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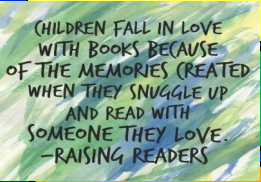
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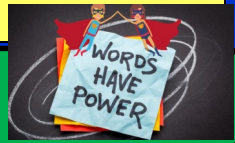
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## Diary Dates

Monday 6th February 2023	Esther Leverett Williams – Private Music Lessons
	SATs After School Club (Year 6's only)
Tuesday 7th February	Pre-Writing workshop for Nursery N2 (preschool) children and their parents 9am to 10am
	<b>Moved to Thursday</b> – Esther Leverett Williams – Private Music Lessons
	SATs After School Club (Year 6's only)
Wednesday 8th February	Esther Leverett Williams – Private Music Lessons
	Lunchtime Choir Club
	<b>NO CRAFT CLUB</b> – session postponed to next Wednesday, the 15th March
Thursday 9th February	Esther Leverett Williams – Private Music Lessons (From Tuesday)
	Netball After School Club
Friday 10th February	Lacon Sports Coach for Corve and Severn Class
	Lego After School Club / Basketball After School Club



**Well done those who are reading 4 x a week and logging it in reading diaries.**



## Changes to the length of the school day: SUMMER TERM

Following our consultation, we will be proceeding with our changes to the length of the school day from the start of the summer term (17th April). School will open at 8.40am and children will be expected to be in school by 8.45am.

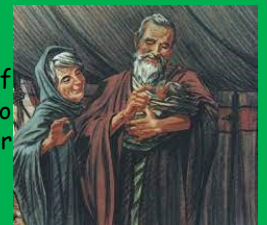
We will then be inline with the Government expectation of a 32.5 hour week for all pupils. The end of the school day will continue to be 3.15pm and Nursery times will also remain the same. We recognise we may need to keep an eye on congestion at morning drop off time and will keep an eye on this.



## Our Worship/Reflections this week:

We have continued our new theme of Courage with:

- We considered the story of The Selfish Crocodile and the courage of the mouse to take the first step to help someone or be kind to someone who had not always chosen to be kind to them. We reflected on the message for this in our own friendships: how it is easy to show courage with those who are regularly in our circle of friends but can we show courage to rebuild friendships or reach out to people who are perhaps more isolate.



- In Open the Book we were reminded of the story of Abraham and Sarah and their courage to trust in their friendship with God

- In phase assemblies children reflected on some problems and solutions in their key stages and our younger children considered Repair Cafes. Here is the link to the four in Shropshire: : <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/reduce-reuse-recycle/repair-cafes/>. Fixing things for free to avoid waste and build a sense of community is a brilliant idea!



## Individual Liberty

It is important to remember all our actions have consequences. If we choose to repair items, we can save money, help the environment and learn new skills.

# EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

## Nursery News:

Our topic learning focussed on Keeping Fit.

What an active week! We've learnt a new song about keeping fit, took part in a 'mile jog', joined in with a Joe Wicks session and learnt about muscles with Mrs. Martin.



**Talk for Writing Story:**  
**Handa's Surprise**

The children have been using the story props to help them play a phonics game called 'Fruit I-spy'. T "I spy in Handa's basket, something beginning with mmmmmmmm" "mmmmmm for mango"

**Rhyme of the Week:**

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the ground.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch your nose.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch your toes.

Teddy bear, teddy bear, stretch up high.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the sky.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, bend down low.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, stand up slow.

Teddy bear, teddy bear, climb the stairs.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, say your prayers.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn out the light.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear, say good night.

**Makaton Sign of the Week:**

Don't forget to look at Tapestry or Class Dojo this week!



Please be aware that minibuses and taxis are entering the lower playground at nursery collection time. When exiting the playground please leave through the single gate not the double gate

**Date for the Diary:** Pre-Writing Workshop: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 9am-10am for Pre-school children starting school in September 2023.

Don't forget to look at Tapestry or Class Dojo this week!

## Reception News:

### Talk for Writing: Handa's Surprise

Reception and Nursery have been reading the book 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne. Handa puts seven delicious fruits in a basket to take to her friend, Akeyo. But as she walks, carrying the basket on her head, various creatures steal her fruits. When she shares her basket with Akeyo, it's Handa who gets the biggest surprise. The story is set in Kenya and has given us opportunities to discuss and investigate the similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.



Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school -

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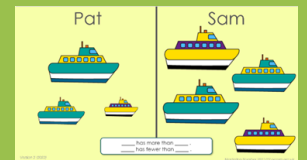
We will be reading and writing words. Can you spot segment and blend these words and spot this week's phonemes?

laptop	popcorn	market	raincoat
sunset	starfish	ticket	melon

In phonics:

In Maths:

We have been focussing on understanding differences and similarities. Our activities this week developed focus exclusively on the numerosity of sets, without being diverted by colour, shape or size. The children have noticed when quantities are equal or unequal and began to consider how they could manipulate the number of objects in 2 sets to make them equal.



Our maths language focus has been reinforcing the language of 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'an equal number' to describe how many objects there are in each set. 'Fewer than' is used rather than 'less than', as the focus is on countable things.

