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Diary Dates

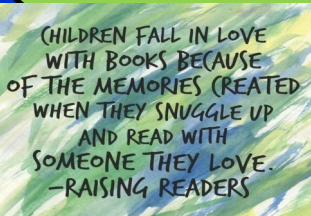
Monday 5th December	Esther Leverett Williams – Private Music Lessons
Tuesday 6th December NON-UNIFORM DAY 	School Christmas Lunch – Non uniform – Christmas Theme – £1 Donation to FoSPS on the door
	Esther Leverett Williams – Private Music Lessons
	Volleyball After School Club
Wednesday 7th December	Esther Leverett Williams – Private Music Lessons
	Corve Class Trip to Ludlow Resource Centre
	Choir Lunchtime Club
	Severn Class Viking Workshop
Thursday 8th December	Netball After School Club
Friday 2nd December	Tag Rugby / Mini Kickers After School Club

Date Changes


Please see below amendments to the 'Dates for the year 2022/23' sent out at the beginning of term:

- Christmas – due to the continued building works in the church we need to split the children's celebrations into a **Rea / Teme nativity on Thursday 15th December 2022 @ 1.30pm** and a **Corve / Severn service of carols, reading and poetry on Friday 16th December 2022 @ 1.30pm**. Parents will be pleased to know that they can attend but we ask attendance to be limited to one representative per family as we only have use of the Wrickton aisle.
- Another Christmas date change is: The Parish Carol Service will be on Tuesday 20th December @ 7.30pm.
 - As many of you will be aware, we now have an additional Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May 2023.
- On **Wednesday 14th December** parents of Nursery children are invited to a 'stay and play' session from 1.30pm onwards, which will take place in the School Hall. Parents can join their children for a small Christmas party and listen to them performing a few of the Christmas songs that they have been learning with Mrs Leverett Williams.

NB: There will NOT be a Nursery Nativity as detailed in the 'Dates for the year' that you have previously received.




Well done Rea & Severn Class who all read 4x and signed reading records – they got an extra play!



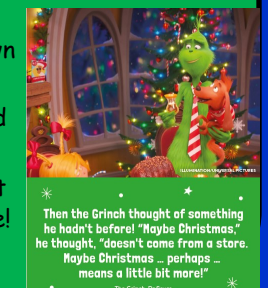
Benefits of Reading

- Sharpens the mind
- Increases vocabulary
- Improves memory ... and focus!
- Better sleep
- Better creativity and imagination



Our Worship/Reflections this week:

- We returned to the Golden Rule: treat others how you would like to be treated. Children listened to scenarios and thought about what the people should do.
- Open the book bought the story 'Sarah spends her savings' which made us think about how nice it was that Sarah could be forgiven by those around her and didn't have to move away. Children also thought about what they save and what they save for.
- Children have begun to consider the significance of advent and the countdown to Christmas.
- Phase assemblies considered the story in the news about nurses striking and reflected on different opinions and implications in this difficult decision.
- Phase assemblies also thought about what's important at Christmas and that maybe not all gifts and presents cost money—often some of the best ones are free! e.g. giving time, helping, making something, writing a poem.....




British Values

Democracy

We all have a voice and the right to use it. Nurses in the Royal College of Nursing union have voted to strike, which is one way people can share their voice.



EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

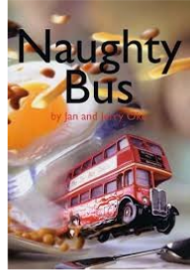
Nursery News:

Concept of the Week: Less

Reception News:

Our Talk for Writing: Naughty Bus

Talk for Writing:
Naughty Bus



Rhyme of the Week:

Riding My Bike Song
(Sing to the tune of 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star'.)

Pedal, pedal round and round,
Quickly over bumpy ground.
Balance on two wheels or four,
Hold on tight and ride some more.
Pedal, pedal round and round,
Quickly over bumpy ground.

