



STEBBING SPOTLIGHT

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Thursday 24th October
Break up for Half Term

Friday 25th October
Non-Pupil day

Monday 4th November
Non-Pupil day

Tuesday 5th November
Back to School

Friday 8th November
Non-Uniform Day
(bring a cake)

Sunday 10th November
Remembrance Day Run

HEADTEACHER

We have had an incredibly busy half-term!

We are very excited to announce that we have received handover of Kingfishers' new classroom this morning.

Over the next few days we will be busy moving Kingfishers into their new classroom and Owls will move from the POD and return to the green classroom in the main school building.

We will have an official opening of the new classroom in the next few weeks. Watch this space!

COMMUNITY COHESION

Thank you so much to all of the parents and villagers that attended Hannah Wigmore's evening of relaxation. It was thoroughly enjoyable and raised £100 to go towards Forest School developments. Thank you Hannah for giving up your time to hold such a lovely event. We will look forward to the next one!

Thank you to Beardwell our contractors for our Phase 1 and 2 building project. We will certainly be sad to see them leave our school site. They have worked to incredibly tight deadlines to complete the build in time to move in this week. We can't wait to show off the new space. A huge thank you from us all!

NOTES

The closing date for applications for a secondary school place in September 2020 is 31st October 2019

You can apply online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

DON'T FORGET...PLEASE DONATE CAKES ON FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER FOR THE REMEMBRANCE DAY RUN. CHILDREN CAN WEAR NON-UNIFORM. IF YOU CAN HELP ON THE DAY PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

Congratulations for the best weekly attendance...

Friday 11th October - Wrens

Thursday 24th October - Owls

SPORTING EVENTS

As we draw to a close the first half term of sport at Stebbing we can reflect on a fantastic seven weeks of sports with plenty of different learning opportunities and clubs taking place in school supported by inter-school competitions and festivals.

The poor weather has not helped with events over the past couple of weeks with the boys year 3/4 football being cancelled. I'll keep my fingers crossed for improved weather after the half term break to enable as many events to take place as possible. We will have KS1 multi-skills, KS2 basketball, KS2 Tag Rugby, Sports Hall Athletics, year 6 talent camp trials, lower and upper KS2 archery to name just a few.

We will have a bit of a swap around with our clubs after half term:

Monday - Running club

Wednesday - Tag Rugby

Thursday - Football

WOODPECKERS

We have been working on addition in Maths recently and everyone has been learning the column method. We started by adding numbers that didn't need to be exchanged, then moved on to carrying. This involves lots of focus and concentration to get right but everyone put a lot of effort in and did well. This method needs lots of practise to help us remember the method. We have had a quick look at column subtraction too and stealing, we will work on this more after the holidays.

We have now reached the end of our Anglo-Saxons topic and finished off by learning about Alfred the Great. We found out some of the things that he did during his life and worked in groups to debate what we thought was his most important contribution.

In English we have written our first Hot Write of the year. After spending some time thinking very carefully about the structure of a story, how to describe characters and settings using senses, and learning some new sentence types, we have completed our own unique stories. Some of us found it difficult to think of enough ideas for our story and to get the ideas on to paper. I am looking forward to reading everyone's stories over the holiday though and we will keep practising these skills next term.

I hope you all have a lovely week and we will see you in November!

KESTRELS

We have reached the end of an extremely busy half term! The children have certainly worked for it and I'm sure they are very ready to have a week off! Thank you to everyone who attended the Harvest Festival, it was so lovely to see the church so full.

We have finished off our Anglo Saxon topic now- next half term we are going to be moving on to a more geography based topic of looking at all of the different 'lines' around the world such as equator , lines of tropic and Capricorn etc. In Maths we have just come to the end of our place value unit and we have moved onto addition and subtraction, looking at formal written methods. This will then progress on to word problems after half term and having to apply that knowledge.

We have also had great fun learning about different villainous speeches and yesterday the children had a chance to write independently to show me all of the skills they have learnt. I was super impressed by them and watch class dojo closely after half term as we will be performing then sharing them with you.

Finally, if your child has brought home a script for our Christmas play 'Olivia' could they please spend some time leaning their lines as we will be starting rehearsals when we get back.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and I look forward to hearing about all of the children's adventures when we return!

OWLS

In a blink of an eye, we have already completed our first half term in Owls class and what a half term it has been. Our journey started together with a week at Manor Adventure which set them up perfectly for everything that has followed.

From place value and the four operations in Maths, instructional writing, creative writing and letter writing in English, knowledge of the Anglo-Saxons in History, developing an understanding of human development from birth to old age in Science, learning how to vault and play football in PE and much, much more. The children have certainly stepped up to the increased demands that year 6 has to offer and are really enjoying the increased responsibility.

With half term, comes a week off from school or homework as I give the children a well-earned rest before knuckling down when we return with more of the same plus additional Maths booster groups after school, grammar and guided reading booster groups within school time and all of this as the children prepare to put on the show of all shows in this year's Christmas production, Olivia.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term and come back ready to work harder than you've ever worked before!