How can you help at home over the weekend?

- Listen to your child read their school reading book / library book
- Practise reading the tricky words together
- Practise learning to spell / write your child's surname



## Rea Class

### Phonics for year 1 will be:

Monday - growing the code for oo, with 'ui' as in fruit and 'ou' as in soup.

Tuesday - exploring where in the word the ee sound is: 'ee' sheep, 'ea' wheat, 'e' secret, 'e-e' even, 'ie' field, 'y' hairy and 'ey' money.

Wednesday - exploring where in the word the 's' sound is: 's' saw, 'ss' fussy, 'c' ice, 'se' house and 'ce' fence, and where in the word the 'z' sound is: 'z' zoo, 'zz' fizz, 's' was and 'se' choose.

Thursday - exploring where in the word 'oa' sound is: 'oa' float, 'o' most, 'oe' goes, 'ou' shoulder, 'o-e' alone and 'ow' snow.

Friday is review day.

### Spellings for year 2 will be:

Near homophones such as quiet and quite.

Homophones revision such as flour and flower.

Tricky words with the 'oa' sound - most, both and only.

The r sound spelt 'wr' - write etc.

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**Maths for year 1** will be to continue strategies for bridging ten when adding and subtracting two 1-digit numbers. eg  $8 + 4 = 8 + 2 + 2$

and  $13 - 5 = 13 - 3 - 2$ .

**Maths for year 2** will be to develop strategies for adding and subtracting 2-digit and 1-digit numbers and 2-digit and 2-digit numbers.

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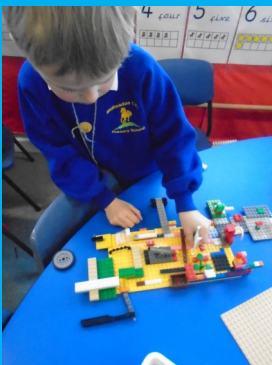
  

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**Please make sure children have their tricky word and sound carabiners in school on Monday — Mrs Jones would like to update them. They will be returned later in the week once updated.**

### Lego Club

Please see some of the creations that the children have made in the after school Lego club.



### Holiday Club

The SGN holiday club will be open during half term on the following dates:

Monday 20th February 8am to 5.30pm

Tuesday 21st February 8am to 5.30pm

Wednesday 22nd February 8am to 3pm

Thursday 23rd February 8am to 5.30pm

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



## Parents Evening

As detailed in the letter sent out earlier this week, we will be running our Parent, Pupil, Teacher consultations during week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Appointments will be for 10 minutes with your child's teacher. Children are encouraged to attend appointments as this supports ownership of their learning and progress.

### Teme Class (Reception Pupils) -

Mrs K. Martin / Mrs N.Rainbird Hitchins	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30pm - 5.30pm
(If you need a later appointment please request this on the reply slip)	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30pm - 5.30pm

### Rea Class (Year 1 / Year 2 Pupils) -

Mrs J. Jones	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30pm - 7pm
	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30pm - 5pm
	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	5pm - 7pm

### Corve Class (Year 3 / Year 4 Pupils) -

Miss K. Robinson	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30pm - 7pm
	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30pm - 7pm

### Severn Class (Year 5 / Year 6 Pupils)-

Mrs C. McKay	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	1.30pm - 5.30pm
(if you need a later appointment please request this on the reply slip)	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	1.30pm - 5.30pm
	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30pm - 5pm

These are important meetings and will focus on:

- English / Maths progress and next steps
- Progress in other areas of the curriculum
- Attitude to learning

### Children's work which will be available

Please email the attached request form back to us or send an email request with slots that are convenient. We will do our best to give you a time that is most convenient to you and would appreciate it if you could tick more than one box or even the 'anytime' box to help us with this. The attached slip needs to be returned by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 - confirmation of your appointment will be sent via email once all replies have been received.

This sharing of information with you and your child allows us all to work together in achieving the highest standards for your child. **Your support is extremely valuable**

## Severn Class Visit

On Wednesday 1st March 2023, Severn Class will be visiting RAF Cosford.

They will be taking part in a 'Pulleys and Levers' Stem workshop and exploring the museum.

The main cost of the transport for this trip will be covered by FoSPS, for which we are extremely grateful.

**We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £7.00 to cover the cost of the workshop.**

Please make any payments via the online payment system, Squid.

Children will depart from school at 9.15am and return in time for normal home time arrangements.

Please provide a packed lunch and water bottle.



### Coat

A parent has very kindly donated the coat shown in the picture to the left. If anyone would like this coat, it will be first come first served, please call at the office. It is a Trepas, waterproof / windproof coat for age 7 to 8 yr.



# FoSPS

Don't forget you can always support the school by joining our School Lottery, it takes just a few minutes to register and you could win £25,000

[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

It is a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back.

We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children.

Please sign up and support



**SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY**

£1 per week

Weekly cash prizes

£25,000 jackpot

**YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY**

**Splitting the £1.00**

- 40p goes to our school
- 36p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

**How it works...**

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Stottesdon Primary School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at [YourSchoolLottery.co.uk](http://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk) by direct debit or debit card.