Pedal, pedal round and round,
Ring the bell and hear the sound.
Clip your helmet, push to start,
Listen to your beating heart.
Pedal, pedal round and round,
Ring the bell and hear the sound.

Makaton Sign of the Week:

To look



The Naughty Bus has been hiding in different places in our classroom this week. Luckily, the bus was photographed. The children have used these photographs to support their caption and CVC word writing.

In maths, the children have been engaged in activities that draw attention to the purpose of counting - to find out 'how many' objects there are. We have revisited the concept of 1:1 correspondence by making sure that they match collections of objects to their representations. The children have had opportunities to link quantities to 5 with their numeral.

How can you help at home over the weekend?

- Keep reading and sharing the stories inside your child's reading folder at least 4 times a week.
- Ask questions linked to our maths learning this week e.g., "Would you please collect 6 crayons and bring them to me?"
- Practise the crocodile snap — see video link on Class Dojo.

Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school -



In order to give the 'forest' some respite, last week was our final Forest Fun session until February 2023! We were so lucky with the weather, after what had been a very wet week. Whilst marking out our area to explore and stay safe, we needed to collect 3 sticks, which we then transformed into a reindeer decoration. We also whittled a sturdier stick, added red and white paint and 2 black spots for eyes to create a 'Santa' ornament. We finished off the session with a well deserved 'Gingerbread Man'!

May we also take this opportunity to thank the Muggleton family for the use of Pool Meadow for these sessions, along with Mrs George our volunteer parent helper. I am sure you would all agree what an amazing opportunity this has provided Teme class, and the extended EYFS department, prior to this term. Not only has it enabled the children to extend their fine and gross motor skills, but has allowed them to be out in the fresh air, developed their stamina with the walk to and from our site, their observational skills and provided opportunities for creative and imaginative play. We as a staff have also truly enjoyed this aspect of the curriculum, and look forward to returning in the Spring.



Rea Class News

Computing and Purple Mash

Children have had a go at beginning to email within Purple Mash (thinking about how emails are sent across the internet and our computer network). If children want to have a go at this at home it is very safe and all messages are approved by Mrs K Jones before any children receive them. Children can only see other children within their class. Happy emailing!!

Phonics for year 1 next week is assessment week. We will be working through all of the sounds covered this half term, and will be reviewing children's reading books. We will also throughout the week be highlighting in reading records which sounds we have covered so far this term, and which sounds your child can identify securely.

Phonics and spellings for year 2 will be reviewing our tricky words and sending home an update of which ones we know well. We will also be learning which words have the 'n' sound spelt 'gn' and 'kn' and beginning to memorise these.

Year 1 maths will be:

Further work on bonds to ten.

We will continue to focus on vocabulary of addition - **total, sum, altogether.**

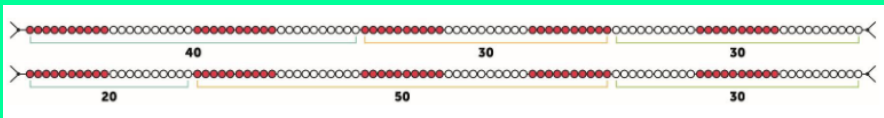
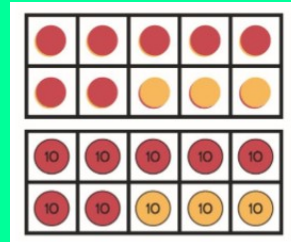
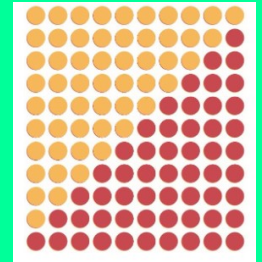
Mastering number - exploring the composition of 7 including missing number questions.

Year 2 maths will be:

Continuing to use our bonds to ten.

Relating this to facts for 100.

Regrouping numbers to 100 in different ways.



