

The Stotty School News 29.09.2023



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Diary dates for the week ahead



To support parents we have now included another section in the diary dates - we have listed important upcoming event dates, please see below:

| Diary Dates for next week | |
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| Monday 2 nd October | School Photographer - If you would like family photographs with siblings who are NOT in school / nursery would you please arrive at 8.30am. Photographs Siblings within school will automatically be taken throughout the school day. |
| | Private music lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams |
| | Multi Sport After School Club - Yrs 1 & 2 |
| Tuesday 3 rd October | Private music lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams |
| | Forest Fun session for Reception children only. |
| | Circuit Training After School Club - Yrs 3/4/5/6 |
| Wednesday 4 th October | Private music lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams |
| | Lunchtime Choir - Yrs 1/2/3/4/5/6 |
| | Yoga/Mindfulness After School Club - Open to all |
| Thursday 5 th October | Netball – Yrs 3/4/5/6 & Gardening After School Club – Yrs 1 & 2 |
| Friday 6 th October | Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church, Stottesdon @ 9.15am Donations welcome for Cleobury Food Bank |
| Upcoming Diary Dates | |
| Friday 6 th October | Harvest Festival – 9.15am at St. Marys Church, Stottesdon |
| Tues. 24 th / Thurs. 26 th October | Parents Evenings |
| Friday 27 th October | Last day of term - Non-uniform day; Cake sale; donations please |
| Monday 6 th | PD Day |
| November Thurs. 9 th November | EacDC ACM @ 9mm |
| | FoSPS AGM @ 8pm |
| Friday 1 st December Monday 18 th Dec. | FoSPS movie night |
| Tuesday 19 th Dec. | Nursery Christmas 'Play and Stay' @1.30pm |
| Wednesday 20 th | KS1 Christmas Celebration - in the church @ 1.30pm KS2 Christmas Celebration - in the church @ 1.30pm |
| Dec. | KS2 christmas celebration - in the church @ 1.50pm |
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Harvest Festival



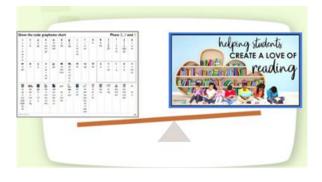
The children will be celebrating the Harvest Festival in church on Friday 6th October.

Parents are welcome to attend the service, which will take place at St. Mary's Church, Stottesdon @ 9.15am. Fosps will be serving teas, coffee and cake so feel free to go straight from drop off and we will join you as soon as possible. PLEASE REMEMBER TO PARK RESPECTFULLY WE WILL OPEN THE BOTTOM PLAYGROUND TO SUPPORT.

During the festival, we will celebrate the season and give thanks for our food and fruits of the season.

It would be lovely if children could bring in a donation for Cleobury Mortimer Food Bank - the food bank is open on a Friday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am. Any donations will be taken directly to the food bank on Friday ready for them to distribute when they open at 9.30am. The church has a wedding on the Saturday so we are prioritising getting donations to organisations as soon as possible.

Any donations of the following items are welcomed for Cleobury Mortimer Food Bank: Tinned meals; tinned fish; tinned tomatoes and tinned vegetables; soup (tins or packet) and baked beans; pasta and cook in sauces; spaghetti; pasta and rice; tins of fruit / rice pudding / sponge pudding; tea bags; coffee; sugar; long life milk; squash; fruit juice (concentrate not fresh); jars of jam / honey; boxes of cereals (or selection boxes); biscuits / snack bars; toiletries (e.g. soap or handwash; shampoo; deodorant; toothpaste and brushes; razors; **toilet rolls**) Cleaning items (e.g. washing up liquid and washing powder / laundry liquid); baby items - baby food; wipes; nappies.



Reading: Why is it important to read regularly?

Giving children the skills to read (mechanics) and inspiring pupils to enjoy and love reading is the single most important thing we can all, collectively, be doing that has huge, long lasting benefits for our children.

