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9th December 2022.

Diary Dates

Monday 12th December	School Nurse visiting reception and year 6 children for height and weight screening. REA AND TEME TO BRING THEIR NATIVITY COSTUMES IN PLEASE.
Tuesday 13th December	Volleyball After School Club.
Wednesday 14th December	Nursery 'Stay & Play' @ 1.30pm in the school hall.
Thursday 15th December	Teme & Rea Nativity Performance @ 1.30pm at St. Mary's Church, Stottesdon. PLEASE PARK RESPECTFULLY – THE FIGHTING COCKS HAVE OFFERED THEIR CAR PARK TO SUPPORT. Children will return to school, following the performance, and will be dismissed from school earlier if this is supportive to parents. Netball After School Club
Friday 16th December	Corve & Severn Carol Concert @ 1.30pm St. Mary's Church, Stottesdon. Children from Corve and Severn to come into school wearing their Christmas jumpers please. PLEASE PARK RESPECTFULLY—THE FIGHTING COCKS HAVE OFFERED THEIR CAR PARK TO SUPPORT. Children will return to school, following the performance, and will be dismissed from school earlier if this is supportive to parents. Last day of term
Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd December	SGN Holiday Club Open – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8am to 5.30pm / Wednesday 8am to 3pm Pre-booking essential.
Monday 2nd January 2023	Bank Holiday – HAPPY NEW YEAR
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	School closed – PD Day SGN Holiday Club Open— 8am to 5.30pm (Pre booking essential)
Wednesday 4th January 2023	School reopens – WELCOME BACK



CHILDREN FALL IN LOVE WITH BOOKS BECAUSE OF THE MEMORIES CREATED WHEN THEY SNUGGLE UP AND READ WITH SOMEONE THEY LOVE. -RAISING READERS

Well done Year 1's & Severn Class who all read 4x and signed reading records.



Benefits of Reading
 Sharpens the mind
 Increases vocabulary
 Improves memory
 ... and focus!
 Better sleep
 Better creativity and imagination

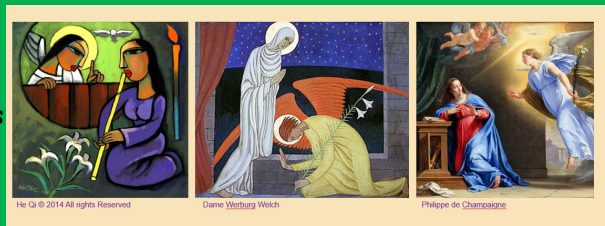
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Our Worship/Reflections this week:

We are now fully into advent and Christmas themes:

- Children reflected on how important Christmas is to Christians with the birth of God's son. Children considered how the coming of Jesus was prophesied when God spoke to Isaiah 700 years before Jesus was born. Children reflected on what Jesus would be like and the hope that this brought.

- Mrs McKay got the children thinking about when the angel announced the news to Mary (The Annunciation) through art and symbolism. Children reflected on Mary's trust and courage.

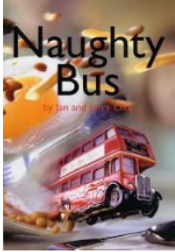



- Open the book and Severn Class bought the full nativity story with the theme of journeys: The angels journeys to Mary and the shepherds; Jesus' journey from heaven; Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem; the shepherds journey and finally the wise men's journey following the star's journey.
- Open the book have generously given all our children a wonderfully written and illustrated version of the nativity story to bring home, treasure and share.....THANK YOU OPEN THE BOOK



EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

Nursery News:

<p>Talk for Writing: Naughty Bus</p> 	<p>Rhyme of the Week: The Vehicles Song (Sing to the tune of 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'.)</p> <p>Boat, lorry, car and bike, car and bike. Boat, lorry, car and bike, car and bike. And helicopter, aeroplane and trike. Boat, lorry, car and bike, car and bike.</p> <p>Train, tractor, van and bus, van and bus. Train, tractor, van and bus, van and bus. And motorbike, roller-skates and trucks. Train, tractor, van and bus, van and bus.</p>	<p>Makaton Sign of the Week: To listen</p> 
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Concept of the Week: FULL

A polite reminder that our nursery session finishes at 3:00pm. Our nursery door opens from 2:55pm - 3:00pm. Please be mindful that our nursery staff have just 15 minutes between handing over and setting up for our afterschool club.

Reception News:

Our writing lessons were based around building upon our skills to write CVC words and captions.

