



...we really care and make learning fun.

Stottesdon C. of E. Primary School



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Diary Dates

Monday 8th November	Hockey After School Club
Tuesday 9th November	
Wednesday 10th November	Severn Class trip to Blists Hill Museum — children to be in school uniform, warm coat, suitable footwear, packed lunch, water bottle. LATE RETURN — APPROX. 4PM
	Esther Leverett Williams—Music Lessons
	Christmas Crafts After School Club
Thursday 11th November	Esther Leverett Williams—Music Lessons
	Choir After School Club
Friday 12th November	Lego/board games After School Club



No cell phones. Just a man leading by example, showing his kids how to learn the old fashioned way, through the pages of books.



The Importance of Reading

Thank you to parents and children who enjoy books together and read regularly.....it makes such an amazing difference. I've previously highlighted that reading and discussing with an adult massively impacts vocabulary but did you also know that:

- ...the combined effect....of regularly reading books and newspapers and visiting the library (is) "four times greater than the advantage children gained from having a parent with a degree" (Institute of Education 2015)
-15 year olds whose parents have the lowest occupational status but who are highly engaged in reading obtain higher average reading scores...than those whose parents have high or medium occupational status (but are)....poorly engaged in reading. (OECD PSA 2000)

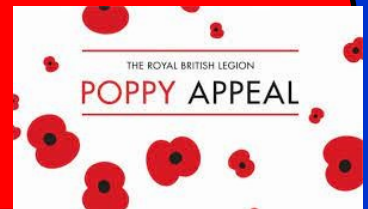
Reading and enjoyment of books makes a massive difference



Remembrance

Once again, we are supporting the Royal British Legion in their Poppy Appeal fundraising campaign.

Should children wish to support this campaign, items will be on sale at breaktimes.



Daily Reflection or Prayer

We have started our new half term with:

- No Outsiders: everyone different, everyone welcome. We reflected what Blake had chosen to wear on his first day at school and that the idea that Blake wanted to be anyone's friend. Classes were also given No Outsider book gifts to challenge themselves to think about the messages in the stories
- Open the Book were able to come in again and we thought about what the story of Adam, Eve and the snake taught us. We reflected on making mistakes and being responsible for the choices we make
- Phase assemblies focussed on the meaning behind the Bonfire Night celebrations and the importance of having fun and keeping safe.

No Outsiders



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Message from Mrs Jones about FOSPS

Thank you to the few responses we have had to this message but it would be great to have more.....

Our Parent, Teacher Association (called Friends of Stottesdon Primary School) had their annual general meeting last week. **Sadly, due to lack of new members and people to take up the roles of chair and treasurer, the group is now suspended.** Current members are a core of parents who have worked hard to support the school with fund raising and community activities. **THIS SUPPORT HAS BEEN, AND IS, A CRUCIAL ASPECT OF OUR SCHOOL AND FINANCES.** In the last year the FOSPS has supported in the following ways:

- Funding for trips: £15 per pupil— around £2000 in total
- Funding for reading books (our regular reading reward scheme): £15 per pupil— around £2000 in total
- Funding for additional resources e.g. ocarinas; weather station resources; digital sensors for science - around £1200.
- Funding for Hoodies for our leavers
- Funding for bouncy castle for our Nursery Graduation

The school would REALLY MISS the above support as well as the community feel when we arrange activities.

The group has arranged another **AGM on Thursday 25th November 8pm (virtual meeting).** **If new members and people willing/able to take up roles are still not available the group will need to be dissolved.** **WE REALLY HOPE THIS CAN BE AVOIDED.** Attached to the school news is the FOSPS code of conduct which includes details of the chair and treasurer roles. If anyone feels they can support (even sharing the role) or would like to join the group please email our school office and we will make sure you get information ready for the 25th November. In order for the group to continue, the role does not need to be onerous. Work could be slimmed down to just keep the essentials 'ticking over'. Overall we need:

- Someone who has the time and confidence to bring a simple agenda together and chair meetings
 - Someone who can oversee the finances and banking

Children in Need: Friday 19th November

We will be having a non-uniform day and ask for a minimum **£2 donation on the door.** Children will get to choose a biscuit/person for the biscuit build. If they get the person who places the final successful biscuit in the tower they will win a packet of biscuits and we could help 4–5 children suffering from cancer have a day out.

