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STEBBING SPOTLIGHT

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 11th November
Stebbing 10 Mile Run

Monday 12th November
Cheerleading Assmebly

Friday 16th November
Children in Need

Parents invited to Friday Sharing Assembly 9am

Friday 16th November
AFSS School Disco

Wednesday 21st November
Parent Spelling Lesson and Talk
9am - 10.40am

Repeat of Talk 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Thursday 22nd November
Dance Workshop

Tuesday 27th November
Kestrels Forest School Day

Tuesday 28th November
Open Day for September 2019

Thursday 29th November
3-3.30pm
Parents invited in for a Book Look

AFSS Quiz Night
Friday 30th November

See also the Christmas dates on the Diary Page at the back of this Spotlight

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HEADTEACHER

Just a reminder that all parents are invited to our sharing assembly next week on Friday 16th November at 9am in the school hall. If you would like to join in with our Children in Need non-uniform spotty and stripy day that would be great!

Parents are also invited to a Book Look after school on Thursday 29th November from 3-3.30pm

We have produced a Christmas Dates calendar which is a separate document attached with the Spotlight today, You can also find out what's on in school by visiting our website:

<http://stebbingprimary.co.uk/calendar/>

COMMUNITY COHESION

A huge thank you in advance to everyone who is helping on Sunday as the Remembrance Day Run.

Thank you also for all of the cakes we received today. This will help to raise a lot of money for the school.

There's still time to sponsor Mr Le Masurier who will be running on Sunday. Pop into the office if you would like to or you can sponsor him online, the link is in the AFSS section of this Spotlight

Thank you once again to our AFSS for organising this event!

NOTES

School Admissions for September 2019

Please note that applications for children due to start school in September 2019 can be made online from Monday 12th November at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2019

We have two further open days on Wednesday 28th November 1.15-2.30pm and

Monday 3rd December 3.15pm - 6pm

Congratulations for the best Attendance

Friday 2nd November - Kestrels

Friday 8th November - Kingfishers

SPORTING EVENTS

Congratulations to all of the children, parents and members of staff who completed the monthly Stebbing Park Run event on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th November. All of the children completed the run superbly and really pushed themselves to complete the tricky course.

Our first inter house competition took place on Tuesday 6th November with 31 children taken part to compete for points for their house. the overall winner from all year groups was Chestnut. A huge congratulations to all children who took part.

Both of our competitions over the past two weeks have taken place today with the year 3 & 4 boys football team competing against local schools in a family football tournament at Felsted Primary School.

This afternoon, a group of children attended the KS1 multi-skills inclusion event. at Felsted Independent School where the children were able to experience a wide range of sports and activities that they may not get to experience at school.

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS

Friday 2nd November

Wrens: Ji Bucknell & Elly Wootton

Kingfishers: Shae Baldock & Albert Ririe

Woodpeckers: Archie Wigmore & Euan Yapp

Kestrels: Evie Hassan & Ella- Rose Perry

Owls: Teddy Page-Blackley & Rufus Gray

Friday 8th November

Wrens: Henry Munson & Stella Guerts

Kingfishers: Schuyler Whitehead & Emily Beeken

Woodpeckers: William Foxton & Annabelle Cole

Kestrels: Rose Smith & Lola Sands

Owls: Louis Francis & Lola Slack

AFSS

Thank you to everyone that donated cakes today for Sunday's Remembrance 10 Mile Stebbing Run. We really appreciate the baking and the buying but not as much as we know the runners will appreciate eating them after the run! Our thanks also go to Mr Le Masurier for running this event for the AFSS! We'll save him a big slice of cake!

You can sponsor Mr Lemausier online at <https://paypal.me/pools/c/89qg4yz5MH>

Dates for the diary! (We love a Friday!)

Friday 16th November - AFSS Disco - tickets available now in the office for £3 each.

Friday 30th November - AFSS Quiz Night - 2 tables remaining!

Friday 7th December - Children's Christmas Market in the morning & the Christmas Fayre in the afternoon.

We hope to see lots of you at these events! Thank you - the AFSS Team.

WRENS

Wrens have had another fantastic couple of weeks. In maths the year 1 children have been focusing on addition, using the part-whole model and learning their bonds to 10. The presentation in their maths book was amazing. The reception children have been using the language of more and fewer. Next week we are going to be adding amounts together.

In English we have been learning about fact and fiction. We have enjoyed looking through our dinosaur non-fiction books. We used the non-fiction books to sort facts for a Tyrannosaurus-Rex and a Diplodocus. Next week we are going to be writing our own dinosaur fact files.

During our topic lesson we sorted dinosaurs based on their features and researched why they have these features. The children are going to be making their own dinosaur over the next couple of weeks.

In science we have been looking at animals bodies and how their body parts are different to ours. We made some bizarre beasts, using different body parts.

We are looking forward to dinosaur day on Wednesday 5th December.

KINGFISHERS

We continue to work incredibly hard on our spellings in Kingfishers. This week the class have been learning how to read and spell what we refer to as 'sight' or 'high frequency' words, or more commonly 'tricky' words because they try to trick us with their odd spellings. We have sorted which words require which spelling out of 'ew', 'ue' or 'oo', and have come across the 'oul' letters making a bouncy 'oo' sound as well, like in the words 'would', 'could', 'should'. The class are working on editing their writing - a very grown up skill. Our 'Dinosaur' topic has just begun and the Kingfishers have really enjoyed using the Chrome books independently to research and write down dinosaur facts. We eventually are going to select one dinosaur each to focus on and to learn about in as much detail as possible; to then teach, and learn from, one another. In maths we are learning to recognise various 2D and 3D shapes. Kingfishers have already successfully sorted these, working in their teams. Furthermore this week Kingfishers have described the shape properties, including their sides, vertices and how many lines of symmetry they each have. This led us to the term 'infinity' when we were trying the count the symmetry of a circle! Kingfishers have shown quite an interest in poetry recently, so we will do some work on this class soon.

