

BE READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE and KIND

HEADTEACHER

We have had a brilliant first couple of weeks back to school. Thank you to those parents able to attend our Meet The Teacher evening on Wednesday. All of the information will be posted to your child's Dojo page for you to refer to. I also wanted to remind families that our school website has lots of useful information. We are in the process of finalising a number of events for the year and updating our website calendar. Please feel free to refer to this to see what events are coming up, as well as using the calendar on the last page of the Spotlight.

This year we are celebrating Harvest on Friday 6th October at the church at 1.30pm. As we are a growing school we have made the decision to try something new this year. Reception-year 4 are going to be hosting our Harvest festival, with year 3 and 4 leading this event.

As always we will be collecting for the FoodBank and a list of suggested items will be going home soon. Please pop donations in the box in the entrance foyer from Monday 2nd October.

This week in assembly we have focused on kindness and what kindness looks like to us. We discussed being kind to others as well as yourself and what that feels like too. The children had some really insightful ideas. We are looking out for children who are being kind to notice and share.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

**Harvest Festival
St Mary's Church
Reception- Year 4
Friday 6th October at 1.30pm**

VILLAGE FETE THIS SUNDAY!

**Please ensure that you do not use the car park unless you have prior permission. This includes club drop off and pick up.
Please use the pedestrian exits either side of school.
Thank you**

SPORT @ STEBBING

Help fund a new swimming pool for Stebbing Primary School

The time has come to rebuild our beloved school's pool.

The pool is used during the summer months by all children in school and each child benefits from small group tuition led by an experienced Instructor. We also have a pool hoist to enable the pool to be accessible to all pupils. Having a pool is such a huge asset to our school.

Please donate here:



AFSS

Welcome back to Stebbing everyone old and new! As the core AFSS team slowly wakes up from their slumber, we are slowly getting things into action for the academic year. We have a huge goal to fundraise £35,000 towards the school pool! We are trying to step the fundraising game up a notch and we will have a few exciting new events coming up. We have a lovely group of AFSS All Stars supporting us and encouraging trying something new. We are so lucky to have their support and time. If you want to get involved or learn more about our activities, please attend our annual AGM meeting on Wednesday 27th September at 7pm. This will be your chance to hear from the AFSS and Mrs. Heys directly what our plans are for this year. But until then, please come and visit Stebbing village fete this coming Sunday. Half of the profits will go directly towards the pool fund - how amazing is that?! Let's make this year the best fundraising period Stebbing Primary school has ever seen!



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 8th September	Friday 15th September
Wrens		Evie & Willow H
Robins	Bonnie-Blue & Daisy	Benjamin & Freddie
Kingfishers	Fifi & Louie. P	Harvey & Fletcher
Woodpeckers	Raf & Mia	Sienna and Vinny
Kestrels	Nicolle & Tilly	Elias and Archie
Ospreys	Darcy & Kayden	Florence & Maya
Owls	Manor Adventure	Finlee N & Grace



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER











	Friday 8th September	Friday 15th September
Wrens	--	Oscar
Robins	Rhys	Kalia
Kingfishers	Jenna	Freddie E
Woodpeckers	Dexter	Scarlet
Kestrels	Maryann	Albie
Ospreys	Mia	Ji
Owls	Manor Adventure	Emily

PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 8th September	Friday 15th September
Wrens	--	
Robins	Daniel	
Kingfishers	Skyla	
Woodpeckers		Isabelle
Kestrels		
Ospreys		Savannah
Owls		Lily

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
08.09.23	Manor Adventure	Robins & Ospreys	Robins	The whole school
15.09.23	Wrens	Kingfishers	Wrens	

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08.09.23						
15.09.23	Owls	Ospreys	Kingfishers	Owls	Ospreys	Kingfishers



WRENS



ROBINS



We are very proud of our Wrens. It has been a very long week with a lot of brand new experiences.

Our Autumn Topic - 'Super Special Me' has kicked off with fantastic show & tell contributions from all. We really loved getting to know everyone a little better. Wrens found a lot of similarities to their friends and was so supportive telling each other that they enjoyed their photos, projects or stories.

We have been reading the Colour Monster and practiced some breathing exercises to help us calm down and get us **Ready** to learn in the Green Zone. Our baking activity was decorating a love monster. We focussed on group games and recognising our new friends during carpet time. Wrens have been working hard on Phonological Awareness - Playing listening games and taking turns to copy sounds. We have been working on our early mark making skills by painting over chalk graffiti on our outdoor area and copying Mrs Thorp's mark making on white boards. Our first Forest School was all about staying safe and recognising the red ribbons and hazards. Wrens confidently got changed for PE by themselves this week and we enjoyed a Fun Friday afternoon with our buddies during Book Club. Have a lovely weekend - Rest well.

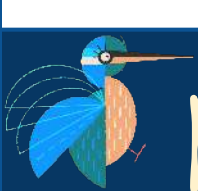
Robins have begun this year with a lot of maturity. They have been conscientious; impressing us by working very hard and often independently..