In maths, the children have been developing their perceptual subitising skills (seeing the quantity without counting) in increasingly complex arrangements.



Key focusses this week have been developing skills of visualising and the use of spatial language to describe sub-groups within these arrangements. This has deepened the children's understanding of part-whole relations.



The children have also used a number track (with numbers placed in equal spaces in ascending order) to play dice-based games.

In Phonics, the children completed their Autumn 2 phonic assessment. You will notice new tricky words / sounds have been added to your child's reading record. Keep practising these little and often.



How can you help at home over the weekend?

- Listen to your child read their reading book at least 4 times a week.
- Play costumes to be in for Monday 12th December 2022. Please add your child's name label to their costume.

Nursery Stay and Play Session

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

Preschool Christmas Songs



Rea Class News

Thank you everyone who has helped their children learning lines for the play. It is greatly appreciated. We will continue to practise next week. Can you please bring in costumes on Monday in a plastic bag, with your child's name labelled on the bag and inside the costume items if possible. We understand this might not be possible if costumes have been loaned.

Year 1 have worked really hard on their assessments this week in phonics. Next week, we will be having a little extra practise of the sounds ew, (chew and few), aw (claw), ir (bird) and out split digraphs a-e (make), i-e (nine), o-e (bone) and u-e (cute and flute).

Throughout the next week, we will update the sound mat in year 1 children's reading records with green highlighting to show which sounds they are secure at reading.

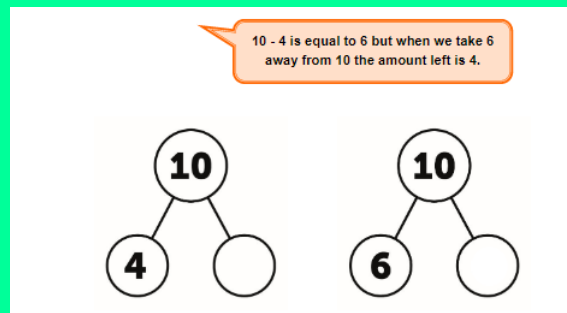
Year 2 have worked hard on their tricky word spellings. Next week, we will be focusing on making the right spelling choices in dictation using our sounds and spelling rules we have learned so far this term.

Homework this week will only be to ensure you have learnt the lines for your play.

Maths

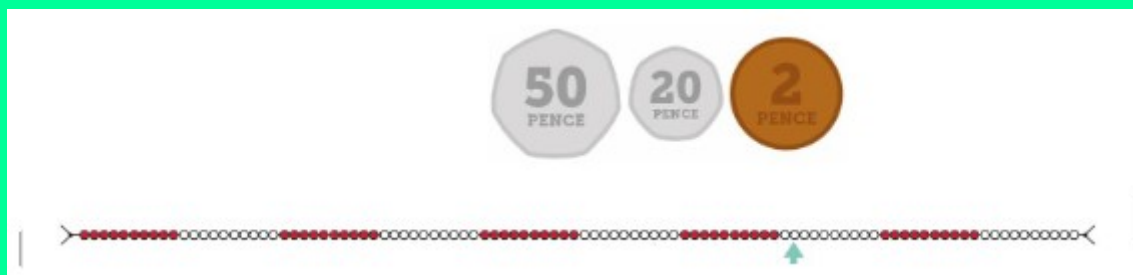
Year 1 mastering number next week will be exploring the composition of the number 9.

Year 1 will also be: exploring the structure of subtraction and knowing that it is not commutative (that the numbers cannot just be swapped around).



In mastering number, year 2 will be focusing on the composition of the number 20.

Year 2 will further be consolidating their knowledge of tens and ones, in relation to money by adding and subtracting 10ps and 1ps and relating this to a bead string.





On Wednesday this week Severn Class enjoyed a Viking workshop from Shrewsbury Museum.



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 \(chester.ac.uk\)](#)

NHS UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOLIHULL APPROACH

Christmas time is FAMILY time!

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD (0-19+ YRS)
online course

MODULE 7: HAVING FUN TOGETHER!
(FOR ALL AGES)

learn all about making the most of your time together!

24/7 ONLINE COURSES
WWW.INOURPLACE.CO.UK

Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin families
enter the access code DARWIN18 to gain free access

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>

PE

Mrs Wood would really appreciate it if the girls in Rea Class would bring a spare pair of socks into school that they can keep with their PE kit please.



Message from Parish Council regarding road closure & parking issues:

The PC have been notified that the Brooksmeeing road closure has been extended to 21st December due to extra work discovered when they dismantled the structure. The weather has not helped either and any further bad weather might cause further delays.

