

At Stebbing we show **KINDNESS**, demonstrate **RESPECT** and foster **BELONGING**.  
We are **ASPIRATIONAL!**

## HEADTEACHER

I wanted to bring to your attention and be very open about the fact that we have had a case of bullying reported in key stage 2. As a school, this is a very rare occurrence and something we will not tolerate. Any behaviour which makes another individual feel unsafe is unacceptable and we are working hard to ensure that we can bring this to a satisfactory conclusion.

I wanted to be transparent about this as I feel it is important our school community are aware and support one another. We pride ourselves on our sense of belonging (a core value) and our family ethos. This has been deeply distressing for all concerned.

If your child ever needs further support or guidance please speak to your child's class teacher or alternatively take a look at some useful resources on these websites. Thank you

### Kidscape

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk>

### Parenting and Family Support - Family Lives (Parentline Plus)

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

The next few weeks at school are very hectic!

We have our lovely Christmassy day on Friday 2nd December. I hope to see lots of you at our Christmas fayre after school!

If you, have a child, or know someone with a child, who is due to start school in September 2023 please ensure that applications for a place are made by 15th January 2023. Applications can be made online by following link below:  
[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

## AFSS

Hello from your Christmas magic powered AFSS! We are in full speed mode to create a fun and memorable Christmas celebration here in Stebbing. You have hopefully seen our wonderful signs up advertising our Christmas Fayre which is held on Friday 2nd December - so in a week's time! The day starts off with the children's market where children purchase presents for family and friends. It's such great fun but we wouldn't be able to hold it without happy little helpers. Fortunately we have willing parents signed up for helping out but if you have a moment to spare, please let Sophie know (mobile 07703 357553) and she can find you something to do! Festivities will continue in the afternoon with our bigger than ever Christmas Fayre! We will occupy all of the school grounds and will bring you lots of new stalls, more activities, and simply more fun. Bring your friends and family along to experience Christmas at Stebbing! Please don't forget that we have our traditional chocolate and bottle tombolas, and a traditional raffle with amazing prizes. Bring plenty of change with you to guarantee your win! We will keep everyone updated on ClassDojo but also on Facebook. Please join Stebbing AFSS to follow us and get extra reminders about our future events.

## SPORT @ STEBBING

Unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions, our sporting calendar has not come to fruition over the past two weeks with the cancellation of many lunchtime clubs and a few sporting fixtures. However, we managed to take part in the sports hall athletics at Felsted school this afternoon with our year 5 squad who represented their school superbly, competing against three much larger schools. All of the children should be incredibly proud of their achievements this afternoon, putting in maximum effort, cheering on their teammates and demonstrating great sportsmanship!



## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 18th November	Friday 25th November
Wrens	Rainbow & Freddie	Archie W & Jack
Robins	Samuel & Ethan	Jake & Alfie
Kingfishers	Bella & Albie	Leo & Logan
Woodpeckers	Violet & Hunter	Freddie F & Julia M
Kestrels	Darcy & Evie	Maya & Savannah
Ospreys	Betsy & Lia	Reggie & Grace
Owls	Noah & Shae	Oleksander & James P



## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 18th November	Friday 25th November
Wrens	Jack	Benjamin
Robins	Harvey	Jenna
Kingfishers	Florence	Tereza
Woodpeckers	Amelia	Lilly S
Kestrels	Ethan	Kody
Ospreys	Volodymyr	Saskia
Owls	Eira	

## PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 18th November	Friday 25th November
Wrens	Evelyn	
Robins	Alasdair	
Kingfishers	Elijah	
Woodpeckers		Lina
Kestrels		Isabelle
Ospreys		Betsy
Owls		Emil

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
18.11.22	Archie (Wrens)	Kestrels	Kingfishers	Kingfishers
25.11.22	Charlie B	Woodpeckers	Ospreys	



