

BE READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE and KIND

HEADTEACHER

Welcome back everyone to the start on one of the loveliest half-terms in school. It's going to be a busy one!

We will do our best to keep you updated with the different events going on over the next few weeks.

Just a reminder...please feel free to take a look at our wish list to see if there is anything you can donate that you may have at home. If in doubt, just ask!

[DONATION WISH LIST](#)

DON'T FORGET, WE HAVE THE RUN NEXT WEEK AND THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF TIME TO DONATE!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

At Stebbing Primary School, we understand the importance of providing all of our children with active, engaging and enriching playtimes and we are always looking for new ways to enhance the provision at break and lunch time. With that in mind, we are working behind the scenes on bringing two new areas to our children: a performance area and a mud pit. The house leaders are taking the reins on the staging area whilst we work on the mud pit. In order to make this happen, we are on the hunt for car tyres, a mud kitchen, old kitchen utensils, trays, pans, etc.

If you are able to donate any of the above items, please do not hesitate to get in touch (mr.lemasurier@stebbingprimary.co.uk)

SPORT @ STEBBING

Upcoming sporting events:

- Tuesday 7th November
 - Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament (Essex Finals)
- Friday 10th November:
 - Year 3/4 Sports Hall Athletics
 - Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics
- Friday 17th November: KS2 Cross Country
- Friday 24th November
 - Year 5/6 Tag Rugby
- Thursday 30th November:
 - Year 5 Basketball
- Friday 8th December - Year 3/4 Dodgeball

AFSS

Hello from the AFSS once again. We had an epic Halloween Disco to end the term with and we managed to raise amazing £553.15 with the ticket purchases! All money has already been donated on the swimming pool's justgiving page. We have almost collected 10% of the total! The big events are yet to come and the one of the big earners is the Stebbing 10 run on Sunday 12th November. We are in search of volunteers to cut the cake, serve coffee, and so forth. Please sign up online if you can spare a few moments. If not, please show up to support Snow White and the 7 dwarfs! Also a reminder that the AFSS is meeting on Wednesday 8th November to discuss plans for Christmas. It's going to be great!!



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Thursday 19th October	Friday 3rd November
Wrens	Rhys & Devon	Luna & Freddie
Robins	Charlie K & Isla	Hallie & Delilah
Kingfishers	Monty & Freddy S	Holly & Maxim
Woodpeckers	James & Elijah	Fred & Florence
Kestrels	Isla & Violet	Amelia & Maryann
Ospreys	Kody & Hayden	Mia & Ethan
Owls	Lily & Frankie	Amelie & Emily



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER




	Thursday 19th October	Friday 3rd November
Wrens	Luna	Devon
Robins	Evelyn	Bonnie-Blue
Kingfishers	Charlie	Ivy
Woodpeckers	Elsie	Millie
Kestrels	Alex	Louis
Ospreys	Elly	Isabelle
Owls	Dan	Liana

PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Thursday 19th October	Friday 3rd November
Wrens	Benji	
Robins	Bonnie-Blue	
Kingfishers	Zoe	
Woodpeckers		Scarlett
Kestrels		Nicole
Ospreys		Elliot
Owls		Florrie

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
19.10.23	Jasper	Woodpeckers	Wrens	Ospreys/Owls
03.11.23	Freddie, Charlie S, Charlie K	Ospreys	Woodpeckers	Kestrels

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19.10.23	Kingfishers	Owls	Robins	Owls	Kingfishers	Robins
03.11.23	Kestrels	Robins	Owls	Kingfishers	Owls	Woodpeckers



WRENS



ROBINS



Welcome back Wrens! This week has been full of crafting fun. We have done a lot of cutting crafting activities for Halloween. Preparing for our Winter Wonderland topic, Wrens have been helping us design our new role play area. We are looking forward to exploring a whole range of different books and even had an afternoon of looking at all the new books in our different areas. It was lovely to hear how knowledgeable they are, explaining the Geography on a World Map to each other: "and this is where Mrs Earle is from..." Wrens have flown the nest and are enjoying the freedom of playing in the big playground. We have heard wonderful stories and new games they have discovered. The wider Stebbing community have all been so helpful with this transition. This is what makes us proud to be at Stebbing. After our review week in Phonics, we have now completed the phonics assessment week and look forward to learning new sounds. Well done to all. This morning we enjoyed a sunny Teddie bear run with Nick. Our week ended with a reading opportunity with our buddies and a very fun movement break with Mario!

We have been talking a lot about fireworks and we hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend.

Robins have become such experts in their knowledge of the Gunpowder Plot that this week they led an assembly to KS1 and KS2. In their KS1 assembly they taught an action song about Bonfire Night and used picture prompts, which they had neatly coloured, to explain how to stay safe around fireworks and bonfires. To KS2 Robins sang their song as everyone entered assembly, then they used picture prompts to tell everyone why we celebrate Bonfire Night. Some facts that some children previously didn't know came up, which was fascinating for many.

You will find a presentation of this on the Whole School Dojo page on Friday, to once again remind children how to stay safe this weekend.

As is still the tradition in Yorkshire (where Guy Fawkes lived), Robins made the cake Parkin this week. It is a very old recipe, which we are certain Guy Fawkes also ate. It was made on Monday and again by tradition, was left to infuse. It was eaten on Thursday. All of Robins tasted their cake and some even went back for seconds!

In English we have begun to learn about caption writing. Our firework topic remains, so we have been writing captions using firework themed pictures for inspiration. We are also learning about other firework based festivals such as Diwali; November 12th, 2023.



