

Wilmcote C of E Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

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Monies

Please can you ensure that all monies sent into school are in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name / class, amount and event and handed into their class teacher.

Mrs Banyard's Blog

Welcome back to school and to the Spring Term. I hope you all enjoyed a happy and relaxing Winter break. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for your kindness and generosity at Christmas. It was very much appreciated.

I would like to thank the children who did such a wonderful job leading our concert and carol service and to everyone who came to church and school to take part in our end of term festivities. Thank you also to WSPA for organising the Christmas Fair and for your continuing hard work in raising funds to enrich the learning opportunities for the children.

The new term is looking very busy so please continue to check the newsletter and website for dates.

Stargazing Party: With Stratford Astronomy Club, we are hosting a 'Stargazing Party' as part of British Science Week on **Saturday 21 March**.

Please keep this date free so that the children can attend as the event is linked to our Science Theme Week. The official BBC Stargazing Live TV programs will be broadcast in **March 2015** (not January as with previous years). This is so the TV broadcasts will be able to talk about the solar eclipse which is happening on the 20th March 2015. John McGuire, from Stratford Astronomy Club, will also be visiting school to lead a workshop on the Solar Eclipse—further details to follow.



African Children's Choir: On Friday evening I went with a group of our children to the Stratford ArtsHouse to sing with the African Children's choir. It was a very moving and uplifting evening and the children touched us by their aspirations for the future, even though they have experienced some very difficult circumstances. We will be linking this visit with Unicef's RRSA 'Right to Education'. Thank you to the children who took part and to parents for your continued support.



AFRICANCHILDREN'SCHOIR™

Enterprise Community Opportunity - Work Shop

Based in the Stratford on Avon area, ECO Work-Shop is a community interest company set up in 2013. We provide a supported environment to enable adults with a learning disability or autism to carry out a range of work based activities.

Ethos and values

We believe: adults with a learning disability or autism have a right to live purposeful, stimulating and active lives.

Our mission: to raise expectations about the talents of our participants, reduce prejudice and increase tolerance and understanding.

Our goal: to increase mental and physical wellbeing by:

- building confidence and self worth
- increasing social and independence skills
- improving and increasing opportunities to live full and active lives
- encourage employers to engage with our participants



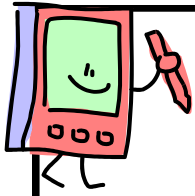
What we do

- Activity sessions designed with sensitivity to the needs of people who have autism or learning disabilities.
- Work based activities, such as light assembly work, collecting and sorting recyclables, producing items for sale and retail through local markets.
- Opportunities to achieve personal goals and ambitions.
- Support to develop work, life and social skills.

Work activities include:

- Outsourced light assembly work from local business partners
- Collecting and sorting recyclables such as cans and ink cartridges,
- Producing items for sale and retail through local markets.
- Refurbishing garden tools // Collecting and sorting postage stamps
- Paper making and paper product making
- Unique commissions for special events such as weddings
- Manufacture of upcycled wood products

For further information please visit www.work-shop.org.uk or call 01789 267786. If you have any old garden tools, used stamps or recyclables such as cans and ink cartridges please drop them in at the school office for collection. Thank you



Help! Please help us to collect 'Tubs4Tablets' tokens

Please remember our 'Tubs4Tablets' collection. This is a scheme run by Flora and Stork which aims to help our school by bringing new technology into the classroom. Help us make our campaign a success by collecting 500 tokens to earn 10 tablet computers for school.

Congratulations to ...

We now have an 'Alumni' page on our school website and are keen to recognise the success and achievements of our former pupils. Please contact the school office if you are able to provide us with a small photo and a short resume of 'life after Wilmcote!'



Holly Coombes

I am now 21 years old and study at Birmingham Conservatoire, a special university just for music. I've always loved music and starting learning in Wilmcote Primary School! I begin with playing the piano outside school time, but in Wilmcote we were offered the chance to play a musical instrument in year three. So I decided to learn the violin when I was 7. My teacher was the coolest man I had ever met, Mr Hughes! I can still remember his dog finger puppet, I hope he still uses him. I started the ABRSM grades and when I achieved grade 4, Mr Hughes gave me the idea to try playing the viola.