# WRENS



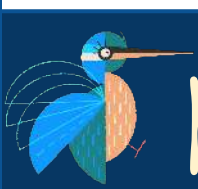
# ROBINS



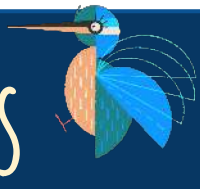
In Wrens we have been exploring shapes. In art we discovered Kandinsky's art and created our own interpretations with different mediums. Our Post Office have received letters and postcards from far and wide, Some travelling all the way from Australia and Surrey! In Maths we have been exploring everything about 3 and acted out The Three little Pigs in our Outdoor area. Learning prepositions we have read 'Rosie's Walk', making predictions about what will happen next. It has been a week of reviewing our Phonics and we played a lot of 'game shows' where Wrens had to pick a word from a mystery bag and sound it to their friends to write. Our puppet theatre has seen a good few performances, with some of us selling tickets: 'at a very special price'.

We prepared the Wrens for the Pantomime by using the phrases: "it's behind you!" and "O no it isn't!" Wrens did really well and interacted enthusiastically during the performance. In preparation for our first Christmas at Stebbing we have been reading Social Stories together so we know what to expect. Thank you for a wonderful week Wrens.

Robins are starting to feel very festive already! This fortnight began with our wonderful trip to Blake End making our pom pom decorations. Our Christmas production practise has also started and the children are really enjoying the songs that go with the performance. In Science the children looked at measuring and recorded our daily rainfall over a two week period, using the rain gauge kept in our outdoor area. The children have started to explore their senses, they used their noses to smell hidden objects and record what they thought they could smell. As the weather changes so has our outdoor space in forest school, the children have been enjoying working together to build shelters and houses with lots of creative ideas. Our role play area has been transformed into a post office, lots of children have been making use of this new area and writing letters or being the post person delivering the mail. In English we have been looking at captions and writing our own caption for our choice of picture from our class story. Our maths lessons have been looking at measuring objects using non-standard units of measure. The children were given lots of options to use as their non-standard unit of measurement and creatively chose what items they wanted to measure around the classroom.



# KINGFISHERS



# WOODPECKERS



Kingfishers are really starting to get into the Christmas spirit, especially as we are practising our Christmas play songs and are rehearsing our parts more and more, and it has been lovely seeing them all grow in confidence as the weeks go on. In Maths we have been exploring exchanging ones for tens, focusing on using concrete and pictorial representations, and we have explored different ways to create our own calculations and Maths stories. In English we have continued to plan our story based on a familiar setting, with a strong focus on creating an exciting problem and solution, whilst integrating the use of conjunctions and adverbs to improve our writing. In Geography we explored a variety of natural key features found in the UK and practised our computing skills through exploring these places on google maps. The children were fascinated with some of the wonderful and interesting places that are found in the UK. In DT we have constructed our design criteria for our creations and we applied this to our designs, which the children drew and labelled. Kingfishers are very eager to move onto the next step and bring their designs to life!

Throughout the past two weeks in Woodpeckers class, the children have continued their author study focus within their english unit. After identifying a common theme of rhyming pairs within each of Julia Donaldson's books, the children then worked incredibly hard to write their own verse thinking about rhyming pairs. They then continued to plan a rhyming story based on the Snail and the Whale sequel. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and produced some fantastic examples. They used this work to aid them in their hot writes which they completed this week. In maths, the children have proceeded with their addition and subtraction unit, focusing particularly on adding two numbers (no exchange), subtracting two numbers (no exchange) and adding two numbers (across a 10). This involved them adding and subtracting 2 and 3-digit numbers with no exchanges. Both numbers were made with base 10 or place value counters in a place value chart. It was important for the children to begin adding in the ones column, working from right to left. The children have started their new geography unit based on 'The UK'. They spent some time discussing and describing where the UK is located and its nearby countries. They then moved on to naming and locating the counties of the UK.



# KESTRELS



Kestrels have been very much enjoying rehearsing our Christmas Play of 'Lights, Camels, Action', which has been coming together quickly over the last couple of weeks. It promises to be full of smiles, dancing and fun and we cannot wait to share it with you all! In amongst rehearsals, we have also started a new English unit on instructions. It is based on George's Marvellous Medicine and the children have loved creating weird and whacky ingredients to add into their medicines. Their ability to expand a noun phrase has hugely improved and I have been really impressed with their language.