KINGFISHERS



WOODPECKERS



It's been a wonderful first week of the second part of the Autumn term and Kingfishers have settled back into the classroom routine so quickly. Kingfishers had a brilliant trip to Stansted Mountfitchet Castle and were eager to get involved with the interactive elements of the Castle. They were all incredibly well-behaved and were amazing representatives of Stebbing School and interacted nicely with the children from the other schools, which was lovely to see.

In Maths we are adding and subtracting and Kingfishers have explored adding 3 numbers and accurately identifying fact families. In English Kingfishers have been exploring what it means to 'predict' and 'summarise' and we have been identifying various problems and solutions within stories. In Science we have been exploring various materials, describing the texture and grouping them in as many different ways as possible.

Kingfishers have been bringing in some wonderful un-homework this week, and there's still time to complete it if you haven't had the chance to! Details of this can be found on our class dojo page.

We've had a very busy first week back in Woodpeckers class.

On Tuesday, we had an incredible time experiencing life as Stone Age Hunter Gatherers for a day!

We watched the friction fire lighting display, foraged for food in the forest and cooked with prehistoric herbs. We then worked in teams to build woodland shelters, observed a flint knapping demonstration, followed by hunting for Woolly mammoths. It was such an engaging and informative experience for all.

In maths, we have continued working on our addition and subtraction unit. We have been particularly focusing on adding and subtracting two numbers (no exchange). We have been using place value counters alongside the written method. No exchanges have been taking place during this stage. It has been especially important that we build on our confidence in placing 3-digit numbers into a place value chart before attempting to subtract or add using the written method.

In English, we have been working on writing our own diary entry, based on our school trip experience.

We have identified all of the main features of a diary entry and more recently, began planning for our hot write, which will be completed at the end of this week.



Kestrels have had great fun in their first week back after half term. We have been playing lots of games to help with our Maths learning, both in our addition and subtraction and in times tables, we've had so much fun playing Blooket! We have been investigating the features of instructions in English and we have started learning about sound in Science, this was a great opportunity for us to get lots of instruments out and practise playing with them! We also had a really great day at Forest School. Some children worked extremely hard on learning their lines and auditioned for the Christmas play on Friday afternoon. We have also enjoyed our initial research into the Maya; did you know they used chocolate as money?!

What a super first week back we have had! Thank you Ospreys for working so incredibly hard and getting right back to it! We have had an exciting week getting to grips with our new topics and discovering more interesting facts and knowledge. We started learning about night and day in science and used Seesaw to present our findings. We have also started using some other interesting programmes to help enhance our learning and will hopefully be confident enough soon to share some of our creations! In English, we have started a really exciting unit of work all about being lost in space and we will be building up to writing a transmission back home. To get to this point, we will be reading lots of exemplars, watching film extracts and listening to interviews. This is always a really good unit and I can't wait to see what the end results will be! I have also sent a moon diary home for the children start completing this week, please try and remind them to do this so we can use them in a future lesson! Thank you!



A fantastic first week back after the half term break full of fun, laughter and lots of learning.

I am delighted to confirm that we have some new governors on our team. We have been able to accommodate everyone who recently applied to become a school governor at Stebbing School, which is excellent news and will help us be even more effective both now and in the future. They bring a broad and relevant set of skills and experience which will be a real asset to the board and the school.

We have finally managed to watch Skellig - which turned out to be not as popular as we first thought. The books are always better than the films! We are capturing the children's engagement with Skellig and are utilising it for our writing focus this half term. We have started by writing internal monologues from the perspective of Micheal, Mum & Dad and hope to share the creations with you all this evening or over the weekend. I have been blown away!

Welcome!
Parent Governors: Ashley Roye and Izindi Morton
Co-opted Governors: Richard Williams Tamsin Sargood and Nathan Livingston.
We have begun the induction process and will continue to support new governors as they became familiar with their roles and responsibilities. On 13th Nov, we are holding an all-day session in school to both increase governors' knowledge and understanding of the school, meet staff and pupils - and each other - and also to do some training in priority areas. We will work as a team to plan and ensure our approach to school monitoring is consistent before closing the day with our termly Governing Body meeting. Here's to a great year!

In maths, we are finally coming to the end of our four operations work with a bit of BIDMAs followed by the start of our hot maths which we will finish next week. I have seen so much progress throughout the unit with the children building on the prior knowledge, learning new skills and applying their understanding in a range of concepts. It was also lovely to see 17 children attend the first week of maths club this week - thank you for your support.

There has also been time for the start of our new science unit of work focusing on Evolution - this week we learnt the differences between inherited characteristic and acquired characteristics.

Stephanie Taylor- Chair of Governors

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
09.11.23	Sikhism workshops for Kestrels and Woodpeckers
09.11.23	Sport4Champion day
12.11.23	Stebbing 10 run
14.11.23	Wrens to Colchester Zoo
15.11.23	SEND family forum 13:45-15:00
20.11.23	Robins to Sconch tea rooms @ Blake End
23.11.23	Planetarium for the whole school
24.11.23	M&M Christmas Panto for whole school
29.11.23	Reception 2024 open evening 17:30-19:00
01.12.23	Children's Christmas Market
01.12.23	Christmas fayre 3.10-5pm
11-15th December	Christmas play week- more details to follow shortly!
20.12.23	Carols around the Christmas tree 2pm (More details to follow)
20.12.23	End of term