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Diary Dates

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| Friday 16th December | 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 |
| Thursday 5th January | Whole School to go to Lacon Childe School to see the pantomime performance of Snow White |



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

Keep enjoying books over the Christmas period...Father Christmas does it too!



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas

Wow what a busy term it has been!

Working in education is a privilege as the job is about doing the best for children. However, it is the joy of children that 'lifts' us in every moment. That joy has been really evident this week with the amazing Christmas celebrations. What was extra special was the feeling of togetherness, working as a team and everyone shining equally. I would like to thank my amazing staff team at Stottesdon for all their hard work, positivity and determination to do the best they can throughout the whole term. Staff would also like to relay their thanks for your parental support and the lovely Christmas wishes and gifts that have been shared.

As everyone takes this important break (and celebrates this wonderful, festive time) I wish you all joy, relaxation and love. I hope you all find support in your relationships; value the time you have with each other and treasure the deeds you do for one another. Some aspects of society makes it hard to value relationships, deeds and time over material things, but I hope (at this challenging time) that you can stop, pause and hold what is important.



Wishing you a very joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

Nursery News:

We had lots of fun at our Christmas Stay and Play on Wednesday.



Merry Christmas from Natalie, Sara, Becky, Lydia, Hollie and Angharad.

Reception News:

What a festive week we have had! We wrote a letter to Father Christmas, posted the letter in the village post box, made Christmas decorations, decorated the community Christmas tree, performed a dress rehearsal of our nativity for Nursery to watch followed by staging in our very own nativity performance.



How can you help at home over the holiday?

- Listen to your child read their reading book regularly over the holiday period.
- Talk about your 'own' family traditions at this time of year.
- Practise reading the tricky word flashcards on your child's reading record
- Children to practise pulling their sleeves/trousers/tights through the correct way when getting dressed

Rea Class

On Tuesday the dinosaurs came to school to launch Rea Class's DT project to make a dinosaur shelter.

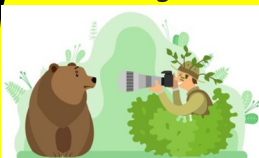


Corve Class Trip

Corve Class had a fantastic time learning about the classification of vertebrates and invertebrates at the Ludlow Museum's Collections Centre. They completed a range of activities where they explored how to classify living things. Then they applied these skills to classify vertebrates and invertebrates into different categories based on their characteristics.



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



Christmas time is FAMILY time!

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A huge WELL DONE to Chloe for coming 1st in the KS2 X-Country event, which was held at Lacon Childe School at the end of November. She did exceptionally well as a number of other schools also took part.

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)



Christmas Raffle

At very short notice, you have all come up trumps again donating a fabulous array of chocolates and sweets for each class to have a raffle.

You have helped to raise an amazing **£197.00**



Christmas Jumper Day

On Tuesday 6th December we had a non-uniform Christmas jumper day, the total collected from donations on the door was a brilliant

£ 83.44



Noah's Christmas Cookie Collection

Mrs Philips Davies would like to extend her thanks to everyone who donated a box of biscuits. She is amazed and hugely appreciative of your support, she will be taking 26 boxes to Bridgnorth for the Together at Christmas initiative.

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. On our [website](#) are details of the vacancies currently advertised:



- 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!



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)

Merry Christmas from our wonderful children – they are all achievers.....

