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# Stottesdon C. of E. Primary School

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## Diary Dates

Tues 17th May	Kidderminster Harriers After School Club (Y3—6)
Wed 18th May	Mrs Leverett Williams Private Music Lessons
	Gardening Club (R-Y2)
	Netball Club (Y3—6)
Thurs 19th May	Whole School Swimming @ Severn Centre, Highley — Please ensure children are in school between 8.45am and 8.50am, as the coach needs to leave before 9am. Children will need swimming wear, towel and a packed lunch, unless you have informed Mrs Meredith that you require a packed lunch from school (applicable to Reception / year 1, year 2 and FSM children only).
	Corve Class attending rounders at Lacon Childe School
	Choir Club (Y2—6)
Friday 20th May	Mrs Leverett Williams Private Music Lessons
	Reception / Nursery 2 Forest Schools
	Mini Kickers Club (R-Y2)

### Promoting a love of reading.....

It is so important that children cherish the time to read with parents or carers and children. It should not feel like a chore to children but should be one of enjoyment. Whether you are reading a sharing book or children are practising their reading with their own phonically decodable reading book, send us a picture of how you are making it enjoyable. We will then include the pictures in the school news: we want to help families by sharing good ideas of making reading a time to cherish.....



## No Outsiders



Everyone different, everyone welcome.

### Daily Reflection or Worship:

This week we have continued to think about our new theme of compassion through:

- A No Outsiders assembly: we focussed on the discovery of the The Ultimate Warrior Viking Grave and how everyone presumed it was a male when actually it was a female. This led us to considering gender stereotyping particularly in relation to occupations and hobbies. Children showed a good understanding of how men and women should have equal opportunities.



- Reverend Daborn bought to us the 'Feeding of the 5000' which shows us the compassion for the large crowd of followers. The kindness of a small boy to share his lunch was celebrated and we reflected on how we can show compassion by sharing what we have with people that don't have as much.



- Phase assemblies returned to the No Outsiders theme. Children reflected on Danielle Webb who has written a book to help people understand dwarfism and that this shouldn't mean people treat her differently or unkindly.



## EYFS News



**Nursery's Talk for Writing:** The Very Hungry Caterpillar

**Reception Talk for Writing:** There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf

### There's a Tiny Caterpillar On A Leaf

There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf,  
Wiggle, wiggle!  
There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf,  
Wiggle, wiggle!  
There's a tiny caterpillar, a tiny caterpillar,  
There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf,  
Wiggle, wiggle!



### Forest School

Our focus this week was to make outdoor art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. The children had great fun creating their own individual land art using natural materials.

Andy Goldsworthy's art makes us think about the world around us and how nature is art. It reminds us of our connection to nature. Goldsworthy is one of Britain's best modern sculptors and he makes land art using natural materials that are available to make works of art that sit directly in the landscape. He made works of art using stone, sand, water, leaves, flowers, berries, ice, snow, feathers, bone and even dung. We decided to have a go but didn't use animal dung!

Firstly, we looked at lots of photographic examples of Goldsworthy's land art. Everyone gathered natural materials to use and then we found a clear space to make our art. This is what we made:



### Transition to the next age

The year is going so quickly and it is incredible that letters have now gone out to our new Reception (for September 2022) to explain arrangements to help them transition and settle into Teme class.

All the way through the school teachers begin to prepare children for the next year especially if it means a change of class. Our Reception children will be and are already being supported for their move to Year 1/ Rea Class/Mrs J Jones. This is not something to worry about but we thought you'd like to know some of the things going on:

- Reception visiting Rea Class (including Phase assembly) to help children become familiar with their next classroom environment
- Mrs J Jones (and other staff) visiting Teme Class (for storytime etc)
- Children working in routines similar to Rea class (e.g. more independent work; children building up to independent focus on tasks for longer)



### Our Church given Lottery Funding for repairs

The church wardens have asked us to share with you, the wonderful news that St. Mary's Church has been awarded a major grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Please see the full story by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-61412243>

The church is looking forward to the building works starting 'in the summer' along with the extensive programme of community activities and volunteering to which they have committed in the successful funding bid to the Lottery Heritage Fund.



#NationalLotteryHeritageFund

# Reception & Pre-School Summer Term Friday Forest Fun

Please ensure that your child has the following clothing to change into each Friday:

- Outdoor shoes - walking boots or wellingtons
- Warm socks
- A warm coat - preferably waterproof
- A jumper or fleece
- A t-shirt
- Trousers
- Waterproof over-trousers if possible
- An extra layer of clothing depending on the weather

Please write your child's name on their clothing.

