



The Staverton Bell

14th May 2021

5th edition

'Hope takes flight'

Welcome to the latest edition of the Staverton Bell, a chance to celebrate everything in the lives of your children, families and the school.

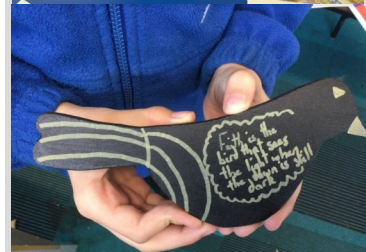
With the warmer weather, we have seen a lot more birds around Staverton, perching on our roof and circling the skies above. You may have noticed more and more birds inside the building too: our new logo, school signs and the spectacular mural which has just been completed in the main entrance.

We offer our warmest thanks to Jill Barnes, who has been working tirelessly to produce the magnificent tree in all its glory. We are lucky to have such talented and supportive parents in our family! We also folded origami birds for a spectacular display at Trowbridge Vineyard Church. We're getting quite good at creating birds now!

The mustard tree mural serves as a powerful reminder of why we are here as a school. We provide sanctuary for all the children and adults who call our school home until they take flight, full of hopes for the future.

This month also marked the school's 25th Anniversary. It's incredible to imagine just how many people have been touched by the life of the school over that time, our hope is to keep impacting our community with love and compassion for many years to come.

Mr Powe
Head Teacher



OLIO!

Did you know that a third of all food produced globally goes to waste? To help combat this, I'd like to draw your attention to **Olio**.

Olio connects neighbours with each other and with local businesses so surplus food can be shared, not thrown away. This could be food nearing its sell-by date in local stores, spare home-grown vegetables, bread from your baker, or the groceries in your fridge when you go away.

Tesco is one of the key partners with Olio. With Trowbridge having 4 stores and a small army of food waste heroes, food is posted almost daily on the app. There are other supermarkets that also take part.

See if you can help save some food from going to waste by downloading the Olio app (available on Google Play and the App Store). Please get in touch if you would like to know more. Thank you to our wonderful parent community for making us aware of this wonderful venture.

- Over 15 years teaching experience.
- Annually updated DBS check.
- CPD certified child safe guarding trained.
- Teaching all ages, levels of ability and music styles.
- Currently teaching in Primary schools in the Trowbridge area and privately from home.
- An Associate Provider with Wiltshire Connect.

Hello, my name is Benjamin Jones and I am currently taking on new starters for guitar and ukulele at Staverton C of E School.

I offer both 12 single and shared(2 pupil) lessons per term in a risk assessed room within the school.

Costs:

12 single 20 minute lessons per term - £120

12 shared(2 pupil) 20 minute lessons - £72

If you are interested then please get in touch with either myself or the school and an invoice/ agreement letter will be sent over to you via email.

Contact: benseph@msn.com

Phone: 0791 306 0808



Keep on 'ukuleling'!

We know that many of you have been seeing your children love learning the ukulele. It's been amazing to see the pupils progress so quickly!

For those who want to encourage their children to keep pursuing this passion, then there are many opportunities for tutoring and lessons. Ben works closely with the school to teach guitar and also ukulele. A separate letter will be released shortly. Get in touch quickly to avoid disappointment.



Ducklings!

We have a very exciting project going on in Foundation Stage currently. We are hatching ducklings! The 7 duck eggs are in an incubator in Bears' class currently and we will monitor and observe them for 28 days until they hopefully begin to hatch! We have to spray them with water twice a day to replicate the mother duck having a dip in the water and coming back to sit on the eggs.

Every 7 days, we have to 'torch' the eggs. This involves going to a dark space and shining a torch on them in order to see if there are any veins inside the egg. This shows us how many ducklings are successfully developing. Not all of the eggs will be successful. How many ducklings do you think will hatch? Cast your votes!

Did you know...? When a mother duck lays eggs, she lays one each day for about 10 days in a row and then she returns to the nest to sit on them to start incubating them! This means all the eggs start incubating on the same day and is why they all hatch at roughly the same time!



Hall of fame!

We love celebrating your achievements both in and out of school. Please send them in and we'll showcase them here. In this edition, we celebrate the work of two writers: Ingrid from Wolves Class and Archie from Seahorses. We hope you enjoy their masterpieces!

My Memories of my first day of school....

I was saying goodbye to my parents. My Dad said "Have fun!" while mum was hoping for me to be safe. I hugged them tight and they squeezed right back. I went in while they talked to the teacher outside.

As I went in, my fingers started trembling and I felt a little nervous. There were games scattered over tables with children around them. The noises were so loud! I clearly remember a sandpit and playdough station....When I played with the playdough I could smell the strong playdough aura scent and you could 'kind of taste it'.

Archie's Quest Story

...All of the animals want to help the mummy elephant. The vultures fly above the hot, dusty plains. The zebra herd speed across the ground. The enormous sniffs the air and runs to go but there is no sign of him or Jamina or the baby elephant. A giraffe said "I can see them they are at the watering hole."

Three cheers!

Congratulations to Lilly-May, who has a bright, shiny, first-place medal for her Major-ettes competition. She achieved gold for the baton. Really well done Lilly-May, we're really proud of you!



Marvellous mentor!

We want to celebrate Jack this week, who has been a fabulous mentor and teacher to our year 4 children during their outdoor learning. Well done Jack!

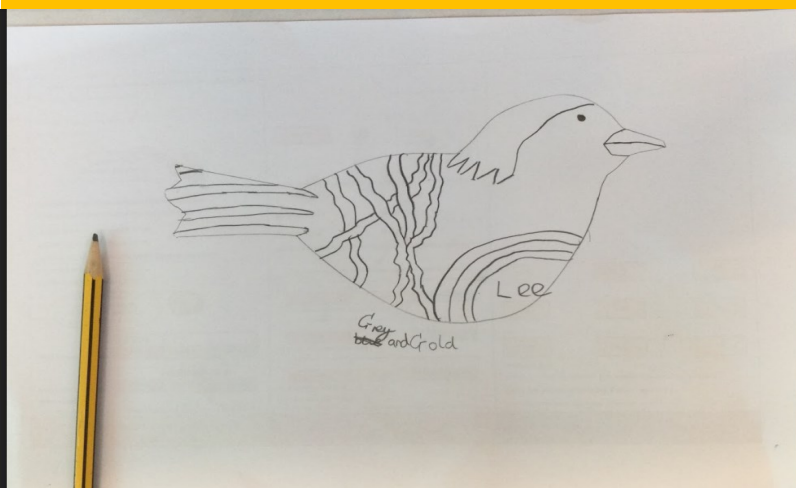
Dates for the Term

Thursday 20th May	Whole school outdoor classroom day.
Tuesday 25th May	New reception parents induction evening at 6.00pm
Wednesday 26th May	Last day of term (3.15pm finish)
Thursday 27th May	Inset day (school closed to pupils)
Friday 28th May	Inset day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 31st May	Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June 2021	Half Term (School Closed)
Monday 7th June	First Day of Term 6

Please see the link on the school website and the online calendar for any additional dates/changes to dates

A pause for thought..

Mrs Ibison shared this poem with us recently, celebrating the role of the teaching assistant in schools. We are so fortunate to have such caring, committed team of support staff and we celebrate this poem wholeheartedly!



TA

Teaching Assistant

Totally Amazing

Terrifically Awesome

Terribly Affable

Tangibly Astounding

Time to Appreciate

Thanks a Million

Ta!