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Diary Dates

Monday 20th September	Worcester Warriors After School Rugby Club
	After School Gardening Club – Please ensure children have a coat with them
	Severn Class Welcome Meeting @ 3.30pm
Tuesday 21st September	Music Lessons – Mr Ashford & Mrs Leverett Williams
	Kidderminster Harriers After School Football Club
Wednesday 22nd September	Gardening After School Club – Please ensure children have a coat with them
	Netball After School Club
Thursday 23rd September	Music Lessons – Mrs Leverett Williams
	Choir After School Club
	Aerobics After School Club
	Rea Class Welcome Meeting @ 3.30pm
Friday 24th September	Multi Skills After School Club

Covid 19 Update

Thank you for people's positive attitudes to requests, this week, to do PCR's following a positive case in school. We are all finding our way with the new measures and with the balance between maximising uninterrupted, high quality, face to face education and reducing COVID 19 transmission. **If any pattern of cases emerges I will keep you informed and adjust school measures.** Currently, there is no indication of a pattern but be reassured we are monitoring and will keep you informed. A reminder of the current approach:

- We are currently running a 'step down' risk assessment. The school is operating normally while promoting good hygiene; testing, isolation and management of positive cases.
- People who have Covid symptoms or have a positive PCR result have to isolate (10 days).
- Close contacts of positive cases will be notified. Close contacts do not have to isolate if they: are **fully** vaccinated/ are below the age of 18 years 6 months/ have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial/ are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons). **Close contacts are asked to do a PCR and regular LFD tests.** If your children are informed they are close contacts (of cases outside school) please let us know and confirm test results.
- Please be reassured that, for the vast majority of children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness and that, in addition, the vaccine programme is providing protection.
- **If we get a pattern of cases we will 'step up' our measures to some or all of those previously used.**

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Please do not let children play on the bike/scooter racks before and after school. Children are not allowed to play on these during the school day. A child had a nasty accident some years ago; they are not designed for play and, as they are for bike and scooter storage, are not on a surface to support if children fall.



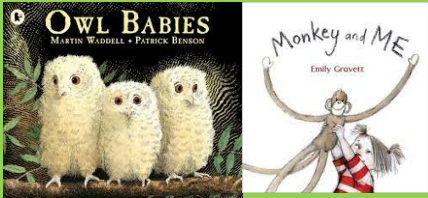
Daily Reflection or Prayer

This week we have enjoyed thinking about:

- The achievement of Emma Raducanu: we don't know what we are capable of until we try—and sometimes we surprise ourselves with what we can do
- When continuing to reflect on the phrase 'no outsiders: everyone welcome everyone different, we have reflected on how much we value our special homes. Children have thought about how hard it must be if home is no longer safe. We have thought about the refugees from Afghanistan and what they will need if they need to move to safer places.
- We found out about the Jewish Yom Kippur which focuses on putting our mistakes right. Children thought about how we do this with each other (courage to say 'sorry' and courage to forgive and say 'it's okay').



EYFS News



Nursery Talk for Writing: Monkey and Me
Reception Talk for Writing: Owl Babies

Our Rhyme of the Week: Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Reception learnt an additional verse—have a go at home. Neck, elbows, hips and feet, hips and feet. Neck elbows, hips and feet.

Nursery Concept Cat word: Dry

Concept Cat asks if you can let your child help you to hang out the washing or load the tumble dryer. Talk about the clothes being not dry and then ask your child to feel the clothes when they are dry.

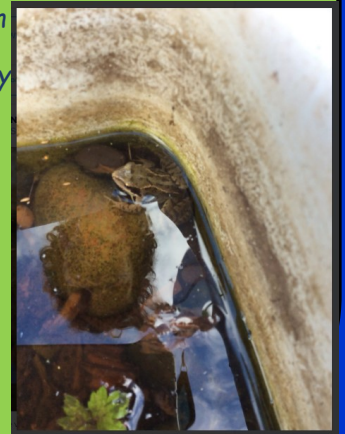
Reception Concept Cat word: Near

Concept Cat asks if you can play 'Grandma's Footsteps' at home this weekend. One person turns away at one end of the room. The others have to creep up behind them. The first person looks around suddenly and sees whether anyone is moving. If they are moving they have to start again? How near can you get?

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Reception Welcome Evening on Monday / Wednesday.

Please see a copy of the PowerPoint, Reception Sound Mat and The Early Learning Goals attached.

The nursery children found two frogs living in our wetland sink pond on Thursday afternoon



Stepping Out and Ocarina lessons!

Corve Class had their pedestrian training this week, so that they understand how to be safe on the roads. Children also began their whole class Ocarina lessons to develop musicality skills. Mrs Jones was amazed by a performance of two pieces after only one lesson!



Rea Class

In our phonics next week, we will be focusing on phase 4 blends for year one, while revising our phase three sounds from last year.

In our spellings and phonics next week, year 2 will continue to revise their sounds from last year and begin to look at year 2 homophones.