<p>RICKIE WITH THE CHOCOLATE DIGESTIVE</p> 	<p>MELVIN WITH THE VIENNESE WHIRL</p> 	<p>RICKIE WITH THE CELEBRATION BISCUIT</p> 	<p>MELVIN WITH THE COOKIE</p> 
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THE BBC CHILDREN IN NEED CHALLENGE:

RICKIE & MELVIN'S BISCUIT BUILD

£2 TO PLAY



Radio 1 DJ's Rickie & Melvin are building a tower of biscuits. Pick who will successfully place the final biscuit, and which biscuit will reign supreme. Lock in your pick with a donation & help us change young lives across the UK. To find out more head to bbc.co.uk/pudsey

HOW TO PLAY

- 1 ARRANGE PRIZES**
Give your players something to cheer for with a prize for the winner
- 2 COLLECT £2 PER PERSON**
Players can scan this code to donate £2 or head to bbc.co.uk/pudsey
- 3 ASK PLAYERS TO PICK A BISCUIT & PLAYER COMBO**
You can write names underneath the biscuits to keep track
- 4 WATCH THE BUILD**
Cheer on Rickie or Melvin at 1PM, FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER on our [FACEBOOK PAGE](#)
- 5 PAY IN THE MONEY**
If you've collected money without using the code above, you can pay in your fundraising total at bbc.co.uk/pudsey

£40

E40 means a four-year-old girl who is undergoing aggressive cancer treatment can enjoy a day out with her family and others who are in the same situation, allowing them to share their experiences, have fun and a much needed break

TOGETHER, WE CAN



Rea Class

Phonics this week for year one, will be recapping our new phase 5 sounds - ea cup of tea, ir whirl and twirl, ou shout it out, ew chew the stew and aw yawn at dawn. You can support your child with these at home by logging onto www.phonicsplay.co.uk. Our school username is Stottesdon and the password is Stottie66. When you have logged on, select resources tab, phase 5 and choose the dragons den game. Press start. Then select one of the sounds from the list above (ea, ir, ou, ew or aw). Your child will be able to play a game reading real and fake words with the sound selected. Tricky words to practise reading and spelling will be marked with a star on the list in the back of your child's reading record.

Phonics this week for year 2, will be focusing on playing games with our sounds from year one, practising our common exception words, which will be starred in the back of reading records and learning when to use the homophones to, too and two.

In maths, year 2 will be learning new mental strategies for subtraction, and year one will be finding the missing number in subtraction sentences.



PhonicsPlay

A site packed with interactive phonics games, phonics planning, assessment ideas and many teaching ideas and resources to help children to learn to hear phonemes, recognise graphemes and develop the blending and segmenting skills that are vital for learning to read and spell.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Corve Class

Corve Class had a tennis house tournament on Thursday, where we did different relay and rally tasks to earn points for our houses using the skills we learnt in tennis.

Here are the placings:

1. Dartmoor
2. Highland
3. Shetland
4. Shire





EYFS News

Nursery Talk for Writing: Rosie's Hat

Reception Talk for Writing: Tree: Seasons Come and Seasons Go



Our Rhyme of the Week: It's raining ... It's pouring.

Nursery Concept Cat word: WET

Concept cat asks you to feel clothes on the washing line. Talk about whether they are wet or not wet.

Today our Nursery and Reception Team, are attending the first day of the Level 2 Forest School Training. This is exciting step forward as our EYFS team is passionate about using the outside environment to support children's learning.

Covid update

It has been lovely to run as a whole school again this week ('stepped down' measures). However, we will all be aware of cases in the community, so please keep up the advice below to avoid as much disruption as possible:

If anyone is a close contact of a positive case they are advised/requested to take a PCR test (please support as there could be cases with no symptoms). Postal takes longer and so you are advised to use drive in or walk in centres. If children need to go for tests in school time this will be an authorised absence. Below is the link to get a PCR test: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

We ask all parents to stay vigilant for symptoms and keep children off school if they have: a new, continuous cough; temperature or feel hot to the touch; change in sense of smell or taste. Anyone with any of these symptoms should take a PCR test (link above).

If families are able to do regular LFD's as a way of screening (like the secondary model—especially with our older pupils who may not find the process such an ordeal), it could be a useful tool to prevent disruption.

T4U

Give love in a box this Christmas.

We are once again supporting this worthwhile cause; each shoebox is given out in deprived communities in Eastern Europe bringing joy and excitement into an often bleak existence.

