

BE READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE and KIND

HEADTEACHER

We have had a wonderful first couple of weeks back. It was lovely to see so many people at the Stebbing village fete. What a wonderful afternoon! A special well done to many of our pupils past and present who performed as well as members of staff who ran stalls and activities.

Following on from the letter I sent earlier in the week, please access the surveys by following the links below:

[WRAPAROUND CARE SURVEY](#)

[PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEY](#)

IMPORTANT NOTICES

BRECK FOUNDATION WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS:
MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 6PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81625220354?pwd=9mrP58SYsn4GTRJFbGbvUOpA3TSQIm.1>

Meeting ID: 816 2522 0354 Passcode: 840213

If you are a parent with a child in Year 6, it's time to apply for their secondary school place! Applications for Year 7 places are now open and will close on 31st October 2024.

Please visit: [Secondary school places | Essex County Council](#) to submit your application.

SPORT @ STEBBING

We hope you have all enjoyed your first week of clubs at Stebbing, particularly some of our new editions for this academic year!

We have lots of sporting events that we can take part in over the next term, due to transport costs, we really do rely on parent helpers to take children to and from these events, without you, we will not be able to give our children all of the wonderful extra curricular activities.

Thank you so much in advance for your support and I am sure we are in for another successful sporting year at Stebbing!

AFSS

A great big hello to all new and old faces of Stebbing School from the AFSS team! We would like to welcome all new parents and carers - you are now part of us! This is nothing scary but the contrary! The AFSS organises events and fundraisers for the school in aid of all the school children. Last year we focused on collecting money towards the new pool and we had an amazing result. We have met the goal of £35,000 with help of several grants. This means that the pool planning can go ahead and children in Stebbing will be swimming 'home' as soon as possible. To learn more about what we do, how we do it, and where the money goes, please attend our annual AGM meeting which is happening at the end of September. We have exciting news, changes, and events planned for this academic year and we can't wait to kick start the events again! Meanwhile, you can check us out on <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/afssstebbing/> or, new for this year, on Instagram @afss.stebbing



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 6th September	Friday 13th September
Wrens	Hattie & Arlo	Finlay & Gabriel & Oakley
Robins	Jasper & Teddy	Freddie & Ellie
Kingfishers	Ephraim & Freddie	Rhys and Archie
Woodpeckers	Monty & Frankie	Alasdair & Samuel
Kestrels	Poppy & Dolcie	Scarlett & Florence
Ospreys	Neve & Mia	Oliver & Lottie
Owls	Hadley & Rory	Manor Adventure



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 6th September	Friday 13th September
Wrens	Izzy	Gracie
Robins	Luna	Willow C
Kingfishers	Kalia	Mabel
Woodpeckers	Fletcher	Fifi & Freddy
Kestrels	Genevieve	Sophia
Ospreys	Summer	Albie
Owls	Bonnie	Manor Adventure

PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 6th September	Friday 13th September
Wrens	Brooke	
Robins	Oscar	
Kingfishers	Evelyn	
Woodpeckers		Charlie
Kestrels		Bella
Ospreys		Albie
Owls		Manor Adventure

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
06.09.24	Whole school	Ospreys	Hunter	
13.09.24		Wrens & Owls	Carter	Ospreys

						
Date						
06.09.24	Kingfishers	Woodpeckers		Woodpeckers	Owls	Kingfishers
13.09.24						



WRENS



ROBINS



We are so happy about how our Wrens have been settling in this week. They have been ever so polite and excited to be part of all things Stebbing has to offer. Wrens have met the wonderful Ms Honeybee on Tuesday and returned to class with lots of tales about Sage the puppet and the mud kitchen. Miss Summers read The Colour Monster with us and we had lots of wonderful activities to show off our creative skills, collaging colour monsters and talking about our feelings. The Wrens worked on phonological awareness to prepare us for our Phonics lessons. With Mrs Earle we have been playing turn taking games, guess the sound and Mrs Brown's Box of sounds. Miss Summers took us on a listening walk and we used our drum sticks to explore the different sounds and surfaces in our outdoor space. Thursday the Wrens had their very first PE lesson! We practiced our listening skills and moving around safely adjusting our speed and direction to the instructions. Today we awarded our very first reading stars in Wrens! A very full week! Thank you for your support at drop offs in the morning. We will continue to give the Wrens a quiet walk up at 8.40am in the mornings. Have a well deserved rest over the weekend.

Welcome back Robins! Mrs Smith and I have been incredibly proud of how you have returned to school with such an amazing attitude towards your learning. We are very excited for the fun year ahead!

Over the last two weeks Robins have been learning the new routines of the classroom and have enjoyed their first PE & Forest School sessions. They have been superstars completing their phonics assessments. We have eased the children back into our ELS lessons and will be beginning to learn some new graphemes next week.

In maths Robins have focused on consolidating counting skills they learn in Wrens class and have enjoyed representing numerals in different ways, including their written word. The children have enjoyed spending time creating their own maths games and exploring the open-ended resources available in the maths area.

