



STEBBING SPOTLIGHT

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 19th October
Non-pupil day

Monday 29th October
back to school

Sunday 11th November
Stebbing 10 Mile Run

Friday 16th November
Parents invited to Friday sharing
assembly 9am

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AFSS School Disco

Thursday 22nd November
Dance Workshop

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

18TH OCTOBER 2018

HEADTEACHER

I can't believe how quickly this term has gone. We have had a very productive term in school and we are already looking forward to a busy and fun-filled time in the lead up to Christmas. Please take a look at the calendar on the back for all of our up-to-date Christmas dates.

We had our first open morning for parents to view the school whose children will be starting in reception in September 2019. If you would like to view the school or know of someone who is interested in attending Stebbing for September 2019 we have two further dates. More information can also be found on our website under admissions.

Wednesday 28th November 1.15pm-2.30pm

Monday 3rd December 3.15pm-6pm

COMMUNITY COHESION

Thank you to the church for hosting our annual Harvest Festival last week. We hope you all enjoyed this afternoon.

We are very pleased to say that we filled an entire car boot full of food essentials to take along to the Foodbank this week. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

NOTES

SCHOOL MENU:

We will be on WEEK 2 menu after half-term. Please visit our website if you would like to know the menu options for after half-term

Secondary School Applications 2019

A reminder to all Y6 parents that applications for secondary school places must be made by 31st October.

Please apply online at
www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Congratulations for the best Attendance

Friday 12th October

Wrens and Kingfishers 100%!

Thursday 18th October -Kingfishers

SPORTING EVENTS

On Monday 2nd October we attended the family cross country event at Great Easton where 31 children from all year groups took part in the event. I was extremely impressed with how every child ran, but most importantly, I was particularly impressed with how kind and supportive the children were towards all of the other children both in Stebbing and those who attend other local primary schools.

On Wednesday 17th October a group of children attended the KS2 multi-skills inclusion festival at Lord Butler Leisure Centre where they took part in a wide range of activities including trampolining, boccia and many more. All of the children had a wonderful morning and took part in all of the activities with excellent confidence.

After half term lunchtime sports clubs:
Monday: Football
Tuesday: Running
Wednesday: Tag Rugby

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS

No sharing assembly due to Harvest festival practise!

End of half term

AFSS

We have a busy half term coming up!

Calling all bakers! We would love cake donations for the popular Stebbing 10 Mile Run on Sunday the 11th November. Next up we have the Christmas School Disco on Friday the 16th November - so popular with the children!

Before you know it the Quiz Night, hosted by the wonderful Ben Chandler, will be upon us - Friday the 30th November! To top it all we have the Children's Christmas Market and the Christmas Fayre on Friday the 7th December!

So much to look forward to! If you would like to reserve a table (6-8 people per table, £10 per person) then please do drop us an email. Also if you know of someone that would like a table at the Christmas Fayre please do get in touch.

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WRENS

What an exciting half term we have had. Wrens have had a crazy two weeks trying to catch the Evil Pea who has been causing havoc in our classroom. He has been to visit Miss Hayden at home, wrapped me up to the chair and has even made mess everywhere. The children were very keen to try and catch him so they have spent time making traps and making signs to tell him to go away. The year 1 children have written letters to Miss Mawson to ask her to help us and have created WANTED! posters to display around the school. Luckily our small world dinosaurs came along last night and squashed him - this links perfectly to our next topic. I have been amazed at the children's letter formation and how well they are applying their phonics to reading and writing activities. In maths we have been learning about 3D and 2D shapes. We have been on lots of shape hunts around the school, looked at the properties of the shapes and looked at the 2D shapes we can see on 3D shapes. The children have enjoyed the continuous provision activities of drawing around shapes, playing the shape feely game, cutting shapes to make a rocket and building using 3D shapes. In topic we have been thinking about how we can keep our bodies healthy. We looked at lots of different foods and sorted them into where they come from e.g. plant or animal. We also thought about the importance of eating breakfast and what we can eat for breakfast. The children tasted lots of different fruits and then made their own fruit kebab for breakfast today. The children have worked very hard this half term and have amazed me everyday! Have a lovely week off, I am looking forward to hearing about it.

KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have had a very busy but enjoyable fortnight. They have walked down to the tree which they visit regularly to observe seasonal changes and reflected on this in their science books. In Topic, Kingfishers have learned about the different foods, from our country and others, and have learned the names of the food groups so that they could classify (sort) them. Kingfishers have classified lots of things this half term - not only food groups, but animals that lay eggs or are mammals, carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. In maths we have learned a new term 'conversion' and discovered that we can make the same number in many different ways, for example 34 can be 3 tens and 4 ones as we already knew, but now we know also that it can 2 tens and 14 ones, or even 1 ten and 24 ones. Can you think of one other? This really got our brains working, and will help us when it comes to some trickier maths later in the year. In handwriting we have learned the ladder letter family and were introduced to the robot-arm family this week, letters like 'r' and 'b' that go down then up and right, like a robot with one arm. In English we have been continuing to learn about reports. We have studied some good examples and created a 'toolkit' to help us remember the features we need. We have used familiar tales to try and write our own reports - one was about a Big Bad Wolf blowing down a wooden house in Stebbing! It was very amusing. In PE we performed a fierce but fun Gorilla dance choreographed by combining our improvised movements. Finally, Kingfishers were sad to bid farewell to Oscar, who has been a great friend and part of our team, but we all wish him much luck and know he'll love his new home and school, that he'll make many friends and still keep in touch with his friends from Stebbing. Take care Oscar & family.

WOODPECKERS

We have been loving exploring our Romans topic as much as possible over the past two weeks. We have been spending lots of time on it during Guided Reading, English and in the afternoons. As you already will have seen on dojo we have loved being able to act out the Roman invasion of Britain and life in a Roman town. We used our senses to write descriptive phrases and paragraphs as if we had stepped back in time and found ourselves in the middle of a town, just like the characters in our guided reading book 'Roman Rescue'.

We have spent much of this week preparing to become Roman estate agents for the afternoon. We have learnt about the different rooms found in the villas that were built in Britain- we all had a particular interest in the under-floor heating that the Romans designed! We worked in groups to design and build models of our own villas, some people even challenged themselves to use the Latin names for some of the different rooms. We discussed persuasive features such as positive language and imperative verbs, and how we could develop this into a paragraph that would make our villas irresistible to the reader! We created posters to accompany our models which we used in our Roman afternoon.

Everyone knows that a great estate agent has their tricks so we also baked some Roman bread for our customers to enjoy whilst looking at our work.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to our afternoon and all those that came to enjoy it with us. Have a lovely holiday.

KESTRELS

Our first half term has now come to end! I can't believe how quickly that time has gone! Over the last few weeks in particular, all of the children have been working really well together and they have understood the expectations of being in Kestrels class.

We have started our persuasion unit of work in English, which has been in conjunction with the Orca foundation. The children have been learning lots of information about whales, dolphins and finding out some very disturbing facts about plastic waste. The children have really engaged with this topic and feel very strongly about it. We have been exploring persuasive language and had a go at trying 4 different ways to start a piece of persuasive writing. The children are also very confident with the structure of persuasion and how it should be put together. After half term we will be writing some persuasive letters to UK supermarkets as well as some bigger companies in the hope that we may get a reply! In maths we have finished our place value block- after half term we will be having a swift run through addition and subtraction focusing mainly on problem solving and reasoning.

We spent most of today finishing off our Roman topic by looking more depth at Roman soldiers the children really enjoyed finding out more information and presenting it in lots of different ways. After half term we are moving on to a geography topic looking at the UK including land use, population, counties and cities and famous landmarks. I hope you all have a wonderful half term with all of your families and I look forward to seeing the children after half term for the exciting lead up to Christmas!

OWLS

What a half term. We have had a fantastic first half-term in Owls class with the children settling extremely well into their new class and their new roles as a year 6.

We have been bringing all of our units of work to and end before the half-term break. In English, we have concluded our short stories and the children have made the most of the time they have been given and have produced a wonderful collection of short stories based on the structural models that they have been focusing on throughout the unit of work. I am looking forward to reading all of the children's work over the half term holiday.

In Maths, our four operations unit of work has come to and end with two weeks working on multiplying and dividing using formal written methods. We have been looking at the different methods that we can use and the different ways we can represent our answers when solving division calculations using short division.

We have come to an end of our Ancient Rome topic and have spent the past two lessons creating and annotating a miniature model of an Ancient Roman town in Britain including an ampitheatre, baths, toilets, the forum, etc. Keep an eye on Dojo for the finished product with annotated images.

We have also completed our casting for this year's Christmas production and we hope all of the children take some time over half-term to learn their lines and familiarise themselves with the script and the production. I am excited to see this group of children put on a fantastic show for you all.

After half-term, our after school Maths clubs will be starting straight away on the first day back. I hope you all enjoy your week off and come back ready for what is always an incredibly busy half-term full of hard work, performances and Christmas festivities!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Monday 10th December | KS1 & KS2 Christmas production |
| Tuesday 11th December | KS1 evening performance 6pm |
| Wednesday 12th December | KS2 evening performance 6pm |
| Thursday 13th December | Big Foot panto- Pinocchio |
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| Wednesday 19th December | Christmas carol concert at the church 1.30pm |
| Wednesday 19th December | Break up for Christmas Holidays |