Mastering number - developing our fluency in doubles to 20 and their related halving facts. eg double 8 is 16, and half of 16 is 8.

On Tuesday this week Rea Class went on a trip to Shrewsbury to be dinosaur detectives at the museum. They found out how palaeontologists unearth the past.

They then went on to the Shrewsbury Muslim Centre to have a tour of their mosque.

The children were all a credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed their day.



This May Help

'This May Help' is a website that has been created to support parents and carers with various concerns about their child.

The subjects covered on the website have been chosen by families and young people who have gone through their own mental health challenges:

- Child's Mental Health
- Self Harm
- Gaming and online activity
- Teenagers safety
- Eating Disorders
- School avoidance

Please see link to website below:

<https://thismayhelp.me/>



Shropshire Council

Relationships can be difficult, complicated, fun, satisfying, exciting, annoying, bring out the best in us, bring out the worst in us. We are often in one, but we don't often spend much time on them. So here's the chance

- o Do you feel your relationship needs some attention?
- o Do you feel you are drifting a bit lately or things have been difficult?
- o Would you like to meet with other parents and carers?
- o Are you looking for a way forward?

Why not join us for our 4 week workshop with one 2 hours session each week.

WORKING ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP

There are 2 different workshops on offer this Spring:

- Starts Wednesday 25th January for 4 weeks, 12.30-2.30pm in Shrewsbury
- Starts Wednesday 8th March for 4 weeks, 12.30-2.30pm in Shrewsbury

To book a place on the workshop or for further information, including the venue please contact the Parenting Team by emailing parenting_team@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01743 250950



www.shropshire.gov.uk
General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000

Young Nature Photographer of the Year, 2023 is open for entries!

University Centre Shrewsbury are inviting young people aged 5-18 to enter their Young Nature Photographer of the Year, 2023 competition.

Aimed at inspiring the next generation of nature photographers, up to 5 photographs can be submitted by each individual with entries closing at midnight on Sunday 8th January. Entries should be emailed to naturephoto@chester.ac.uk including the entrants name, date of birth and school name in the main e-mail with the photos as attachments.

There will be prizes across four school age categories: Primary (5-11) and Key Stages 3, 4 and 5 including:

Wildlife Camera Traps,

Shropshire Wildlife Trust Memberships, Other wildlife essentials such as, nature guides, bug hotels, bird feeders and nest boxes

Entries will be judged by a panel, including wildlife author and photographer David Woodfall and winners will be informed, by e-mail, by the 15th January.

Winners will be invited to The UCS Young Nature Photographer of the Year, 2023, Awards Morning on the 15th February, where the prizes will be presented by BBC Springwatch presenter Iolo Williams. Further details of this event will be provided if your photograph is a winner.

Further information about the competition is available on our website Young Nature Photographer of the Year 2023, where you can also download a copy of the competition poster.

[UCS Young Nature Photographer of the Year 2023 Competition Poster.pdf \(chester.ac.uk\)](#)



Winter HAF Programme:

Following a successful Summer holiday programme, which saw over 3,500 eligible children and young people aged 4 to 16, take part in activity at 60 venues from across the county,

bookings are now open for the Winter/Christmas Shropshire HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) programme.

Details of activities and booking information regarding the above has been handed out to those families who are eligible.

Please follow link for short promotional film - <https://youtu.be/s0p0XIMEfXY>



SGN Christmas Holiday Club

SGN Christmas Holiday Club will be open on the following dates:

Monday 19th December — 8am to 5.30pm

Tuesday 20th December — 8am to 5.30pm

Wednesday 21st December — 8am to 3pm

Thursday 22nd December — 8am to 5.30pm

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 — 8am to 5.30pm

Please complete the attached booking form if you would like your child/ren to attend any of the sessions.

