



The Stotty School News 25.07.2023



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Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates	
Tuesday 25 th July	Last Day of Term - We hope everyone enjoys a well-earned break.
Wednesday 26 th July	SGN Holiday Club open 8am to 3.15pm - pre booking essential
Thursday 27 th July	SGN Holiday Club open 8am to 5.30pm - pre booking essential
W/C 31 st July	SGN Holiday Club open Monday to Thursday 8am to 5.30pm (Wednesday 8am to 3.15pm)
W/C 7 th August	SGN Holiday Club CLOSED
W/C 14 th August	SGN Holiday Club CLOSED
W/C 21 st August	SGN Holiday Club open Monday to Thursday 8am to 5.30pm (Wednesday 8am to 3.15pm)
W/C 28 th August	SGN Holiday Club open TUESDAY to Thursday 8am to 5.30pm (Wednesday 8am to 3.15pm)
Monday 4 th September	PD Day - School closed to children - Teacher training day
Tuesday 5 th September	PD Day - School closed to children - Teacher training day
Wednesday 6th September	1st Day of the Autumn Term - We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school!

Celebrating our Year 6's as they move on to Secondary Education



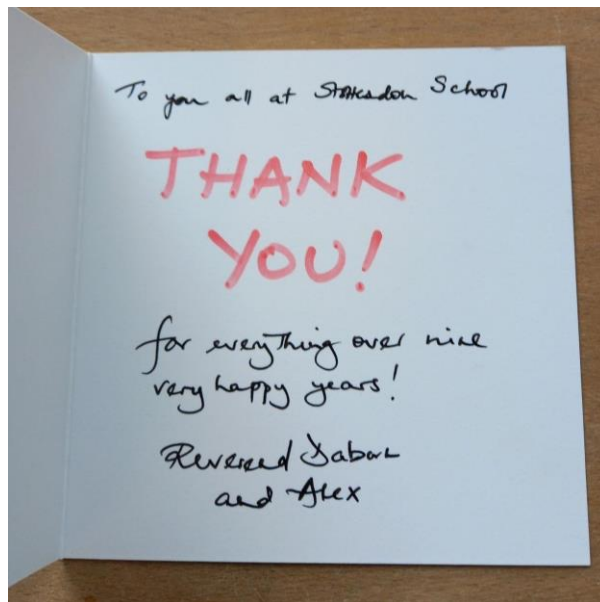


Nursery Graduation



Well done to all our nursery children who participated in their races and singing beautifully. Our new reception in September are definitely ready to join school.

Wishing Reverend Daborn a very happy retirement



Please see message above from Rev. Daborn who would like extend his thanks for the generosity of the gifts he was given.

From your kind donations we purchased an apple tree, wine and a National Garden Gift Voucher.

Swimming



Children progressed well with their swimming this term, but we all noticed a decline in confidence and skills. We strongly recommend that parents (if they aren't already) take their children swimming over the summer or attend lessons outside of school.



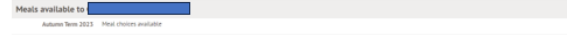
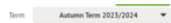



New Management Information System: Next Steps



Thank you to all those that have logged into Arbor to explore and amend/add any information. We have almost got everyone on board . Thank you to those that have let us know that there are problems with the App. We have reported these in (it is not just our school) so Arbor technicians are looking at this. The Arbor Portal is reliable so if we could ask anyone having difficulties to use this until we get feedback. As we learn and build the system to meet our needs, we will be opening different sections. Meals and Wrap Around Care are now open so please see below for instructions for how to start using these. Instructions will also be attached to the school news email.


Meals:

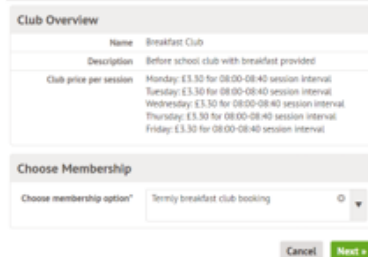
From September these are now booked through Arbor.

- The meals link is under 
- Change the Academic year to 2023/2024 using the drop down [menu](#) 
- Select Autumn Term 2023 Meal choices [available](#) 
- Select Autumn Term 2023/2024 using the drop down [menu](#) 
- Top up money to your account using the green button: . If you are eligible for Universal Free School Meals (YR/Y1/Y2) or Benefit Related Free School [Meals](#) you will not be charged. All other pupils will be charged at £2.50 per meal. Please note that we are not in a position to allow parents to build up a debt in these accounts – we don't aim to make [money](#) but the school meals services made a significant loss this year and the education budget cannot be funding this.
- Begin to select the choices **with your children**. This includes a home packed lunch so we know that your child will be bringing something from home. If your child is going to have a regular packed lunch [pattern](#) please let us know and we can apply this to the system so it is automatically there. Each menu choice is repeated as you will need to select whether you want the menu choice + fruit or the menu choice + the pudding on offer (please [note](#), yoghurt will no longer be available on a daily basis, vegetables are also available for all meals).
- The menus continue to be on an alternating weekly menu. If you tick 'for all future available [dates](#)' you will be able to select this choice every fortnight for the rest of the term. If you would like to select on a more random basis (rather than a pattern) you can do each week at a time. If you want to change or delete your choice this is also easily done.
- You will see the deadline for making choices is 9am each morning as the kitchens [pick](#) up the order and cook accordingly.
- We strongly recommend the Arbor help centre button in the top right which automatically takes you to help pages for the section you are in on the parent portal. For [example](#) this is the meals info: 
- <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/6956696271261-Meal-Menu-choices-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Arbor-App> 

