



WEEKLY NEWS 13.10.17

Old and New £1 coins

I am sure you are all aware of the national deadline regarding the old £1 coins. The old £1 (circular) coin ceases to be legal tender from midnight on Sunday 15 October. The school will continue to accept these up to and including next Friday, 20th October when we break for half term. When the new half term starts on 31 October we will only accept the new, 12 sided, £1 coins.

Saints Alive!



Bring your
pets!

Pet Service- All Saints' Church

Service starts at 11:15 am

Sunday 15th October

St Francis of Assisi blessed the animals and even preached to them. In his honour we have a service for all pets and their owners.

Social Media

As you are aware the guidance from Instagram is that the site is for children who are 13+.

This week some children in the upper end of school who are using Instagram tried to "follow" the Year 5/6 teachers. Naturally, the teachers have declined these invitations however this has raised some concerning safeguarding issues as one or two pupils tried to follow a Mr Derbyshire who is not **our** Mr Derbyshire. This potentially gave this stranger access to personal information about these children that they were unaware they were sharing.

Can I please ask parents to discuss e-safety with children at home and how important it is that they do not put themselves in difficult positions by sharing personal information about themselves or contacting people they do not know. Staff will also not accept requests to follow and will also not initiate these as part of their responsibilities so please let your child know this.

Thank you once again for your support with this. Social media has the potential to dominate children's lives and we must ensure they learn how to access the many different sites in a balanced and safe manner, and use it sensibly, knowledgeable about the consequences of their actions so that they can make the most of all the positive aspects of these communication tools.

Sporting News

Years 3 and 4 Tag Rugby players played fantastically at the tournament this week, winning all of their matches. The boys and girls displayed great sportsmanship and skill and we were all very impressed. Well done to everyone involved and many thanks to parental support.



Learning news



This week Foundation Stage children have been learning about the exciting world of Stamford Rocks! These are decorated rocks that people hide around town for you to find. Miss Rudkin was lucky enough to find a rock decorated as a bumblebee on her way to school on Wednesday. We read some stories about monsters and then the children created their own monster rocks using paint, felt tip pens, googly eyes and feathers. These will be coming home soon and then you can find somewhere good to hide them. If you find a rock, you can take a picture of yourself with it and upload it to the Stamford Rocks Facebook page then re-hide it for someone else to find. Happy rock hunting!

The children in Year 3/4 had great fun in Spelling this week. To help learn the spellings for the week and consolidate the rules that they had been covering, they went onto the playground and used chalk to practise their spelling strategies. The children thought it was great fun to lean their spellings outside in the sunshine!



In Maths this week, Year 1 and 2 have been having fun subtracting in different ways. We even began learning how to use a 'bar model' with our Cuisenaire! In DT, we have been designing our moving toys and this week we began to construct them using split pins, cardboard and lolly sticks.

In Y5.6 we have learned to become masters in Maths. We have been using a variety of resources to help us improve our reasoning skills, and all of the teachers are extremely impressed with the deeper knowledge and understanding that the children have demonstrated. As part of our Tudor topic, we have been learning about the Reformation through active English. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking on the different roles and were fine actors and actresses!



DATES TO REMEMBER!

15/10/2017-Saints Alive! Pet Service 11:15am All Saints' Church

16/10/2017- One World Week

20/10/2017- PTA Cake Raffle & Sale

20/10/2017 - Term 1 ends