



# Stebbing Primary School



## Stebbing Spotlight

<u>Important Messages</u>	<u>Headteacher</u>
<p>We have been notified by a parent that a dark blue car is regularly parking on the double yellow lines on the entrance to The Downs. Please can I ask that you park more considerately to ensure the children can cross the roads safely having a clear view of the road.</p> <p>Don't forget, we have two non-pupil days so we return to school on Wednesday 9th June.</p>	<p>What a great half-term it has been. It has been wonderful to be fully open for the whole half-term and for the children to have an element of normality back.</p> <p>The classes have been really busy and the children have enjoyed the extra elements we have been able to introduce back into the school calendar...from swimming to external sports coaches for KS1 to drama workshops for our older pupils.</p> <p>Next half-term will be a busy one and we hope to be able to host sports days for each year group. As soon as we have more clarification on this we will notify you.</p> <p>Over the next few weeks we hope to be able to finalise our staffing plans and will be sending a letter to all families as soon as we are able to announce September plans.</p> <p>In the mean-time I hope you all have a wonderful bankholiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 9th June.</p>



Hello from your AFSS team Stebbing! Unfortunately we won't be running any exciting events nor activities until September hence in the following Spotlight issues we will be focusing on introducing ourselves to you. The newest member of our team was introduced in the last issue so now it's time for the AFSS chair, Bobbie Brandon to step into the Spotlight. Bobbie currently works as a teaching assistant in our great Year 5. She had previously worked as a pharmacy technician in Great Ormond Street for 10 years before joining Stebbing as a teaching assistant. She enjoys her role within the Osprey's class. Her own daughter Florence is currently in Year 2. During her free time, Bobbie likes to relax doing yoga or go horse riding. She also keeps dreaming about going back on holidays!

Bobbie absolutely loves throwing parties which she thinks is essential for being the chair! We can't wait to see what ideas she brings forward for the next academic school year's fundraising. We all think it's time for parents, staff and children of Stebbing school to have some fun times together! In the next issue, we are introducing to you our assistant chair Clare Mayne. Until then, have a fabulous half-term from the AFSS team.

# Awards

	<u>Friday 21st May</u>	<u>Friday 28th May</u>
<u>Wrens</u>	Genevieve Flynn & Poppy Solomon	Scarlett Dawson & Mia Nash
<u>Robins</u>	Nellie Burns & Jasmine Heakin	Albie Edridge & Oscar Flaxman
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Henry Munson & Harriet Young	Savannah Edwards-Riches & Darcy Stewart-Wheatly
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Amelie Hiskey & Frankie Klimckie	Saskia Brown & Liana Earle
<u>Kestrels</u>	Hollie Reeve & Jack Donohue	Brooke Edridge and Arthur Knight
<u>Ospreys</u>	Ronnie Lucas & Bea Earle	Alex Whitbread & Archie Wilkinson
<u>Owls</u>	Harry Brinkley & Evie Moon	Trinity Molony & Bastien Feo

	<u>Presentation Award Winners</u>	
<u>Wrens</u>	Isla Fagg	
<u>Robins</u>	Freddie Foxton	
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Isabelle Perry	
<u>Woodpeckers</u>		Betsy Mayne
<u>Kestrels</u>		Shae Baldock
<u>Ospreys</u>		Hannah Dobney
<u>Owls</u>		Owls Class for their incredible biography pages inspired by Kate Pankhurst.

<u>Date</u>	<u>TT Rockstars</u> <u>% of active players</u>	<u>Spelling Shed</u>	<u>Maths Shed</u>	<u>Lunchtime Award</u>	<u>Attendance Award</u>
21.05.21	Owls 83% Ospreys 32% Woodpeckers 32% Robins 8% Kestrels 5% Wrens 4%	Kestrels 25,071,273	Woodpeckers 2,056,004	The whole of Ospreys for showing how mature you can all be not only in the lunch hall but working together as a class at playtime. The boys have also been doing lots of cleaning in the hall too!	Kingfishers
28.05.21	Ospreys 75% Owls 61% Woodpeckers 14% Robins 8% Kestrels 5% Kingfishers 4%	Kestrels 62,427,613	Owls 4,035,535	Brooke Edridge for being helpful handing out the lunches and also always being kind. Well done!	Wrens