The viola is similar to a violin, but is slightly bigger and has lower sounding strings. I fell in love with it! So as I got to high school, I started playing my viola more and more, and I continued doing grades all through high school and sixth form. As well as playing other instruments such as the piano, violin and oboe, I knew for some time that I wanted to be a professional musician. The viola is quite a rare instrument and the more I played in groups and orchestras, the more I wanted to play it for my job.

At the end of sixth form in 2012, I achieved grade 8 and decided I wanted to go to music university. Before auditioning in March 2014, I spent two years out of school so I could get work experience before I went to music college. I helped in Warwickshire County Music Service in string orchestras as well as other jobs. The most interesting job I started during my gap years was to teach children the violin and piano myself, and I love it!

In March 2014 I auditioned for two music colleges- one in London and the other Birmingham Conservatoire. To my surprise, they both said yes! It was the happiest day of my life. I chose Birmingham, and am currently studying there now. I am so glad I started playing music in Wilmcote Primary School because that gave me the idea of becoming a musician that I am today!

If anyone is interested in tutoring for violin, viola or piano

I am always happy to have more students!

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Emergency School Closure Procedures

Due to the winter weather conditions, emergency school closure procedures may be necessary at some time during the coming months.

Please:

- ⇒ Check the school closure section of Warwickshire County Council's website www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schools
- ⇒ Listen to 102 Touch FM where regular updates will be broadcast
- ⇒ Leave your mobile switched on to receive text messages from school. Please ensure we are advised of any change in contact details and mobile telephone numbers
- ⇒ Sign up for free text message alerts at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/school_closures



Stratford upon Avon School—Fitness Suite

Stratford School's Fitness Suite offers the full use of their gym for only £20 per month and discounted prices on a range of fitness classes such as



Tai Chi, Pilates, Self Defence and Fitness, Netball, Dancing, Boxing, Football, Badminton, Pregnancy Yoga, Slimming World and Powerhoop etc.

For more information please contact iansmart:stratfordschool.co.uk

First Aid

Any child for whom we keep medicines in school, including Asthma Inhalers, please check the expiry dates with the class teacher next week. *Thank you*



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JOB VACANCY Midday Supervisor

Wilmcote Primary School has a vacancy for a part time Midday Supervisor for 1 ½ hours per day. Days to suit.

The position presents a superb opportunity to support the village school in a practical and valuable way. The school offers a friendly and welcoming environment with a real sense of community and successful applicants will be encouraged and supported in the development of their role.

The post level is Band B, Salary Scale Point 6 (details available on application) and typical tasks include:

- Occasional cleaning of hall after school lunches
- Supervising and monitoring of children in hall and on playground
- Dealing with minor injuries (First Aid training will be given)

For a complete job description and to find out more about what is involved in the post, please contact the school on 01789 204395 or email admin3313@welearn365.com

If you would like to apply for the post, please submit a letter of application to Mrs Banyard, Head of School, Wilmcote Primary School at the address above, explaining why you are interested in the role and outlining any relevant experience you have had. Applications can also be submitted by email to admin3313@welearn365.com.



A group of children in red choir robes with white ruffled collars are singing in a church. They are holding red songbooks and looking towards the front of the church. The background is slightly blurred, showing more children and the interior of the church.

Be a Chorister for a Day

Sunday 8th February 2015 2pm - 6pm
St Mary's Collegiate Church, Warwick

Does your son or daughter enjoy singing?
Aimed at boys and girls in school years 3 - 7

A thrilling opportunity to sing with the choirs of
St Mary's Collegiate Church and to meet the
choristers and other children who enjoy music

Fun and musical games

Tour of the historic church Tea

Singing at a special service with the choirs of St Mary's Collegiate Church

All children must be accompanied by an adult
Places will be limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis
To reserve a place email: musicadmin@stmaryswarwick.org.uk by 30th Jan 2015

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