We have started our topic 'Marvellous Me' and have spent time creating self-portraits in different ways. Loose parts were a firm favourite. Robins have shown us their incredible sentence writing. First writing sentences about themselves and then creating some simple poems.

Well done Robins. A fantastic couple of weeks!



KINGFISHERS



WOODPECKERS



What a busy 2 weeks we've had in Kingfishers! We have been really focusing on our listening skills and learning the year 2 expectations and I have been impressed with so many of you who are displaying these skills and more!

In Maths we have been consolidating place value, focusing on 1 and 2 digit numbers, exploring tens and ones, and applying this knowledge to tens frames and cherry models. In English we have been planning our animal poem. We have been focusing on describing our animal, so far focusing on how our animal looks and how our animal moves. I am eager to achieve the finished pieces soon!

In Science our topic is Space. We have discussed what we already know and then spent our first lesson discovering new facts and information and sharing these with our peers. Our buzz word this week has been 'Orbit'. We discussed that the planets orbit the sun, which is at the centre of our universe. We also explored the order of the planets from closest to the furthest away from the Sun.

In History we have been learning about Castles and Forts. We have discussed the different purposes of these very old buildings. I will be setting unhomework on this topic soon so keep your eyes peeled on Dojo!

Mrs Pickering and I have considered ourselves incredibly lucky to be with this class a second time! Mrs Rooney is a lovely addition to our team, covering on Fridays in Mrs Pickering's absence and she has instantly recognised what a marvellous, kind, caring, hard-working & fun bunch we have. Our highlights so far have been Music - we are enjoying learning the lyrics to 'Don't stop believing'; Beat the Clock - a Times Table speed challenge we do each day to develop our memories and fluency. We are collecting these sheets to track our individual progress, noticing how we are getting quicker at the familiar multiplications every single practise. 'The Twits' has been a popular and amusing story which we have enjoyed in our snuggly book area each day after lunch. We are learning lots about Rocks in Science and Guided Reading and through our English text 'Stone Age Boy' we are getting glimpses of what The Stone Age was like, before the 'common era'. Woodpeckers are enjoying learning and using new vocabulary from our lessons, such as 'unimaginably' and finding them in their reading books. 'Detritivore' was a buzz word for us last week - ask your child if they remember what detritivores are. In Grammar we have learned what a 'noun phrase' is, then moved on to 'expanded noun phrases' by using 2 adjectives to describe a noun. It all sounds rather technical but it has been fun I promise!



KESTRELS



OSPREYS

Wow! What a fun filled first 2 weeks back at school it has been. It feels like we have been with the class forever! We got straight into learning in year 4 and explored language in shape poetry, where the children created some fabulous poems about animals. In maths, we have got stuck into 4 digit numbers, using apparatus to help us to understand their value and representing them in different ways. In PE, some of us have loved starting a Bollywood themed dance! Although not always enthusiastic though, I have been really impressed by the children's attitudes and there have been some surprising hip wigglers! In history, the children have really loved starting our Romans topic and got really into character when learning about the Roman army. They have also loved learning about Romulus and Remus and we saw some great dramatic performances of their fiery relationship. Overall a wonderful start to year 4. We are looking forward to our year with you all.

Wow! What a first few weeks back at school Ospreys! I have been so pleased by the effort, concentration and high standards you have been setting yourselves as Year 5's now and I just know that this is going to be such a good year for you all! In English, we have been working on a whole school shape poetry unit which we have completed and got display ready today. We have also been working on the structure of DADWAVERS which helps us to focus on certain elements and sentences types which ensures that we have a bit of a guide of what to include. The standard of language and composition of the sentences that have been produced have been really impressive so far! In maths, we are nearing the end of our place value unit which will be completed by next week. We have worked in lots of different ways in maths that the children have really seemed to enjoy. Hopefully you would have also seen the letter for our school trip to West Stow, which is on Friday 4th October. Any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



OWLS

GUEST SPOT

Manor Adventure 2024



We've got some exciting news to share with you.

Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our PTA, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our school, shop and scan in store or shop online at [Asda.com](https://www.asda.com).

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at [Asda.com](https://www.asda.com) and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
16.09.24	Breck online workshop for parents 6-7pm
17.09.24	E-safety workshops for KS2
19.09.24	Individual and sibling photos
20.09.24	Year ³ / ₄ girls football festival (AM) Year ⁵ / ₆ girls football festival (PM)
25.09.24	SEND consultations 3.15-5.15pm
27.09.24	Year ³ / ₄ dodgeball (PM)
04.10.24	Ospreys to West Stow
04.10.24	Year 6 dodgeball (PM)
09.10.24	Boys year ⁵ / ₆ football festival (AM) Girls year ⁵ / ₆ football festival (PM)
11.10.24	KS2 cross country (AM)
14.10.24	Robins trip to Stansted airport
15.10.24	Family consultations 3.20-7.20pm
16.10.24	Reception 2025 tours 9.45 & 10.45am
16.10.24	Family consultations 3.20-5.50pm
18.10.24	Year ⁵ / ₆ tag rugby (PM)
23.10.24	Flu immunisations today
24.10.24	Break up for half term
25.10.24	Inset day
04.11.24	Back to school