and KS1 Nativity
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8 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Fayre
10 <sup>th</sup> December		EYFS & 1.2 Christmas Party
		Final swimming lesson for Fine Class
14 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Jumper Day
		Youth University ends
16 <sup>th</sup> December	3.00pm	Christingle Service, All Saints' Church
17 <sup>th</sup> December		Y5.6 Christmas Party
18 <sup>th</sup> December		Y3.4 Christmas Party
	6.30pm – 7.30pm	KS2 Carol Service, All Saints' Church
19 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Lunch (Book by 3.00pm on Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec)
	6.30pm – 7.30pm	KS2 Carol Service, All Saints' Church
20 <sup>th</sup> December		Term 2 Ends

***These are the dates currently in place and we will provide updates via the school calendar and the weekly newsletter***