Your child will come home in their Forest Fun clothing unless they are attending an after school club.

## FRIDAY FOREST FUN



Friday 29th April - Friday 8th July 2022  
1pm - 3pm @ Pool Meadow  
For Reception and Pre-school children  
£2.50 per session (10 sessions in total)

## Goodbye....

Sadly, Mr Charlie Scott is leaving us at the end of the summer term.

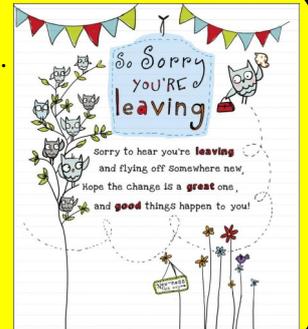
Charlie has been a dedicated member of the team for the past 6 years and will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike.

We wish him and his wife Jenny (who has helped and encouraged so many of the children with their crafting and netball skills over the years) all the best for the future where ever their path may lead.

Please find attached TA and midday supervisor job vacancy details.

Teachers come and go but their memories are forever the lessons that they teach are forgotten never, Teachers keep changing every now and then but great ones are remembered time and again, Farewell.

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## Brown Cle Walk

On Friday 27th May 2022, to mark the Queen's Jubilee, the whole school are doing a sponsored walk to the top of the Brown Cle. **Children are asked to wear red, white and blue where possible.** They will be transported to the bottom of the Brown Cle and then make the walk to the top where they will enjoy a 'Jubilee Themed Picnic', which, if ordered below, will be taken to the summit by Mrs Winward.

The kitchens have notified us that rather than supplying a hot meal on this day, they will be providing the following, at the normal cost of £2.30:

Selection of sandwiches, pizza, sausage rolls, cakes & biscuits.

Would you please let me know if you would like to order the above or bring a packed lunch from home by completing the form in the following link,

<https://forms.office.com/r/NKn2ufA5rg> (please note that if children bring their own packed lunch they will need to have this in a ruck sack to carry on the walk).

The kitchens need to know the number of children requiring the picnic lunch from them by **23rd May, at the absolute latest.** Mrs Meredith will ensure that Squid corresponds to your order in the forms above. A sponsorship form is attached to the newsletter and children have been given a hard copy to bring home with them. The sponsorship money raised will be split between FoSPS and the NSPCC (a charity of which the Queen is a Patron).

We are requesting a small voluntary contribution of £2.50 per pupil (except those who have paid for Forest Schools in Reception) towards the cost of transporting the children to and from the bottom of the Brown Cle.

We would also like to borrow any picnic blankets (if anyone has them) so children can sit on these at the top of the Brown Cle. Please send to the office on the Monday or Tuesday as the minibus will transport these to the top for us.



## Summer Half Term Holiday Club

SGN Holiday Club will be open on Monday 30th May / Tuesday 31st May, 8am to 5.30pm, and Wednesday 1st June, 8am to 3pm.

If you would like your child/ren to attend any of the sessions please complete and return the attached booking form as soon as possible.

# HOLIDAY CLUB

## Rea Class Trip on Severn Valley Railway

On Friday 24th June, children in Rea Class will be travelling on a steam train from Kidderminster Station to Highley Station where they will explore the Engine House. They will then return to Kidderminster on the train. A contribution of £20.00 is requested for this trip. Please note that if you are eligible for benefit related FSM, we are asking for a contribution of half of the above.

We request payment is made via the online system, Squid.



## Corve Class Adventure Day

On Wednesday 29th June, children in Corve Class will be attending an activity day at Top Adventures, Ginny Hole, Stottesdon. A contribution of £25.50 is requested for the day of activities, which will include orienteering, water sports etc.

Please note that if you are eligible for benefit related FSM, we are asking for a contribution of half of the above.

We request payment is made via the online system, Squid.



## Swimming

As previously advised, the whole school will be attending swimming lessons at Severn Centre, Highley — children will be going once a week for a total of 8 weeks.

Lessons will take place every Thursday morning commencing this Thursday 19th May 2022.

Please ensure children arrive at 8.45—8.50am each Thursday as the coach will need to leave before 9am in order to accommodate all the lessons in the time frame we have.