NON-UNIFORM DAY



Christmas Lunch

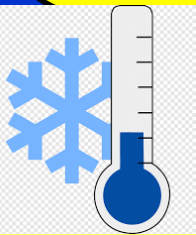
Tuesday 6th December 2022 will be a non school uniform day with a Christmas Theme. Donations for FoSPS on the door please; these donations will help FoSPS with the support they give to school by subsidising transport costs and the cost of books for the children.

We will be serving Christmas lunch, orders for which can be made on the online payment system Squid by selecting 'Turkey with trimmings' (Quorn as the vegetarian option) under the meal ordering section for the 6th December.

Please note: any orders from the normal menu that were already on Squid for Tuesday 6th December have been deleted, please re-order your selection.

Due to Christmas dinner being served on the Tuesday the kitchens have just informed us that Wednesday will not be a roast day — it will be the bacon and sausage option, again would you please re-order any meals placed on the system for the 7th December.

The cost for the Christmas dinner remains the same as a normal lunch £2.41 - free to those pupils on universal free school meals (reception / year 1 and year 2) and those pupils who are eligible for benefit related free school meals.



Emergency Closures: Winter Weather Arrangements

As we head deeper into the winter period, we would like to remind parents of the procedure if we need to close the school (due to severe weather, damage to school buildings, loss of utility supplies, difficulty in accessing the site to make it safe). Closure will always be as a last resort to ensure the safety of staff and students. Schools are expected to stay open unless there is no other sensible option than to close and staff know that travel to work / school is regarded by both the police and the Council's Highways Management as an essential journey. However, there may be times when the school feels it is unsafe to be open or needs a delayed start to give more time for staff to travel safely.

- Decisions will be made and communicated by 7am at the latest.
- Decisions to close will be sent by email and will be announced on Shropshire Radio (**Frequency:** 96 MHz, 90 MHz, 95 MHz, 104.1 MHz)

Christmas Cards

If any of the children would like to send Christmas cards to staff or pupils within the school, we will have the Christmas post box in school from week commencing

12th December 2022.



FoSPS

FoSPS will be running a children's Christmas Raffle (details to follow), which will be drawn at the Corve / Severn service of carols, reading and poetry on Friday 16th December 2022 @ 1.30pm.

FoSPS would be very grateful of any Christmas chocolate / sweet donations for prizes.



Corve Class Trip

On Wednesday 7th December Corve Class will be visiting Ludlow Resource Centre to attend a Glorious Groups Workshop.

We are very grateful to FoSPS for covering half of the cost of the transport for this trip.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £ 8 to cover the cost of the workshop and the rest of the transport. (If your child is eligible for benefit related FSM, we request a 50% voluntary contribution — £4.00)

We would be grateful if you would make payment via Squid the online system as soon as possible please.

The trip will take place within the school day. Please provide a packed lunch and water bottle.

Severn Class Workshop

On Wednesday 7th December Severn Class will attend a

'Viking Raiders' workshop presented by Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £ 4.25 to cover the cost of the workshop. (If your child is eligible for benefit related FSM, we request a 50% voluntary contribution — £2.12)

We would be grateful if you would make payment via Squid the online system as soon as possible please.



Snow White

On Thursday 5th January 2023 children in Reception to Year 6 will travel to Lacon Childe School to watch a performance of Snow White, along with children from Clee Hill Primary and Cleobury Mortimer Primary School.

We are extremely grateful to FoSPS who are covering the cost of the transport.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £ 3.30 to cover the cost of the performance. (If your child is eligible for benefit related FSM, we request a 50% voluntary contribution — £1.65)

We would be grateful if you would make payment via Squid the online system as soon as possible please.





Parent Questionnaire

Our school is doing a parent questionnaire to help evaluate the service we give. Please complete **one per family** by 6th December 5.30pm. The link to the form is in the email for this school news.

Prayer Project with the Diocese of Hereford

Our school has been selected to be part of a research project led by the Diocese of Hereford's Education Team.