To take part, please fill a shoebox (we have a large number of these in school — just ask for one from the office) with any of the following items:

Boy / Girl box: Toothbrush & toothpaste, hair accessories/brush, soap & face cloth, stationary & paper, gloves, hat & scarf, new socks/underwear, a soft toy, game, puzzle, small musical instruments, toy vehicles, small rubber ball/inflatable ball, sweets (use by date from March), a photo of yourself.

Home Box: Candles, cooking utensils (no knives), plastic containers, t-towels (preferably decorative), hairbrush, small toiletries, plastic utensils, bowls and cups, small Christmas decoration, small decorative item, soap, washing up cloths, clothes pegs, headscarves, new socks/underwear, jewellery, make-up.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE: Food (only exception is sweets), medicines, military themed items (such as toy soldiers/tanks/guns), aerosols or anything highly flammable, sharp items, novels.

Please find more information on the website: www.teams4u.com



Filled boxes will be collected from school on **Tuesday 23rd November 2021**.

Would you like to represent your class views and ideas at the school council?



Each class will vote for someone to represent their year group so someone can:

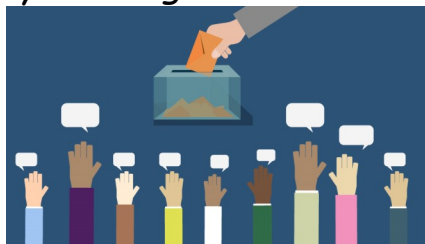
- pass on *the ideas of their year group*
- *meet with the headteacher and other organisations to review and plan ways forward. You might be talking about safety, behaviour, being healthy, raising money for good causes, looking after the environment, learning, clubs, community activities.....*

Skills you need:

- *organised*
- *happy to give time to do activities*
- *good listener to the ideas and views of your class*
- *confident to talk in front of others or at a meeting*

What do I do if I'd like to give it a go?

- *Let your teacher know you would like to be a School Council member.*
 - *Talk to class and find out ideas and views.*
- *Come up with a 1 minute speech to explain 1 practical idea to improve our school and why you would be good at representing the class.*
 - *Respect everyone's right to have a voice and have a vote.*



Speeches and Elections by Friday 19th November

Good bye and good luck!



We will miss you!

Nancy

We had a very generous collection for Nancy's leaving gift. As you can see from the photograph, we were able to purchase several lovely gifts for her.

We wish Nancy all the best — we will miss her greatly.



Blists Hill

On Wednesday 10th November Severn Class are visiting Blists Hill Museum at Ironbridge. **Thank you to all those parents who have made a contribution — if you haven't done so we would welcome payment asap.**

The cost of this trip is £ 14.30.

This includes admission and a small amount of spending money, (which will be changed into Victorian money) for children to purchase items in the Victorian Village. The cost of the transport for this trip has kindly been covered by FoSPS.

Departure will be no later than 9.30am. **Please note children will not return to Stottesdon until 4pm.**

Ironbridge
BIRTHPLACE OF INDUSTRY

Class Reading Information:

Teme: 100% Rea: 77% Corve: 62% Severn: 87%

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:

Isla for her positive attitude and focus in our phonics session this week.

Billy M for his focus on writing his sentences.

Elia for settling so well into her new class.

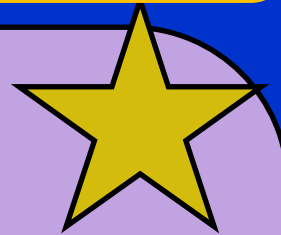
Jasmin for her progress in maths.

Noah P-D, Payton and Cameron for their fantastic work describing the key events that happened during the Battle of Bosworth.

Jack and Caleb for showing great progress in their maths skills check.

Bronze Spelling Bee: Esme, Lorelei and Billy G

Book Token: Lottie G, Mia H and Felicity



Sports stars of the week:

Teme Class: Phoebe Strong for her perseverance when exploring different ways of travelling.

Rea Class: Izzy P for good execution of points and patches balance on mats.

Corve Class: Samuel for his effort, teamwork and good sportsmanship towards other teams in our tennis house tournament.

Severn Class: Archie C & Archie M for great sportsmanship in PE.



Finally, beetle found something **shocking**. Harrison

Apple cores and banana skins are **biodegradable** unlike plastic that stays there forever until you recycle it. Marnie

200 years ago, the dreaded ship, the **Scarlett Skull** sunk to the deepest depths of the ocean and took with it the notorious and fearsome **Red-Beard** the Ravenous. Henry G

Using words of the week