Due to time constraints, we are requesting that parents either:

- provide their child/ren with a packed lunch each Thursday

- Or ...if you are eligible for universal FSM (all pupils in YR, Y1, Y2) or if you are eligible for Benefit Related FSM, please email Mrs Meredith your packed lunch choice (white/brown bread; cheese/ham/tuna) - **ORDERS MUST BE MADE BY MONDAY 16TH AT THE LATEST.**

If you have not emailed your choice it will be presumed a packed lunch will be provided from home.

(Please be assured if you have a hot lunch order on the system it will be deleted, so you will not be charged).

Please ensure children have their one piece swimming costumes / trunks and a towel in a separate waterproof bag.

Please note the wearing of earrings is not permitted in the pool.

Remember to send children with a coat or jumper as the weather is changeable.



## Severn Class Residential

We are delighted to confirm that Severn Class will be attending a residential stay on Monday 18th July / Tuesday 19th July 2022. They will be staying at the Red Ridge Holiday Centre, Cefn Coch, Welshpool and participating in activities such as caving, kayaking, high and low ropes, and archery.

Costs for the stay have now been finalised, it works out at **£125** per pupil.

Payment is to be made via Squid, the online payment system, as soon as possible please, as we have already had to pay a 30% deposit to secure the booking. We need to make the full payment 6 weeks prior to the visit.



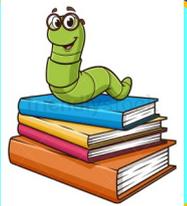
## Job Vacancies

Lacon Childe / Clee Hill Community Academy and Stottesdon CofE Primary has vacancies for a number of positions. Please see the adverts on the following web pages or attached to this school news: <http://www.sget.org.uk/vacancies-within-the-trust>; <http://chacademy.co.uk/about-us/vacancies> ; <http://stottesdon-school.co.uk/general-office/vacancies>

## Class Reading Information:

Teme: 100% Rea: 82% Corve: 76% Severn: 100%

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



### Achievers

#### Well done this week to:

Theo for kindness and friendship this week towards others. He noticed a friend was upset so Theo independently retold his friend the story - The Wonkey Donkey in an enthusiastic storytelling voice, which had us all smiling at the end.

Hugo & Maia for their independence and accuracy when familiarising themselves with particular keys on the keyboard of a computer.

All of Teme Class for their fantastic behaviour and sensible questions at the church with Rev. Daborn on Wednesday.

Gabriel for fantastic homework in maths and English.

Sofia for excellent phonics recall of her sounds.

Handwriting star of the week is Oliver.

Noah PD and Marnie for amazing work with their French numbers.

Jenson Shakespeare, Eliza and JJ for their 'ideal world' maps in RE.

Lottie-Boo, Samuel, Ruby S. and Holly G. for working hard to multiply a 2 or 3 digit number by a 1-digit number using short column multiplication.

All of Yr 6 for their positive approach to SATs this week.

All of Yr 5 for their patience and understanding during SATs week.

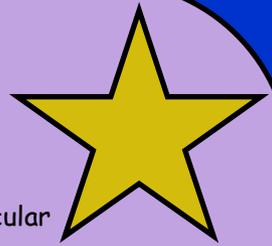
Book Tokens: Spencer, Oliver, Tabby, Fletcher, Gabby, Noah Wilson, JJ, Harriet, Jay and Archie T.

Silver Spelling Bee: Zach B

Gold Spelling Bee: Jack J

Children invited to Mrs Jones' restaurant. These are children (1 from each year group each week) who are spotted for: their table manners; use of knife and fork (if they are hot dinners) and who eat all their food in their lunch box or hot dinner (so have a healthy, balanced diet). Children who are chosen will dine with Mrs Jones at 12 noon on Friday! Children invited this week are:

R: Aubrey Y1: William M Y2: Harrison Y3: Lana Y4: Evan Y5: Ana Y6: Lilly May



This week's winners for highest improvement in accuracy are:

Teme Class: Phoebe Strong

Rea Class: Fletcher Middleton

Corve Class: JJ Lyndall-Dimmock

Severn Class: Evie Walker



#### Sports stars of the week:

Teme Class: Frankie for her coordination when rolling, throwing and catching a ball to a partner.

Rea Class: Elia for good development of football skills.

Corve Class: Lana for being a very active backstop.

Severn Class: Lottie G for her coaching skills in rounders



I have half a pizza everyday. Lincoln

Wombat was disappointed and he walked away to look for his Dad. Oliver

The plant mustered enough sunlight, water and nutrients to make energy, so that it could photosynthesize. Payton

Using words of the week