Our Autumn topic is 'Fireworks'. We have enjoyed watching fireworks and listening to them (with some help from YouTube for now), we have enjoyed smelling smoky smells and soon will be using our sense of 'hearing' and 'tasting' to immersively explore this theme. We have focused on 'adjectives' to describe these sights, sounds and smells and have written some labels and sentences about it. We have created beautiful firework pictures too, using a range of media.

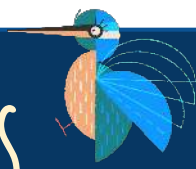
This week we had a little break from the topic as we engaged in Mrs Clayden's 'The Lost Words' project. This has resulted in some unique and thoughtful paragraphs written by the children and again, some beautiful 'fern' artwork.

In Maths we have been sorting and are learning to recognise 3D shapes. In PE, within our firework theme we are learning Tennis skills.

Next week we shall delve into some 'history' and begin mapping in Geography.



KINGFISHERS



WOODPECKERS



What a fantastic first 2 weeks we've had in Kingfishers. We've hit the ground running and are getting stuck into lots of different topics.

We have been consistently talking about our school values in class and referring to them as often as possible, which has proven very successful so far!

Kingfishers have enjoyed their poetry unit in English, noticing key features such as repeated words and nature themes.

In Maths we've been exploring number bonds to 10 and 20, consolidating our 2s and 10s and we've begun our place value unit, focusing in partitioning 2 digit numbers.

In History we have been looking at castles and forts and I'm looking forward to seeing their forts that the children will be making at home!

In Science we have been discussing Space, and Kingfishers thoroughly enjoyed our experiment on force.

In PE Kingfishers have been showing off and developing their ball skills, focusing on aim and control.

What a wonderful start to the year we have had in Woodpeckers class. It has been a rather productive couple of weeks!

Our first week back included producing some tribal artwork - which is now proudly hanging up within the classroom. We discussed what we felt were important character traits and qualities. We then selected one of these traits to write onto card and decorate. We took part in a variety of times tables games, recapping our 2, 5 and 10 times tables to refresh our memory from last year. We also wrote about our summer break experiences and talked about our important school rules: be ready, respectful, safe and kind.

In History, we began our first topic: Stone Age. We started the lesson having a discussion about the British history timeline and where / when we thought the Stone Age period may have been. Once identified, we ordered a timeline of events and spoke about where the Stone Age would be located in comparison to the other events discussed into our books.

To begin our Scientific enquiry topic this week, we discussed what an experiment was and the process of an experiment. We then worked together to decide the order in which the process would need to be carried out. Once this had been established, we then conducted our own experiment, based on the question "Does water dissolve quicker in warm or cold water?". We made predictions, carried out the experiment, observed closely and made our own conclusions, based on our findings.

practical equipment and strategies to help us with this. In English, we have been looking at The Lost Words and doing lots of grammar and drama to help us understand and interpret the poems. We are looking forward to writing our own poem next week. We have been doing lots of work on vocabulary, in spelling, reading and Ninja sessions. The person who used the banned words the most was... Miss Watkins! She will definitely not be winning Messi! We have started our Romans topic and all the children are excited to find out more. We have also been learning RE, Gymnastics and Scribble technique in Art.

will continue to write over the course of the year. We get stuck in straight away at the beginning of this term and have nearly worked our way through the first unit of work in maths all about place value. In English, we have had a whole school poetry focus working on a variety of different poems from the 'Lost Words' book. It has evoked lots of exploration of language and playing with different skills as well as having the opportunity to look at the beautiful illustrations. We are hoping to do some of our own pictures in the style of the illustrator once we have write our own poems. In science, we have been learning about famous scientists and inventors and this week our focus has been David Attenborough. We loved exploring his life and all of the amazing achievements that he has accomplished in his lifetime.



OWLS



GUEST



What a way to start the year with an incredible trip to Manor Adventure. Since our return, Owls class have hit the ground running both with their academic studies and with their new roles and responsibilities, specifically as a reception buddy. We are so proud of the start that Owls have made to their year 6 journey.

We are coming to the end of our Lost Words poetry unit where the children have worked really well in small groups to create their own acrostic, free-verse poems. Half way through the poems and they are very impressive and I cannot wait to see the finished poems next week when we create our own Lost Words poetry book complete with illustrations. The children are also extremely excited to share their poems with the class birds that they have been writing about.

We have lots of exciting guests planned in for this year.

Watch this space!

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
04.09.23	Back to school Y1 - Y6
06.09.23	Start of school for Reception class
4th-8th Sept	Year 6 to Manor Adventure
13.09.23	Meet the teacher evening 6pm
17.09.23	Stebbing Village Fete (Located on the cricket field)
22.09.23	Genes for Jeans day
26.09.23	Brightview Farm talk to Wrens
27.09.23	SEND family consultations 3-6pm
29.09.23	AFSS Macmillian coffee morning 9-10am
02.10.23	RNLI to visit Wrens
06.10.23	Harvest Festival (details to be confirmed)
10.10.23	Essex fire and rescue talk with Wrens
12.10.23	Individual photos being taken today
17.10.23	Essex ambulance talk with Wrens
17.10.23	Family consultations 3-7pm
18.10.23	Ospreys to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
18.10.23	Family consultations 3-5pm
20.10.23	Non pupil day
20.10.23	Start of October half term
30.10.23	Back to school