WOODPECKERS

We have started off this next half term with more challenges as we continue to settle in to our new year groups.

In Maths we have continued our previous learning by looking at the column addition and subtraction methods. Everybody has worked so hard and persevered with this method and have shown great improvements. We are working really well at carrying for addition and stealing for subtraction, but switching between the two methods within the same lesson is still quite tricky. We are finishing this week by working on addition and subtraction inverse families and using these to check calculations.

In English we have started a new writing project called The Night Zookeeper. Each week we are working on a different important feature of story writing, we will be completing our full stories and then editing them later this term. So far we have focused on creating characters and settings with a big focus on using adjectives and adverbs to make sure our stories have lots of detail and description. We are trying to include our grammar skills of a or an, I SAW A WABUB conjunctions and fronted adverbials too to uplevel our work.

For Science we have started to explore electricity and have had a go at trying to light up a bulb with our own circuits. Electricity is quite a tricky concept but we are hoping to be able to think about where electricity comes from, how it is used and what materials work as conductors and insulators.

KESTRELS

Welcome back to you all- I hope you all had lovely half terms. The children have been hard at work for the last few weeks. We have been busy finishing lots of our units of work, we have finished our addition and subtraction work and the children completed a Hot Maths assessment. I was particularly proud of the resilience that was shown from some of the children when solving some of the multi step problems. We have been working really hard to use visual tools such as bar models to draw what the problem says before we tried to solve it. Once the children had time to practise lots of them were seeing how key it is to show workings out; particularly when it comes to more complex problems with bigger numbers.

The children have shown a particular passion and interest for the English work we have been looking at- they are very concerned about the future of our oceans and the amount of plastic that is being used worldwide. We have been learning and using lots of different skills to ensure we can write a very effective persuasive letter- we are going to be sending our letters to some UK supermarkets such as Lidl, Sainsburys, Iceland and Ocado who seem to be the worst offenders when it comes down to plastic pollution. We watched a very powerful video clip about the oceans of the future, where a class of children visited an aquarium and instead of marine animals they just saw plastics floating around. I really hope that we will get some responses as the children would love it!

In Geography, we have started our new topic of Lands End to John O'Groats and everything in between- the children have been learning about all of the different counties that make up the UK and have done so well in remembering them! Miss Woolaston has started a forces unit in science where the children have been learning about gravity, upthrust, friction and pushes and pulls.

OWLS

We have hit the ground running following the week off and the children have been working incredibly hard the last few weeks and are looking forward to the exciting events that will be coming this half term.

In Maths, we concluded our unit of work on the four operations by spending the week learning about multiples, factors, squared and cubed numbers, prime numbers and the order of operation. There has been a lot to take in this week and the children have worked extremely well to try to remember all of the different terms and methods. This week we have moved onto our fractions unit of work where we have started to simplify and expand fractions which will really help us down the line when we need to convert fractions to have the same denominator to solve calculations.

In English, we have moved on to journalistic writing and have started identifying the key features followed by generating headlines and introductions for our newspaper articles that will be based around fairy tales, folk tales and fables. We have some incredibly creative writers in the class who came up with a wide range of headlines that not only caught the readers attention but had a range of writing devices incorporated into a short but very effective title.

For Humanities this half term, we are focusing on naming and locating counties and cities in the United Kingdom in our new topic titled 'Lands End to John O'Groats, and everything in between'. In Science, we are conducting experiments this half term into friction, water resistance and air resistance. We started with air resistance and identified how the surface area of an object can impact on the direction and flow of the air. In PE, we have started our tag rugby unit of work by recapping all of the key learning points from the complex game that we learnt last year and have started to develop our skills further looking at attacking play and supporting the runner with the ball when in attacking positions.

We also squeezed in a read through of the Christmas Production last week and the children have done a great job of learning their lines so far and have developed their own methods of delivery which is great to see. I can't wait to see them take to the stage when we start rehearsing to see it all come together.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Monday 12th November	Cheerleading Assembly
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Friday 16th November	Parents invited to Friday sharing assembly
Friday 16th November	AFSS school disco
Wednesday 21st November	Parents invited in to a spelling lesson and talk 9-10.40
Wednesday 21st November	Parent spelling talk (repeat of the morning) 6.30-7.30pm
Thursday 22nd November	Dance workshop with Darren from Dance Days
Tuesday 27th November	Kestrels' Forest School day
Thursday 29th November	Book Look for parents 3-3.30pm
Friday 30th November	AFSS Quiz night
Wednesday 5th December	Wrens' Dinosaur Day
Friday 7th December	AFSS Children's Christmas market 10am Non-uniform wear a Christmas jumper bring a bottle
Friday 7th December	AFSS Christmas Fayre 3-5.30pm
Monday 10th December	KS1 & KS2 Christmas production for children and nursery children
Tuesday 11th December	Dance Club Assembly
Tuesday 11th December	Woodpecker's Forest School day
Tuesday 11th December	KS1 evening performance 6pm
Wednesday 12th December	Christmas lunch
Wednesday 12th December	KS2 evening performance 6pm
Thursday 13th December	Big Foot panto- Pinocchio
Thursday 13th December	KS1 & KS2 evening performance 6pm
Friday 14th December	Class Christmas craft stalls 9.30-10.30
Friday 14th December	KS1 & KS2 Christmas production 1.15pm
Tuesday 18th December	Owl's Forest School day
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas carol concert at the church 1.30pm
Wednesday 19th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays