



## Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

So much has happened in our first half-term! Our Foundation Stage children have settled into their new school routines beautifully whilst Year 1/2 have produced some amazingly creative work based on the picture books "Journey" and "Quest". Year 3/4 children have enjoyed many out-of-school experiences from singing at the British Legion Cantata event to visiting exotic animals at the zoo and enjoying performances at The Stamford Endowed Schools, and those in Years 5 and 6 have really challenged themselves both academically in class and physically and personally outside of school at the Clip 'N' Climb centre and on the JCA residential trip. We wish you a restful half-term break and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

### DIARY DATES

18/10/2019	Term 1 Ends
20/10/2019	Saints Alive! 11:15am All Saints' Church, Stamford
28/10/2019	Term 2 Begins
30/10/2019	Individual Photographs

### Attendance

#### EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Each week we announce the attendance percentages for each class, recognising improvement and the class who has achieved the best attendance!

*Congratulations to  
Strong Class  
who had 98.67% attendance last week.  
Well done!*

### Foundation Stage

We have had a really interesting week in Foundation Stage, learning about different professions that help us such as doctors, the police, vets and firefighters. The children have learnt about the places they work, and the kinds of things they do in their jobs that look after us and keep us safe. We had lots of fun drawing round two children and then creating life-sized paintings of fire fighters. We have also been thinking about how we can keep ourselves healthy, and the children enjoyed an activity of sorting pictures of food into "healthy" and "unhealthy" groups.

In Character Education the children have continued learning about "cooperation" and what it means to work as a team. They listened to a story about how children could do so much more when they work together with others instead of just on their own. We then played a fun game of getting a plastic hoop around the circle without breaking hands and discovered how working together can help achieve the goal!

The children have now finished their first term at school! Wow, what a great start they've had!



## Key Stage 1

It's been a hive of activity in Key Stage one this week as the children busily completed their DT projects. Their vehicles are now ready for testing (possibly the most exciting bit!) and evaluation. Class teachers were very proud to see the children demonstrate not only great teamwork, as many of the tasks involved working together, but also great problem solving skills and resilience when things just didn't quite go to plan. The children will be bringing their vehicles home so we hope you enjoy hearing all about how they were made, what the different parts are and how they work.

The children have finished writing their story ending for the book 'Quest' this week. They have thoroughly enjoyed this book although there weren't any words! They have used their very best handwriting and some of the Year 1 children have even started to join their handwriting.

All of the children are very proud to have their finished work displayed in their classrooms.



## Key Stage 2

What a busy week we have had in Year 3/4 this week!

On Tuesday, we were very lucky to have a break in the weather as we visited Hamerton Zoo. The children had a very exciting day, learning a lot of information about different types of animals and their varying habitats. Part of the day was spent participating in a workshop where the children met 'Oreo' the bearded dragon and 'Stevie' the skunk! The children found out why animals adapt to suit their environment and were very excited to spend time with Oreo and Stevie, learning about their particular adaptations. Staff at the zoo were impressed with the children's knowledge about animals and we were very pleased with the children's behaviour throughout the day.

We were also out and about on Thursday this week, visiting Stamford Girls' school to view the GCSE Drama performances from the Year 11 children. Each of the performances that the children viewed had a message, which was delivered in a fun and engaging manner. As always, the performances were of a very high standard and hopefully it has inspired our children to develop their creative acting skills.

The rest of our learning in school this week has had a zoo theme and the children have been designing amazing plans for a new zoo, whilst working on geographical skills of map work. The basic concept of scale was introduced to the children as they thought carefully about the different sizes need for enclosures and areas of the zoo. The designs were very creative and beautifully presented.

Maths also had a zoo theme, with the children continuing their work on rounding. The children had to apply their knowledge in this area to round some facts based on the different animals that we had encountered during our visit earlier in the week.



## Key Stage 2

Over the last couple of weeks in Maths, Year 5 and 6 have been 'dotty about decimals!' they have been learning about the place value of decimal numbers and thinking about how to round them to different powers of ten. We have been really impressed with the children's perseverance when things get a little tricky. The children helped each other to come up with different rules when rounding and by the end of the week, were rounding wizzes! This week, we moved onto looking at negative numbers and calculating across 0. The children used different methods such as number lines and the bar method to help them solve problems. It was lovely to see them engaging with their partners when discussing which method worked best for the challenges they were faced with.

In English, we have been learning about comparison texts. After enjoying the book Ice Bear we thought back to our History lessons and the story of Demeter and Persephone. The children discussed the similarities in the themes, characters and plots of the books and thought about how each text differed from the other. They then learnt about the features of a comparison text by looking at a WAGOLL (What A Good One Looks Like) and thought about how they could include these features in their own comparison text. They planned their work, explaining what they would include in their well-organised paragraphs and wrote a final draft of their comparison. We were awestruck with the amazing writing the children produced and it captivated their understanding of the texts beautifully.

In PE with Mrs Oakley, the children have been learning about the point scoring system in volleyball. They learnt to umpire their own little rallies and found it really exciting to have their own matches in their groups. As always, we are very proud of the children's sportsmanship and attitudes to team work. Each team encouraged and supported the other to help them find ways to score points.

As promised, have a look at our finished Eco banner! The Year 5 children worked so hard to create their own poster to promote climate change. We combined them all to create their own collection!



## PTA News

144 children danced their socks off in the hall at the school discos. Hopefully they all went home full of beans and suitably sweaty after they finished up the party to the classic 'Baby Shark'. You helped to raise over £300.

### **Cake Raffle**

Thank you to everyone that bought a Cake Raffle ticket. You have helped to raise £161!

And the WINNER was ..... Harry Truslove from Foundation Stage. A massive thank you to Annabelle Ward from Sugar for the amazing creation.

We hope you all have a happy and restful half term holiday and  
we look forward to seeing you on  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October for the start of the new term.



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FRIDAY 29th

NOVEMBER

From 3pm

