



## WEEKLY NEWS 20.04.18

### Weather Watch!

What wonderful weather we have had over the last two days. A welcome relief from the rain which we had over the Easter holidays!



As I do each year, can I ask parents to ensure their child is wearing **all day** sunscreen. Staff will not be able to apply sun screen for your child - if all 30 children needed this, playtime would be over before they got outside to enjoy their play!

Children also need to come to school with hats on or ready to wear should it become particularly warm or sunny during the day. At times it can also seem cloudy but the sun is still strong so wearing a hat and sunscreen every day would ensure they are protected at all times.

If you would like to check the UV rate each day [www.weatheronline.co.uk](http://www.weatheronline.co.uk) is a good website to visit.

I want all children to make the most of the time they have outside but if a child comes to school without a hat and we feel it is too hot or the sun is particularly strong we may ask your child to sit in the shade or to stay indoors. Last year a small number of children did forget so it may help to keep a spare hat in school.

### Calling all Water Bottles!



You may recall I recently requested that all children have their water bottles in school each day. This is now even more important with the hot weather. Unfortunately, many children have not had their water bottle in school and yesterday we handed out over 80 cups to children leaving very few left!

Please can you help us by checking that your child has their water bottle with them each day – they need water regularly on hand during the hot weather.

### LEARNING NEWS ACROSS THE SCHOOL

**Foundation Stage** The children have looked for a way in which they could reuse or recycle something they had in their classrooms. They decided to take some old, broken wax crayons and melt them down to make brand new ones! First they had to take off any paper they were still wrapped in, then put the small pieces of crayon into a mould before popping them into the oven to melt. Once they had cooled down completely they were ready to colour with.



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## ECO WEEK

This week **Years 1 and 2** have been finding out how to look after our planet during their school Eco Week. They have been thinking about ways to save water and electricity



including by turning off lights on a bright day and making sure taps are turned off after washing hands. With the recent news, they have been thinking about how waste plastic can be dangerous to wildlife and how important it is to dispose of and recycle this type of material. So they have been using plastic straws to make eco pictures, bubble wrap for printing and making eco posters using scrap paper in Creative Friday! The children should now have some helpful hints on how to be environmentally friendly at home too!



As part of Eco week this week **Years 3 and 4** have been taking part in an exciting project which is linked to 'Stamford In Bloom'. The task that the children had to complete was to design a feature depicting gardening and anything that is linked with the outdoors and the garden.

The children had to use an old, kitchen chair and recycle this into a piece of 'Garden Chair' art work. There were some very creative ideas from all of the children and they thought carefully about what would be needed to create their piece of work. They had some amazing discussions and then put together a final design. Their creation is hopefully going to be displayed in a shop window in Stamford as part of the judging for 'Stamford In Bloom'. We will let you know more when details are finalised!

**Years 5 and 6** have been very busy this week. Year 6 children are working very hard towards their SATs and we are very proud of them. Both Years 5 and 6 have made good use of the weather to combine outdoor learning with Maths and English.



As part of Eco Week, they have focused on recycling. The children took part in a quiz and then investigated different types of food packaging, thinking carefully about their effect on the environment. They then started to create a new type of food packaging for a product of their choice, thinking about how they can create less waste and be more eco-friendly.

## STAFFING NEWS

Mrs Amos will sadly be leaving us at the end of next week. We thank her for all she has done in her time with us and wish her every happiness. We are going to miss her.

## SPORTING NEWS

**Key Stage 2** have had a fantastic week participating in sports events.

**Years 5 and 6** played superbly at the Quicksticks hockey tournament against 16 teams. They were runners up after a very tense final but were unfortunately beaten to a golden goal in extra time.



**Years 3 and 4** footballers also played fantastically at the tournament yesterday, winning all 5 of their matches leading them to win the tournament. Both teams displayed great sportsmanship and skill, and we were all very impressed, especially as the sun was beaming on both matches. Well done to everyone involved and many thanks to parental support.

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## Open Afternoons

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our next Open Afternoon on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 2:15pm. Open Afternoons are focused on giving you time to join in with your child's learning rather than look at books. The children really look forward to you joining in and supporting their learning. They are always very excited to tell me that you are coming in.

This Open Afternoon will focus on Maths, giving you an opportunity to look at all the resources we use in school and to join in with learning in the classroom. Mrs Standen will soon be sending out a letter to you all.

## Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for reading volunteers for Years 1 and 2 on Tuesdays am & pm. If you are interested please pop in to the reception and collect a Volunteers Agreement form.



## Group Photos Reminder

The deadline to return the orders for the group photos to school is **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**. If you wish to order any photos after this date this can be done by sending the order form directly to Tempest Photography. All details are included on the order form.

## DATES TO REMEMBER!

01/05/2018 KS1 SATs Begin

03/05/2018 Open Afternoon 2.30pm -3.00pm

14<sup>th</sup> May - 18<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SAT's Week



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