Homework - Children have bought homework books home. This week we are starting with writing. Year 1 children only need to write one sentence. English writing homework for year one is about sharing their writing with parents. Please do not spend a long time on this. Year 2 children need to write more than one sentence about the picture.

Spelling folders have been sent home to children in Rea class, with their spellings to learn. These are based on recent spelling sessions in class. We advise a short amount of time practising each day and children have been learning to use the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check strategy in class. There will be a spelling test on the following Thursday. Regular spelling practise will really help your children with their writing in school. Thank you.

Severn Class

Today children in Severn Class had a visit from PCSO Jacqui Fletcher and PCSO Shelley Hyde, this was the first of six sessions in which the police will be covering leadership skills, citizenship, community awareness and giving the children an insight into the diverse work of the police.



Children measuring the huge sunflowers which they grew from seed in the school garden this summer. Skills of measuring, conversion, averages, diameter, radius etc., all came from a sunflower!





Welcome meetings

Severn & Rea Class teachers will be running welcome meetings for parents in order to share key information to help support children. It is really important to attend these, if you are able.

(There is only one a year)

Monday 20th September — Severn Class Welcome Meeting @ 3.30pm

Thursday 23rd September — Rea Class Welcome Meeting @ 3.30pm

FoSPS

We are a small group of parents who meet (via Zoom) every 6/8 weeks or so, to discuss and arrange fund raising activities for our school.

It's been a very difficult 18 months for all of us, and many of our usual fundraising events have been cancelled, which has resulted in us being unable to raise much needed funds for our school.

Our next AGM is taking place on **Thursday 7th October at 8.00pm (via Zoom)**

Everyone welcome, please just e-mail our Chair, Mary Lewis; mary1978lewis@gmail.com

Not only are we looking for new parents to join us, but we are actually looking to recruit a new Chair Person, as after several years, our lovely Mary has stepped down from this position.

If you can spare just a few hours to help us plan and organise events; every child at our school benefits from the money we raise, so please think about how you could help support our school.



Mary Lewis is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: FoSPS AGM

Time: Oct 7, 2021 08:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71741540673?pwd=U2kycDRFTTVRTONnc3diaFgvbDlXZz09>

Meeting ID: 717 4154 0673 / Passcode: 501731

Staffing Challenges

Hopefully you haven't noticed (because we've got it covered) but the school has faced significant staffing challenges as the school year has begun. In fact, we have been a 1/3 down but we hope to be moving forward....

- We are currently short of cleaning staff (vacancies advertised) and cover is mostly in place. Where it isn't, staff are picking up duties (THANK YOU).
- We have had a number of staff who have needed time/ are needing time for medical reasons. All staff are determined to get back to work as soon as they can.
 - We continue to deal with Covid measures and isolation rules.
- Mrs J Jones has returned after a nasty bout of Covid, but is currently needing a phased return so Mrs Jones and Mrs Wood are covering afternoons

If you have noticed, we apologise, but we are doing our best to cover with as little impact on provision as possible.

Collection for Nancy Fierek

We are sorry to announce that Nancy has decided to leave her role in Nursery in order to prioritise her family.

Nancy will be hugely missed by staff and children, she has paved the way with so many of them for their journey through school.

We would like to present Nancy with a gift from us all to thank her for all her hard work — if you would like to contribute please hand your donation into the office.

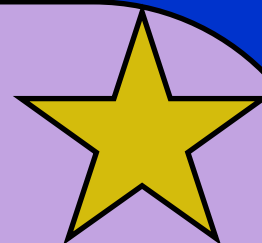


Class Reading Information:

Time: 93% Rea: 72% Corve: 82% Severn: 100%

PLEASE HELP OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN AND READ WITH THEM 4 TIMES A WEEK TO HELP DEVELOPMENT WITH THIS CRUCIAL LIFE SKILL.

Achievers



Well done this week to:

Francesca for consistent politeness and beautiful manners.

Teddy, Isabelle B, Jenson St, Ellie and Maxwell for colour mixing to make warm colours in art.

Handwriting star of the week is Harry.

Ruby for her focus on using her sounds in her phonics and writing lessons.

Florence for her independent sentences.

Fletcher for working hard throughout the summer on his mathletics.

Maxwell for also working hard on his mathletics and being chosen as one of their Summer prize winners.



All of Corve class for their excellent effort and behaviour when taking part in their Stepping Out training.

Georgia, Ana and Mia for their work on Queen Victoria.

Sports stars of the week:

Time Class: Reggie for great listening skills and reactions to instructions given when playing running games.

Rea Class: Jenson Strong for his perseverance in tennis.

Corve Class: Samuel for working hard to improve his ball skills in each exercise in tennis.

Severn Class: All of Severn class for showing great skills in rugby with a Worcester Warriors' coach.



"I live near the pub." Monty

The spaceship is silver, found and orange inside. It is shiny. Sofia

The peculiar migration from Australia to Antarctica was miraculous. Noah P-D

Pulling up his breeches, Tim ran as fast as he could away from the dreadful workhouse - that he had been living in for four years! Lottie G

Using words of the week