



STAMFORD ST GILBERT'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

Dear Parents / Carers,

A very warm welcome back to you all and our new families. We hope you had a restful half term.

The RHSE information evening held on Thursday was very well attended, with lots of sharing of information as well as a Q&A session and input from parents.

As you know, only children in Year 6 are allowed to bring mobiles to school if they are walking to and from school and also have signed a mobile permission form. The phone is there to allow the child/parent to make contact during the walk home. Phones have to be switched off at the gate when arriving at school and can only be switched on once they have left the grounds.

We have become aware that a few younger children may be bringing mobile phones into school. This is not allowed and I ask you ensure that if your child is not in Year 6 that they do not bring a mobile phone to school. Should they do so, it will be confiscated for the day and returned to you as their parent.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Kind regards

Miss Dicker

DIARY DATES

05/03/2020	Book Fair Thursday 5th - Tuesday 10th March Afterschool in the Hall
05/03/2020	World Book Day Donate to Dress Up Day
05/03/2020	Reading Breakfast EYFS & KS1 8.15 - 8.45KS2 8.45 - 9.15
09/03/2020	Year 5 & 6 Trip to Burghley House Tudor Day at Burghley House

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 Caterpillar Class
who had 99.55%
attendance last week.
Brilliant!**

Foundation Stage

Our new topic for Term 4 in EYFS is Planting and Growing. To introduce the topic, we read the story of Jack and the Beanstalk before we set about planting our own beans. The children were great and everyone enjoyed filling their pots with compost before planting their bean, covering it over and adding some water. All the planted beans are now sitting on the windowsills in our classroom and we are looking forward to seeing how they grow over the coming weeks and filling in our individual bean diaries. Following on from planting our beans, we have written instructions that other people could use if they wanted to do some planting. Everyone is very enthusiastic about this topic and it has been great to hear some of the children talking about how they have planted and grown their own vegetables at home.



Key Stage 1

This week in Year 1.2. we have been busy looking at imperative verbs. The children made jam sandwiches, using very precise instructions, so that they could listen out for the vocabulary. Next we watched videos of famous chefs so that we could see what language they used. We collected up as many different imperative verbs as possible and we will be using them next week in our instruction writing.

We are exploring the Islamic Creation Story in R.E. at the moment and have been very creative. Our acting skills were put to the test when we made freeze frames of the story, and we then showed off our new sketching skills to show what we imagined the world would look like after the story.



Key Stage 2

In Science this week Year 3.4 have been exploring our Solar System, finding out the names of each fascinating planet and researching the similarities and differences between them. The children were exceptionally keen to share their knowledge and it is clear they have already been finding out about the Earth and beyond at home! They have been exploring the uniqueness of Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune and thinking of mnemonics to remember the order of the planets in terms of distance from the sun. There were some excellent discussions and the children were keen to ask questions. Some of the children were surprised to find out that the sun is actually a star!

We have been thinking about 'Service in the Community' and ways in which we could help others. The children came up with some lovely ideas such as writing cards, poems and stories for local hospitals, making cakes to raise money for a mental health charity, litter picking in the local community and even sewing soft felt hearts for children in the Amazon Children's Ward in Peterborough. It was lovely to hear how thoughtful and caring the children are and how much they would like to help others. They made some beautiful hands with Celtic patterns and wrote their ideas on each finger.

In Maths, to tie in with our topic, we've been learning about Roman numerals, and different symbols that the Romans used to denote number. The children showed great resilience in working out the Roman number system and we are learning a catchy song to help remember the main numerals. Hopefully they'll remember it and sing it at home!



Key Stage 2

Year 5.6 have had a real 'fraction-frenzy' this week! We have been comparing, adding and subtracting fractions and using the skills we have learnt to apply these to problems. Some of the questions have been really challenging and it has been great to see the children really getting their teeth into these.

Continuing with our Tudor topic, we painted our salt dough Tudor roses on Wednesday afternoon. The children had to be very precise and careful when painting their roses and had to remember which colour they needed first for each of the petals. Next week, we will be writing a set of instructions as to how we made these ensuring they are clear, concise and detailed enough for someone to re-create their own!

In Computing, the children have been applying their skills to create a tessellating pattern using shapes and forms. The children learnt how to create a shape that will tessellate then they translated these onto paper to create a cool design. The next steps in their learning will involve using a programme called Inkscape to create a similar effect. They should be able to understand what needs to happen to a shape in order for it to tessellate.



Ash Wednesday

Our Ash Wednesday service this year was led by the Honorary Assistant Priest of All Saints' Church Stamford, The Rev David Bond, assisted by Mrs Camp. We were very pleased that Fr David could take part in this special worship. The Collective Worship Committee led the prayers. During the service Fr David and Mrs Camp 'ashed' the whole school. This was in the form of ash being applied to everyone's foreheads in the shape of a cross. We kept the crosses on our foreheads throughout the day as a symbol of our faith. It was an amazing and thought-provoking way to begin our journey through Lent to Easter Day.



Parents' Evenings Information

Parents' Evening slots for Monday 23rd March 4pm-7pm or Tuesday 24th March 3:30pm-6:00pm will be available to book via Parentmail from Friday 28th February. Online bookings will be available for 2 weeks and will close on Monday 16th March.

Watch out for information coming home next week about
'The Big Read' starting on Thursday (World Book Day).



Secondary School Offers

A reminder that parents or carers of Year 6 pupils will be receiving their secondary school offer on Monday 2nd March. Those people who applied online should receive an e-mail during Monday morning confirming their offered school. Those who applied by telephone or paper application should receive their offer in the post on Tuesday.



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