In maths, we have started to focus on our times tables. We are very secure with our 3 times tables and have linked these facts to learning our 6s. Within these, the children have been able to solve problems, thinking carefully about what they already know and how they can use this to help them work out the answer.

We were also really lucky to be invited last minute to a science show on Thursday. Kestrels giggled constantly throughout and we learnt a lot about trying to ensure that we are using cleaner air where possible by walking, scooting or cycling.



# OSPREYS



Ospreys have enjoyed starting our Christmas rehearsals of 'Panto Pandemonium' this week. I know that they are going to put on a super show! They have also come to the end of the English unit we have been working on and have written their transmissions back home. They will have the opportunity to perform these next week and make their very own recording. I am really looking forward to seeing these! In maths we have moved onto fractions and in the last 2 weeks we have been working hard on recognising equivalents and more recently, converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. The children have been doing this in a visual way by drawing bar models to support their understanding.

In science we have learnt all about the Sun and the power that it has followed by making up our own amusing mnemonics to remember the order of the planets. We also looked at pieces of fruit to understand their relative sizes and found out how far about the planets are. The children were astounded at the distances!

Yesterday, the children had a great science theatre show all about air pollution. They really enjoyed the opportunity and learnt a lot from it!



# OWLS



Owls class have worked hard this week as we started putting the building blockers together for the Christmas production. We have lots of props to make, scenery to design and lines to learn and we are all extremely excited for the challenge. Within class, we have been working hard in maths as we brought to a close the four operations unit of work with a hot maths which gave the children a chance to demonstrate their understanding. We now move on to the wonderful world of Fractions!

In English, the children concluded their detailed work describing Skellig's house piecing together incredible setting descriptions applying the range of creative writing devices we had been working on. As we now move into Christmas, we will start preparing our ideas to write Christmas Eve stories for our Wrens buddies to enjoy.

Owls class have also enjoyed so many wonderful opportunities this week with the science roadshow, Sleeping Beauty pantomime and even had time to tour prospective parents again to show off their school.

# GUEST

Last year at Stebbing school we decided to work towards PSQM (primary science quality mark). One of our main initiatives was to improve our science capital and we were lucky enough to have Kate Foxton into school to talk to us all about what it takes to be a vet. The children thoroughly enjoyed this hands on experience and it proved to be hugely valuable in their science learning. Within this initiative, children now also link their science lessons to their own lives and what jobs it could lead to in the future. Our curriculum also changed slightly, allowing teachers time to explore scientifically at the start of the year. The children have loved being able to be scientists for a term, thinking of experiments and putting them to the test! We have continued to develop our learning to focus on science skills (writing conclusions, predicting and evaluating to name a few). The teachers and children have all worked incredibly hard with this change in our teaching and learning and we are so proud of where our science curriculum is at the moment, although have many plans for the future! We were thrilled that we achieved the quality mark and are now officially a PSQM school. Thank you to all the teachers, students and parents who helped to make this happen.

Mrs Hammond

# EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
18.11.22	Children in Need
23.11.22	Reception 2023 open morning (9.30 and 10.30)
25.11.22	Non uniform for chocolate tombola
02.12.22	AFSS children's Christmas market Wear your Christmas jumper and bring a bottle for the tombola
02.12.22	AFSS Christmas fayre (3-5pm)
07.12.22	Christmas lunch
12.12.22	Performance week - Year 3 & 4 afternoon performance
13.12.22	- Year 5 & 6 afternoon performance - Year 1 & 2 evening performance
14.12.22	- Reception afternoon performance - Year 3 & 4 evening performance
15.12.22	- Year 1 & 2 afternoon performance - Year 5 & 6 evening performance
20.12.22	Christmas carol concert at the church and Christmas jumper day - LAST DAY OF TERM