



Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

UPCOMING DATES

10/10/18 **Non Uniform Day / Wear Something Yellow**

Pupils are invited to wear something yellow to school in exchange for a small donation of your choice. This could be a full outfit, a T-shirt or perhaps a yellow accessory to wear.

15/10/2018 One World Week

19/10/2018 Term 1 Ends

21/10/2018 Saints Alive!
11:15am- All Saints' Church, Stamford
All age service

OUR PTA

We have been exceptionally lucky to have had an amazing team of parents running **our PTA** over the last few years. The financial support from the PTA has been tremendous and our children have been able to reap the benefits of PTA funding in so many ways throughout the school year. **Did you know** that the PTA funds raised are used to contribute towards school trips, sporting events and kits, reading and other resources, equipment, premise improvements, Christmas parties and much, much more!

Without this funding many of these would **simply not be possible** and therefore our school would not be as rich in opportunities and experiences. **Your participation is vital** to our school and **your children will benefit hugely from your involvement**.

As a school we are planning developments for both the top and bottom playground and are also looking to improve the quality and quantity of play equipment for pupils. We are going to be involving the Young Governors in driving these improvements.

But what does it really mean to be involved in the PTA?

Many of you will have just the right skills to make you perfect candidates for forging the PTA forwards. Some of you will be able to regularly commit to the PTA as part of the core committee- where roles can be shared if desired. Others of you may have a few hours spare to sell raffle tickets, bake a cake or serve tea on Sports Day. **Whatever time you are able to give WILL make an impact.**

For the PTA to continue we need you. Please contact Chrissy Tresidder-Walton, Isobel Howett or Louise Bellis who would be delighted to share their own experiences of the last couple of years and give you a real flavour of how rewarding being part of the PTA Committee can be.

We look forward to welcoming interest from ANY parent/carers who feels they may be able to contribute in any way to ensure we maintain this extremely important element of our school's identity.

We look forward to seeing you at the next PTA meeting on 12th October at 9am.

Foundation Stage

This week in Foundation Stage, the children have been getting **inquisitive** learning all about their senses!

They made shakers using plastic bottles and listened to the different sounds they made depending on what they put inside and the size of the bottles. They also had a try at our mystery smell game, guessing the smell of some different items hidden in pots; some nice, some not so much!

They really enjoyed having a visitor in class this week for RE as Dr Petrie talked to the children about what it means to be a Christian. The children listened attentively and looked at all the pictures and different children's Bibles she had brought in to show. **Thank you, Dr Petrie.**

I have been so impressed with the children's knowledge of phonics. The children are doing amazingly well and are beginning to blend the sounds together to make words - the very first step in learning to read! They are also forming their letters beautifully.

How exciting!



Key Stage 1

Year 1.2 have been thinking about The Creation Story in RE, so this week we explored ways of saying thank you to God for our amazing world. The children **worked together** to complete post-its of their creative ideas, and also wrote some wonderful thank you prayers to make an inspiring display. As you can see they were very proud of what they achieved!

We've been busy actively engaging in some super, **interactive and creative science** lessons this week! The children were **intrigued and eager** to explore our senses investigating sight with magnifying glasses and mirrors, touch using feely bags, tasting fruit and vegetables, smelling scented perfumes and listening to musical instruments. What great fun the children had finding out about different body parts and their functions!

A LITTLE REMINDER THAT OUR 'HELLO
YELLOW' CHARITY EVENT ON
WED 10th OCT

IS A NON UNIFORM DAY

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR SOMETHING
YELLOW

Key Stage 2

This week, Years 3 and 4 have been focusing on the picture storybook 'The Professional Crocodile', by Giovanna Zaboli and Mariachiara Di Giorgio, to produce a fantastic script.

They **worked exceptionally well in teams** to identify different adjectives, verbs and adverbs and used a thesaurus turn any boring adjectives into great adjectives.

They have also 'wowed' us with some **amazing sentences** to describe the various activities the Crocodile undertook throughout it's day. Once the script is complete we plan to tell our amazing story to the children in the Foundation Stage.