Wrap Around Care

Here is the Help support article: <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360008179494-Signing-my-child-up-for-a-Club-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Arbor-App>

- From September these are now booked through Arbor and are within the [clubs](#) link in Quick Actions 
- Click on the club you want (booking cut off is at midnight for breakfast club/early start and 2.45pm for after school club)
- Register for the club – the system includes a membership option which allows you to decide to book:
 - o a one off daily session – great for irregular [patterns](#) – all the dates in the year come up!
 - o a weekly set – great if you book every day of the [week](#)
 - o a monthly set – great if you need every day of the [month](#)
 - o a termly [set](#) – great if you book every day of the term.
- Please note that this service does not allow you to book unless you have money on the account.
 - o Children eligible for benefit related free school meals are charged with a 50% discount.
 - o If you are booking more than one [child](#) please book both children and inform us so we can apply a sibling refund (we will aim to do this asap).
 - o If you use vouchers or [15/30 hour](#) funding for payment we will apply these to accounts over the summer and every time funding is agreed/comes into account (please do not worry about missing bookings as there is currently enough space in the system).



Club Overview

Name	Breakfast Club
Description	Before school club with breakfast provided
Club price per session	Monday: £3.30 for 08:00-08:40 session interval Tuesday: £3.30 for 08:00-08:40 session interval Wednesday: £3.30 for 08:00-08:40 session interval Thursday: £3.30 for 08:00-08:40 session interval Friday: £3.30 for 08:00-08:40 session interval

Choose Membership

Choose membership option*

School Fete



It was lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves at the Fete on Friday.

A huge thank you to everyone for their donations, for their help in organising the event and for volunteering to run stalls - it wouldn't have happened without you.

You have helped to raise a truly amazing sum of £ 2,700 !!!

Childcare Payments



Massive boost to childcare payment marks first step in largest ever expansion of childcare.

Universal Credit's maximum childcare payments will rise nearly 50% up to £1630 per month - from 28 June.

Please see link below for further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/massive-boost-to-childcare-payments-marks-first-step-in-largest-ever-expansion-of-childcare>

What's Been Going On In Pictures and Captions

Rea class learnt to use the claw grip, bridge hold and lever hold to help them, cut, peel and squeeze their fruit for their fruit salads.













The re-opening of our Church with the funded tile project

Our village church has undergone a vast restoration programme and recently we were delighted to be invited to the re-opening with a number of activities for the children to participate in.

In the summer of 2023, the school was delighted to return to our church following extensive refurbishment through the National Lottery and English Heritage. Children enjoyed activities to re-engage them with the history and importance of the church. Children were also fortunate enough to be funded to attend workshops to design and make tiles at Jackfield tile museum. The tiles will be used to create a permanent display in the church.....an updated version of the 1860 tiles by the Altar.

Please click [here](#) to see a video of the activities

Parenting Signposts

Understanding Your Child Groups - September 2023

Shropshire Council

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet & chat with other parents and carers?

Understanding YOUR CHILD

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS

The groups are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire
All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays
SEND Groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed for our SEND Groups

Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Monday 25th September from 9.30am to 11.30am
Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 27th September from 09.30am to 11.30am
at Sunflower House, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury

Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 27th September from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child SEND starts Friday 29th September 2023 from 09.30 to 11.30am
at Sunflower House, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury

Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 8th November 2023 from 9.30am to 11.30am
at Market Drayton Infants School, Longslow Road, Market Drayton

To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by:
Emailing: Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk
Or Telephone: 01743 250950

Understanding YOUR TEEN

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

The Parenting Team will be delivering free Understanding Your Child and Understanding Your Child SEND groups from September 2023 (poster attached).

These 10 week groups aim to:

- Promote understanding of children's behaviour within the context of developmental issues
- Promote the development of parent/child relationship
- Increase confidence and self-esteem in both parents and children
- Give parents a strategy for repair when things go wrong
- Promote reflective, sensitive and effective parenting

We are also offering a free SLEEP TIGHT workshop from September (poster attached).