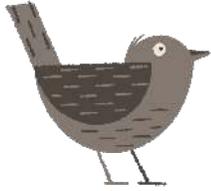


# ClassDojo

	<u>Dojo Award Winners</u>			<u>Dojo Points Winners</u>	
 <u>Being Helpful</u>	Lacey Raye Ospreys	William Ririe Woodpeckers	<u>Wrens</u>	Ivy Page-Blackley & Scarlett Dawson	Elijah Sandom & Rafael Roye
 <u>Being Kind</u>	Louis Shaddock Robins	Ava Bowles Ospreys	<u>Robins</u>	Lottie Wright	Freddie Foxtan
 <u>Good Manners</u>	Henley McPherson Kestrels	Mei Bucknell Owls	<u>Kingfishers</u>	Lucia Sando & Maya Roye	Ethan Thorp
 <u>Listening</u>	James Dawson Wrens	Mia Nash Wrens	<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Finlee Northcote	William Ririe
 <u>Perseverance</u>	Poppy May Woodpeckers	Freddie Foxtan Robins	<u>Kestrels</u>	Lee Lyons	Eira Fulcher and Hollie Reeve
 <u>Teamwork</u>	Rebe, Evie, Nell, Matilda & Rosie Owls	Harriet Young and Henry Munson Kingfishers	<u>Ospreys</u>	Daisy Smith	Poppy Bloss
 <u>Working Hard</u>	Ava Nash Kingfishers	Serena Kestrels	<u>Owls</u>	Rebe Roberts	Rosie Coop

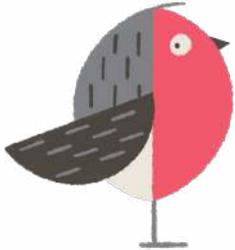
# Class Information

## Wrens



We have had an excellent full half term at school. I have been amazed at how hard the children have worked and their wonderful attitude towards learning. A highlight for us all is definitely our new Born2Ride balance bikes. We have loved practising the new skills we have learnt and are already becoming so confident. In maths last week we learnt about subtraction and this week we have recapped this concept along with addition and teen numbers. The children are becoming really secure and can apply their knowledge well. We have also had lots of opportunities to apply our phonics independently and have been drawing pictures and writing sentences to match. We have continued to learn the story of the Little Red Hen and loved planting our own wheat. The children enjoyed a fun play swimming session on Tuesday which has really built their confidence in the water. To end our plant topic, we looked at Vincent Van Gogh's Sunflower painting. The children had a wonderful time using different mediums to create their own sunflowers and then we created a large Art Attack on the floor using objects from around the classroom to recreate the Sunflower picture. See Class Dojo for some wonderful pictures.

## Robins



The class have really settled back in and started to accelerate in their progress now which has been so fabulous and comforting to see after an incredibly challenging set of circumstances for them, not only this year but also experiencing lockdown in their Reception year too. The children really have bounced back from it and are working hard to 'catch up'. We have done our very 'grown up' end of half term tests this week. The class are brilliant at this now and sit really quietly, concentrating, not peeking at others' and trusting themselves and feeling comforted that tests (right or wrong) help me to know what they need my help with. Mrs Radford has been impressed at all the children's French skills and the language they have remembered. At the end of the day we have been enjoying reading some of the books that have been written by Stebbing over the years - the Giraffe story was particularly inspiring, exciting and left us on a cliffhanger a few times. Number bonds are particularly strong now and we have been finding many different number bonds to 100. We have begun learning to tell the time (o'clock and half past) and enjoying taking on deeper challenges in our Maths lessons. The stories we innovated were fabulous - so much language and creative ideas, some conjunctions and adjectives making their way into our work. These were a real joy to read. We have also made pots by sculpting clay, and engaged in some natural sculpture making, having looked at many of Andy Goldsworthy's creations to inspire us. Forest School was fabulous (albeit slightly smelly) this week as we all did some Pond dipping! We found mostly leaves and plant roots but there were some creepy crawlies in our nets too. We had a discussion about Predators and Prey and seem very secure on our knowledge of this. Although we did not find a newt in the pond ourselves, a female one was found later in the week which Miss Honeybee brought to our class to show us. Miss Honeybee has provided some very fun, animal based tasks for us this half term and we have loved our time outside with her so much.

## Kingfishers



The last two weeks have seen some fabulous work from Kingfishers and I cannot believe we are half way through the summer term already! We have been focusing on Something Fishy in our English and the children have worked on expanding their noun phrases as well as starting to use adverbs in their sentences. This has resulted in some really mature writing and we can definitely tell that they are getting ready to be in Year 3! In Maths, we have taken part in a few hot tasks, which has highlighted some areas that we needed to go over this week. The children have worked so hard in their subtraction with exchanging, carefully thinking about when they need to exchange. In topic, we finished our explorers topic by creating backpacks and binoculars before we went on a real exploration of the school. The children worked in groups to plan out their voyage on a map and had to discover facts about different explorers. There was also some extra little treats to be found as well! We have also enjoyed starting to learn about different religions in RE and noticing the different features in religions. Swimming, as always, has also been a highlight to our week along with learning multi skills with Nick. After a very busy half term, we hope all of

Kingfishers have a well earned rest as I am sure they need it!