This project will be exploring the following question: How can we as churches and church schools encourage primary school children to develop a prayer life outside of the school setting? The project aims to help the Diocese develop resources to support churches, schools and families in exploring prayer in different ways. The research project is being funded through a grant from the national Church of England Growing Faith Foundation. As part of the research, we will be inviting a small group of pupils to form a focus group for this study. These pupils will take part in a filmed group interview to explore what they understand about prayer, when they pray and what helps them to pray. Permission forms will come out this week. A working group formed by the Education Team, school teachers and local church leaders, will then use the children's answers to explore ideas for new resources.



Corve Class Reading Books

Could KS2 children please look at home for school books (with the school stamp on the insider cover) that can be returned. Corve class is getting low on free reader books and we want to keep up the love for reading by having lots of books for the children to choose from. Each pupil should have 1 or 2 books to read at a time. If they have more than that, please can they return them and read them at another time.



Netball

Well done to all the netball team Nancy, Nils, Zach, Fliss, Harriet, Lana, Bella L and JJ for their excellent effort at the netball tournament on Thursday 17th November and Thursday 1st December. They showed fantastic skill, sportsmanship, determination and excellent manners. They were a credit to the school and came joint first with the other schools. Goal difference meant they came 3rd overall.

In their matches yesterday they lost two matches (3-2 & 2-0) and won one match 3-2.

Noah's Christmas Cookie Collection

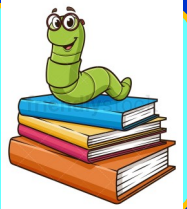
Together at Christmas is an initiative in Bridgnorth that provides Christmas lunch for those who are struggling financially or spending Christmas alone. Traditionally, a gift of a **box of biscuits** is given to everyone who attends. With high numbers expected this year, they need all the help they can get. **Could you donate a box of biscuits?** We are collecting between **now and the end of term**. If you are able to help, that would be amazing and hugely appreciated in increasingly difficult times for everyone. Please leave donations at reception. **Thank you.**



Class Reading Information:

Time: 87% Rea: 100% Corve: 59% 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:

Calvin & Eva for working hard to create their 'Autumn Tree' on the laptop.

The whole of Rea class for being brilliant ambassadors on our trip to Shrewsbury. We had a fantastic time being dinosaur detectives and visiting the Mosque.

Spencer and Billy stood out for their fantastic recall of previously learnt knowledge while at the museum and Mosque.

Samuel and Lana for their progress in their writing.

Tabby, Florence and Lillie for working hard to subtract a one digit number from another number.

Ruby for her amazing improvement in her letter formation; she is the handwriting star of the week.

Heidi and William for excellent progress in their arithmetic skills.

Nils for his retelling of Macbeth in English.

All of the cross-country runners for their determination and effort.

Nancy for her great progress and effort in grammar.

Torrhen for a greater independent attitude in his learning.

Bronze Spelling Bee: Isabelle B, Aubrey, Oliver, Harry, Hugo D, Jenson Sh, Samuel, Eliza & Ana

Children invited to Mrs Jones' restaurant:

R: Florence A Y1: Esther Y2: Cash

Y3: Florence G Y4: JJ Y5: Torrhen Y6: Evie



Time Class — Numbots — Grace Richards

Rea Class — Numbots — Lucas Kench

Corve Class — Times Tables Rock Stars — Maxwell Middleton

Severn Class — Times Tables Rock Stars — Evie Walker



Sports stars of the week:

Time Class: Libby Grace for her focus when controlling a ball when dribbling independently, and around obstacles

Rea Class: Lincoln & Reggie for good co-operation in team games.

Corve Class: Maxwell for his fantastic individual dance using different levels to show Androcles' escape.

Severn Class: Cameron and Nate for stopping to help a boy from another school in cross country.

Chloe for a great performance in her cross country race.



I have less toys than my brother. Grace

I was curious when I saw a mysterious foot print because I have never seen it before. Esme

The applause was loud and I had to cover my ears. Aslan

I have an aversion to pie, yet my parents love it. Ana

Using words of the week