**It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Stottesdon Primary School**

**The Maths...** 100 tickets sold a week means  
= £30 weekly cash prize  
= £2,080 a year for our school

To start supporting, visit:  
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## Quiz Night

On Thursday 26th January FoSPS organised a Quiz night at the Fighting Cocks.

The event proved to be a great success, everyone attending had a very enjoyable time and helped to raise

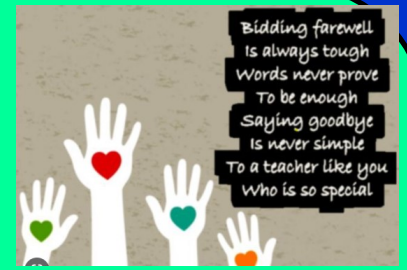
**£ 241.81.**

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported this event.



## Mrs King's Leaving Gift

As mentioned previously, sadly Mrs King, who has been with us for several years, working in her many roles within the school, will be leaving us at the end of March this year. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils, and will certainly be a hard act to follow! We would like to present Mrs King with a leaving present, if you would like to contribute would you hand your donation into the office please.



## Staffing Changes from the Summer Term

Following advertisements to replace Mrs King as she retires, we are pleased to announce the following arrangements for the summer term:

- Miss Robinson will become our SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator).
- Mr Simpson will be joining us to compliment the teaching team. He will take a lead in teaching French at KS2 and another subject to be confirmed. Increasing our teaching specialists supports staff workload, will facilitate Miss Robinson in her new role and Mrs McKay in her Assistant Headteacher role.
  - Mrs Walker will be altering her timetable to be the Severn Class teaching assistant.
  - Mrs Carter will be altering her timetable to be in Corve Class more full time.
- Mrs Griffiths will be increasing her hours to also provide full time support for Corve Class including pupils with Education and Health Care Plans.

## Attendance:

We are seeing a significant increase in pupils with what is called persistent absence. Persistent absence is where a pupils misses 10% or more of school (a day a fortnight). Attendance at this level is, nationally, strongly linked to underachievement and we can see how children are missing out on key learning elements or intervention groups to support them. Whilst we know there are a lot of illnesses going round and we understand these are genuine illnesses, we are also seeing an increase in holidays in term time.

**Holidays in term time are not an exceptional circumstance and do significantly disrupt learning patterns.** There are 190 school days in an academic year leaving 175 days free for families and those working in education to take holidays. Penalties or fines (£120 each parent) will be issued by the Local Education Authority. **Please support us in supporting your child with their education by making sure their attendance is above 95% (please see recent reports for your child's figure).**



## Parking at Fighting Cocks

Very kindly, to try and alleviate the parking congestion during school drop off and pick up times, the Fighting Cocks have offered the use of their car park. If you are able to make use of this very kind offer please do so.

## 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.

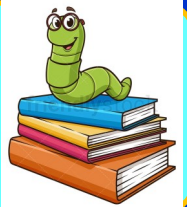


- Decisions will be made and communicated by 7am at the latest.
- Decisions to close will be sent by email and will be announced on Shropshire Radio (**Frequency:** 96 MHz, 90 MHz, 95 MHz, 104.1 MHz)

## Class Reading Information:

Tem: 94% Rea: 100% 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:

Calvin for his careful listening and independence when taking part in our computer session - logging into Purple Mash and completing the 2Do!

Jackson for his knowledge and understanding when exploring the effects of exercise to our body's.

Esther, Frankie, James, Leon, Lincoln, Reggie, William for fantastic progress in using spreadsheets (images and count tool).

Sofia, William and Frankie representing all of the amazing phonics in Rea Class this week.

Samuel for his fantastic discussion about how to keep the experiment fair in science.

Jenson Sh and Harriet for their scenario about disappointment they acted out and resolved in PSHE.

Willow and Noah PD for making great progress in their Ninja maths.

Nate, Payton and Cameron for their progress in the maths skill check.

Jack for actively seeking help, to improve in maths.

Bronze Spelling Bee: Jack

Book Vouchers: Izzy P



Tem Class — Numbots — Isabella Collins

Rea Class — Numbots — Reggie Davis

Corve Class — Times Tables Rock Stars — Florence Giles

Severn Class — Times Tables Rock Stars — Henley Bennett



### Sports stars of the week:

**Tem Class:** Ada for moving gracefully like a migrating goose with slow, smooth sweeping arms and travelling steps in time to the music.

**Rea Class:** Spencer & Frankie for their partner work using ball skills.

**Corve Class:** Florence for her fantastic gymnastics and Lorelei for her fantastic coaching.

Steve Adams has chosen Harriet as his sports star this week.

**Severn Class:** Steve Adams has chosen Nancy as his sports star this week.



Using words of the week

My bed is different to Payton's bed. I have a princess bed with curtains, Payton's bed is a grown up bed. Phoebe.

I went to my Nanny and Grandad's on a previous day. Monty

I was riding on a jumbo jet with my brother and mum. Scarlett

The dog became institutionalised after several years at the dog's home and was unable to leave. Ruby S