These 5 week workshops cover:

- Recognising the role of sleep hygiene to improve sleep
- Identifying causes of sleep issues and appropriate practical strategies to try

- Completing sleep diaries and identifying potential sleep issues

Please do not hesitate to contact us directly if you have any questions:
parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or give us a call on 01743 250950

Sleep Tight Workshops - September 2023



- *Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?*
 - *Does your child struggle with their sleep?*
- *Would you like to access support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines?*
 - *Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?*

SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOP

The workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shrewsbury
Our workshop runs for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

Starts on Monday 25th September 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Virtually Via Teams

Starts on Thursday 28th September 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
At Sunflower House, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury

Starts on Monday 13th November 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Virtually via Ms Teams

Starts on Thursday 16th November 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
At Sunflower House, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:
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Shropshire Family Information Service



Hello from the **Family Information Service** (FIS for short).
Our job is to give you the info and resources you need to help your family life run a little smoother. We can help with:

- Childcare - finding it and advice on paying for it
- Local baby and toddler groups
- Events, clubs, activities, and fun things to do in the school holidays, for all ages
- Getting parenting and family support
- Finding health and wellbeing support

We cover everything and anything to do with family life, so if you have a question, chances are we'll be able to help, or if we can't, we'll point you in the direction of someone who can.

Follow us on social media for all the latest news and info.



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...pregnancy, labour,
birth and your baby

...your baby

...your child

...your child
with additional needs

...your teenager's brain

...your feelings
(for teenagers only!)

...your relationships

and much more!



Do you live in the Shropshire or Telford & Wrekin area? **Locally funded**

1. Scan QR or visit www.inourplace.co.uk
2. Enter the Access Code*
3. Begin learning

*Sign in or registration required

Access Code:
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Cleobury Community Information Drop In

The Cleobury Country Centre
Love Lane, DY14 8PE

Friday, 9am-11am on:

- 21 April 2023
- 16 June 2023
- 18 Aug 2023
- 19 May 2023
- 21 July 2023
- 15 Sept 2023



You can chat with, and find information on:

- Housing Support
- Public Health Nursing Service
- Healthy Living Advice
- Alzheimer's Society
- Early Help Family Workers
- Fire service
- Domestic Abuse Support
- Drug and Alcohol Support
- Financial Advice
- Age UK

and lots more!



Miscellaneous but important!

SGN Summer Holiday Club



The holiday club will be open as follows:

Wednesday 26th July / Thursday 27th July

Monday 31st July / Tuesday 1st / Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd August

Monday 21st / Tuesday 22nd / Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th August

Tuesday 29th / Wednesday 30th / Thursday 31st August

On a Wednesday we are open 8am to 3.15pm, Mondays / Tuesdays and Thursdays we are open 8am to 5.30pm.

Summer Holiday Fun in Shropshire with HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) – Bookings Open!



Bookings are now open for the Summer Shropshire HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) programme.

There are free places available on the programme for children and young people aged 4 (reception class age) to 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. There are also a limited number of free places available for children and young people living in areas of high deprivation

and/or from low-income households, who are not in receipt of benefits related free school meals. These children and young people can be referred onto the programme by a professional. Places are also available for Ukrainian families, currently staying in Shropshire with host families.

Please see attached booklet for more information about the programme.

Balances on Squid



We would like to make you aware that we are in the process of changing our management information system, this will mean that we will be moving away from Squid.

Would you please ensure that you use any balances on Squid up prior to the end of term to try and reduce the amount of credit refunds to process.

Many thanks,

A guide for parents/carers

Whether you want to withdraw all or part of your sQuid purse balance, follow the steps below to submit your request to the sQuid Support team.

How to withdraw funds from your sQuid account A guide for parents/carers

Whether you want to withdraw all or part of your sQuid purse balance, follow the steps below to submit your request to the sQuid Support team.

01 Log in to your sQuid account

Go to portal.squidcard.com/LoginPortal, and enter the requested details to log in to your account.



02 Select the user

Select the user you want to withdraw funds from and within their purse click on the **Request a balance withdrawal for this purse** link.



03 Enter amount to be withdrawn from the purse

The **available balance** on the purse will be displayed. Simply enter the amount you wish to withdraw and then click the **Withdraw** button, or click the **Withdraw all** button to withdraw the entire balance.



04 Await confirmation

A message will be displayed on-screen to confirm that **your balance withdrawal request has been submitted for review and processing by the sQuid Support team.**

To view your balance withdrawal requests, go to Top up in the main menu bar and then click View refunds and withdrawals.

Please note that you can only submit a further balance withdrawal request once an earlier request has been processed.



sQuid

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Toilet Project at St. Marys Church, Stottesdon

Please see message below from Chris Tibbits regarding the Heritage Project news.

As a school we use the Church a lot, if you are able to support in anyway it would be very welcome.

Here, at last, is an opportunity for everyone in the community to contribute to the project: it has always been our intention to provide a toilet facility as part of the massive restoration investment at St Mary's. Sadly, as much more than planned had to be spent eliminating the dry rot and replacing the roof coverings with 33,000 new tiles, we are **short of between £20-25,000** to meet this most 'basic of needs'. We should explain that, with no mains drainage on site, the loo is not a cheap facility.... it has to be 'off grid' composting toilet since a septic tank is not appropriate in a churchyard. **So this is an urgent call for financial help to complete the job** - we have a most generous grant from the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and a donation from one local business to get us underway can you help towards the remaining £11-15,000?? Please get in touch if you might be able to assist - and thank you so much for thinking about this!

Clare and Chris 01746 718007 or email stotty.heritage22@gmail.com

Vacancies



Please see website for information with regard to job vacancies within the Trust.

Advert for Teaching Assistant at CMPS is attached.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer