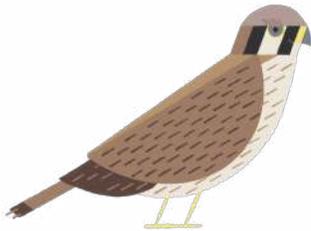
## Woodpeckers



I cannot believe we have completed the first half of summer term already! In English we have been thinking about explanation texts and Woodpeckers have started creating their own based on their own chosen topic. We have had some great ideas, from how Tsunami's form to how chocolate is made. In Maths we have continued our learning on fractions and Woodpeckers completed their hot maths this week and as always they all concentrated, remained focused and tried their best. I was so impressed and proud of them all and they have grasped fractions really well. In History we have completed our World War 2 topic and as a class we have all thoroughly enjoyed learning about the War. Woodpeckers have been

engrossed in this topic from the beginning and we have had many amazing discussions and questions and lots of children have spoken about their own families experiences, which has been very interesting. In science we have also finished our rocks and fossils topic. Woodpeckers have found fossils fascinating and have really applied themselves throughout the topic in order to understand different types of rocks, what fossils are, how they occur, famous paleontologists and what soil is made from. The weather has suddenly taken a turn for the better and the children had a great swimming session and commented on how much nicer it is now that the weather is warmer. They have all been trying really hard in their swimming practise and Steve only ever has positive things to say about Woodpeckers and their determination and confidence in the pool. It has been a great half term and I hope you all have a lovely, well-deserved rest over the break and I can't wait to see you all again for the final half term of the year!

## Kestrels



Wow! I cannot quite believe how quickly this first half term has passed! I am so impressed with the progress and determination made during this time by each of the children.

We have had a brilliant two weeks in Kestrels. The children have been working very hard in English, focusing on identifying the main features of an explanation text and putting these into practice and working towards completing their hot writes. In maths last week, the children completed their hot maths and really persevered with completing the questions. We then spent some time focusing on decimals, particularly recognising tenths and hundredths. In history, our Ancient Egyptian topic has been a huge hit with the children. We have had some amazing discussions and work produced in relation to the Pyramids, Tutankhamun and how his tomb was discovered.

We have been extremely lucky with the weather this week and the children have thoroughly enjoyed their final swimming session for this half term and continuing with Kwik Cricket in PE in the outdoor space. I hope that all of Kestrels have a fabulous half term break, they have most definitely earned it.

## Ospreys



I am so glad to see that the sunshine has made an appearance for us all to have a relaxing and enjoyable half term! I can not express how hard the children have worked this half term and their progress has been fantastic and I am sure they are all exhausted and ready for a break! We have enjoyed finishing off our Monarchs unit of work in history and I have to say it is one of my new favourite areas of history to teach. We have had so many rich discussions that have been known to often go off on a tangent but I have been really impressed with the information that the children have been able to retain. In Maths we have FINALLY finished our fractions unit of work and the children have astounded me with their results in their hot assessments - what they don't know is that after half term, fractions do sneak in a little but again when we look at the relationships between decimals, fractions and percentages. Today the children have written their persuasive hot writes to explain why it is so important to save the bees. I am looking forward to reading all of them! I hope you all have a wonderful half term and I look forward to seeing you all back at school for the last half of the summer term on Wednesday 9th June!

## Owls



What a half term! It has been an absolute joy to have the children back in class for the past seven weeks and I cannot believe we are breaking up for half term already with just one half term to go until our class of 2021 leave. However, Owls class are making the most of every opportunity given to them and working incredibly hard along the way. Over the past couple of weeks, we have spent all of our time in English building up to writing our own biography based on an influential figure in history. The children all made incredibly thoughtful decisions when selecting their individual and have produced truly incredible pieces of work. Keep an eye on Dojo and share with you all your child's biographies inspired by Kate Pankhurst's biographies. In maths, we have been working hard on area and perimeter these past two weeks starting with regular shapes before moving on to compound and rectilinear shapes and finishing this week on calculating the area of a triangle. After half term, we will conclude with the area of parallelograms and volume. We have two units left to go when the children return: statistics and shape with the later being covered in the after school maths club. There has been much more to school life than English and Maths the past two weeks with the children all completing Bikeability, taking part in the recent virtual rounders

competition and working towards the tennis competition after half term on top of swimming, drama with Mrs Bucknell, science investigations developing our understanding of the visible spectrum, concluding our work on Crime and Punishment through the ages and learning about 'County Lines' in our recent virtual Crucial Crew session - it has been busy to say the least. .

I have been incredibly proud of each and every child this half term as they have risen to the challenges, overcome obstacles and made exceptional progress in all areas of school life. With one half term left to go, I am excited to be able to share many wonderful opportunities with the children next half term with the week of fun, ports day, leavers' filming, The Wizard of Oz performance (which will be filmed for you all to see), secondary school transition activities and much, much, more. Have a wonderful half term and I look forward to seeing you all back on Wednesday 9th June!

# Important Dates

Date	Event
28.05.21	Break up for half term
07.06.21	Non pupil day
08.06.21	Non pupil day
09.06.21	Back to school
21.06.21	Y6 Week of Fun
W.C. 12.07.21	Provisional Sports Day Week
16.07.21	Swap over morning
21.07.21	End of the school year