I was in lessons across key stage 2 this week observing and was really impressed by the children's **enthusiastic attitude**, their **good subject knowledge** and their **ability to ask some very good questions to further their understanding!** Well done staff and children!

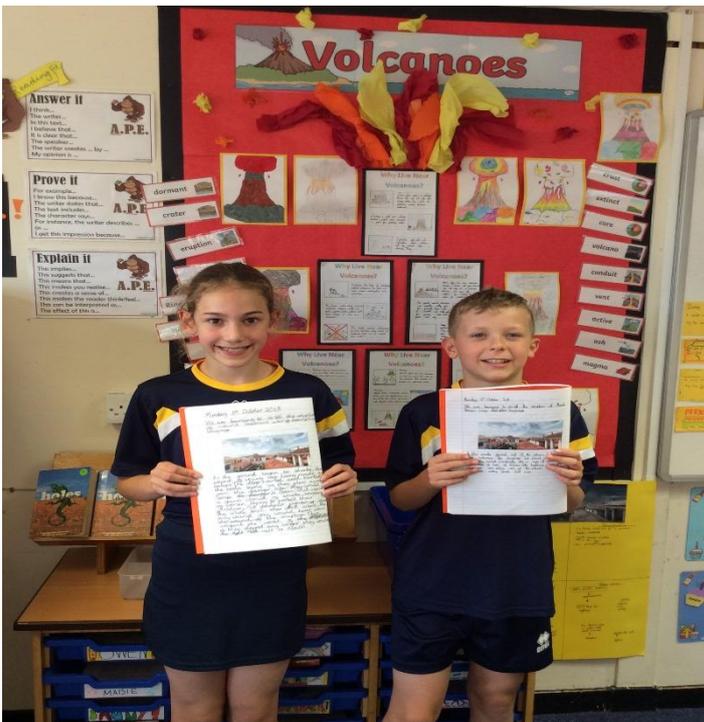


We have been **working co-operatively** in Years 5 and 6 to plan a lesson based on **teamwork** and **co-operation** for children in Key Stage 1 to take part in next week.

The children had to think carefully about how they would interact **responsibly** with their younger peers and how to make the task appropriate for their level.

Through our topic, we used descriptive language to re-tell the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. They showed a **love of learning** and created some amazing pieces of writing – it was almost as if we were there!

In Science, we have started planning our investigation on electricity. The children worked well together; they asked lots of interesting questions and predicted what might happen. We all look forward to carrying out the experiments next week and finding out the results.



Other News

Armistice Event at the Corn Exchange, Stamford

Over the last couple of weeks, the children in Year 4 have been working hard to practise lots of songs ready for a performance at the Corn Exchange.

The event, organised by Mr Fergus Black, was in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice Celebrations for WWI.

The children showed **compassion and recognition** for the amazing heroes that lost their lives, fighting for our freedom. There was a mixture of songs, some catchy and bouncy, which captured the essence of the **positivity** of the people who lived through the terrible battles and some songs had a more sombre and meaningful tone, which the children really **respected** and engaged with.

We are so proud of the children for learning the songs and performance schedule so quickly and would like to say a special thank you to Mr Black for organising such a special event.



Eco News

Next week is Eco week and we are focussing on the ever growing problem of plastic in our world.

We will be talking to the children regarding the issues that plastic is causing in our seas and on land. The children will be working on activities which link to One World Week, which is being held in the Gallery at Stamford Arts Centre from **Monday 15th October – Saturday 20th October.**

Some of the work that the children complete will be displayed at this exhibition which is titled, **'The world is changing – how about us?'** Please try to pop in and see the exhibition which is run by Stamford Fairtrade Town Group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yesterday our Netball Team took part in their first match of the season and they made us extremely proud! The **teamwork** and **cooperation** that was shown by the team was incredible and **we very successfully ended the game 10-4!** We look forward to next Thursday's home game against Uffington.

Come and support the team if you can!



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