(Further information can be found at: <https://one.network/?tm=GB131225567>)



The road through Chorley is not the diversion route, but a lot of people are using it, therefore the verges have become churned up and cars are getting stuck and having to be pulled out! It is further round via Kinlet but it is a safer route. If you need to use the Chorley road please drive slowly as residents have complained about the speed of the traffic, especially at school time. Shropshire Council have put advisory 20mph speed limit signs up during the closure and the Police have been asked to patrol.

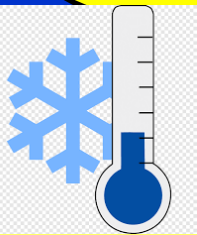


Could we also remind parents NOT to park on the grassed area at Glebe Drive as this is becoming churned up too!

As we have moved the taxis onto the school playground there is a little more room on the Parish Car Park — please consider using this (especially if children are in KS2). If we can relieve the parking around the bend it may help.

Thank you to all those you stay calm, are patient and are in no rush.

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.



Mrs King is Retiring.....

Very sadly for us, Mrs King is going to be retiring in 2023. Fortunately, she has given us plenty of notice as she won't be going until Easter. We have already internally recruited a new Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (congratulations Miss Robinson) who is now completing her SENCO training



(NASENCO) and will be doing a lot of shadowing with Mrs King. Attached to the newsletter are the other vacancies that Mrs King will leave (she does have more contracts than anyone else in the school!):

- A TA and lunchtime supervisor position
- A Teaching position (2 afternoons a week at KS2)
- Applications could be made to both or just one.

Please help us circulate these vacancies. We will of course be letting you know how we will be celebrating and marking Mrs King's fantastic years of service with us.....watch this space!

Our Christmas Celebrations....

We know everyone will come to our Christmas celebrations with the usual community, festive spirit as we mark this very special time of year. We would like to just explain that children, due to the Church building works, will not have been able to do any rehearsals in the church.....it really is a turn up and give it a go! Thank you for your understanding and please remember our polite request of one representative per family as most of the church is closed off.

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)

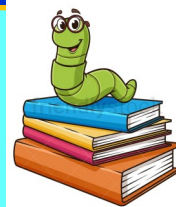


We would be grateful if you would make payment via Squid the online system as soon as possible please.

Class Reading Information:

Teme: 94% Rea: Yr 1=100% Yr 2=90% Corve: 78% 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:

Florence for her focus and effort during phonics and handwriting.

James, Frankie and William for focusing well in phonics lessons.

Lucas, Esme, Cash, Spencer, Oliver and Harry for knowing how to spell over 50% of their year 2 tricky words.

Scarlett, Harriet W, Lillie, Bea, Teddy and Noah Wilson for their fantastic diary entries.

Bella C for her progress in reading.

Evie, Chloe, Jasmin and Marnie for their great use of sentence starters in their retelling of Macbeth.

Torrhen for using words for effect in his writing and for making great progress.

Bronze Spelling Bee: Evie

Book Vouchers: Raith, Ned, Leo, Jackson, Ada, Eva, Libby Grace, Aubrey, Esther, Frankie, Hugo R, Leon, Lincoln, Monty, Phoebe, Theo, Isabelle B, Spencer, Oliver, Cash, Ruby B., Tabby, Jenson St, Gabby, Aaron, Hollie, Samuel, Bella L.

Children invited to Mrs Jones' restaurant:

R: Ned Y1: Leon Y2: Spencer Y3: Ellie

Y4: Lana Y5: Jasmin Y6: Heidi



Teme Class — Numbots — **Harriet Foster**

Rea Class — Numbots — **Phoebe Strong**

Corve Class — Times Tables Rock Stars — **Florence Giles**

Severn Class — Times Tables Rock Stars — **Heidi Kench**



Sports stars of the week:

Teme Class: Meghan and Jackson for their focus when controlling a ball using just their feet, and their sportsmanship when encouraging their friends in a 'relay' type challenge.

Rea Class: All of Rea Class for meeting all their goals in all areas of the PE curriculum this term.

Corve Class: Ruby B and Jenson Strong for working together as a great partnership, showing resilience, determination and coordination.



I have the most books at home. Isabella

Thirdly, I liked looking at the mammoth bones because they were interesting and fascinating. Spencer

I delayed my trip to Mount Merapi because it was going to explode. Ellie D

I was exhilarated when my mum brought me an extravagant ice cream with a gigantic flake. Nate

Using words of the week