This is why children come home with two reading books: one which they can read (which practises the mechanics) and one which is for sharing and enjoyment. Both are really important. We expect children to be reading at home at least 4 times a week (little and often has the most impact - it doesn't matter which book or if it is another at home). Classes will continue to track this and celebrate in the school news and with an additional playtime if the whole team achieves it. Where children aren't doing this crucial regular practice we will use time slots in school (breaktime and lunchtime) to support this vital part of their development. We are continually supporting reading in school with reading for enjoyment everyday, guided reading and daily phonics in younger classes. We are now also adding weekly class book clubs to help enthuse children about the books they could be reading for enjoyment. We hope to be sharing class top tens with you very soon. Book vouchers funded by FOSPS are going to be used slightly differently as each term classes are going to see the book voucher money as their book budget to spend for the term in order to buy appealing texts for them to enjoy - like their very own bookshop!



Reading

Well done for those that are reading 4 x or more a week and logging it in reading diaries. Please keep regular reading and enjoyment of books a high priority.

Teme: 89% Rea: 90% Corve: 72% Severn: 100%

Our Worship/Reflections this week:

Monday: We continued our theme of hope with the symbol of the rainbow. We thought about how the rainbow was a sign of a fresh start at the end of the Noah story. Children reflected on how we all

need a fresh start sometimes: when something we are making goes wrong or when we fall out with friends



Tuesday: We thought about the changing seasons and all the signs of Autumn. We began to learn some of our Harvest songs for our celebration next Friday at 9.15am



Wednesday: Open the book brought us the full story of Noah. Children reflected on fresh starts and looking forward to these.



Thursday: Children heard about the Children's Commissioner for England who wants to hear children's voice about what government need to be working on. <u>The Big Ambition | Children's</u> <u>Commissioner for England (childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)</u>



Cauliflower Cards



We are once again participating in the 'Christmas Design Project' run by Cauliflower Cards. This project aims to encourage pupil's creativity and design skills whilst raising funds for our school.

Not only would it be very exciting for your child to see his/her work as a finished printed product, but the cards themselves are also great for sending a more personal greeting to friends and family at Christmas.

The artwork, which has been set as optional homework, must be either A5 or A4 in size, either landscape or portrait. Siblings may want to complete a collaborative piece of artwork together. Once

completed, please attach the art work to the A3 order form which was sent home with the children earlier this week. Please do not use staples, paperclips or Sellotape as it may spoil the artwork.

How to order:

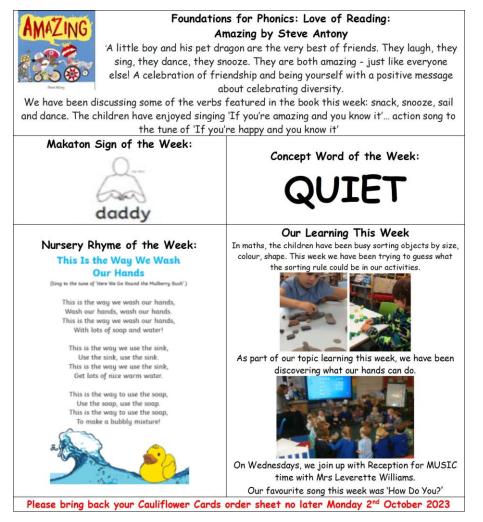
Please visit https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk

using your unique code at the top of your order form. Payments must be made online. Please refer to your order form for further instructions.

All artwork for placed orders must be handed into school by Monday 2nd October.

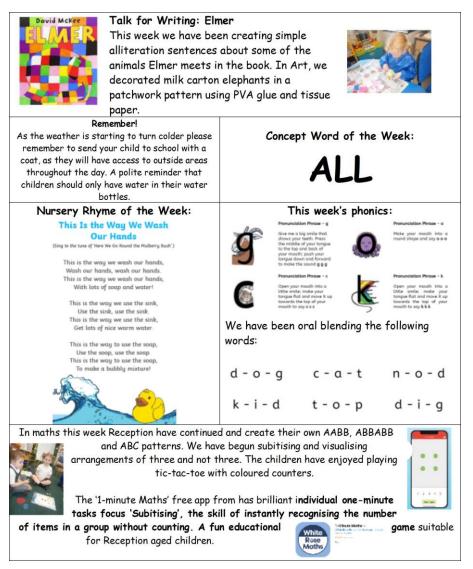
Each order form is unique, so please do not photocopy the form for other members of your family to use, you can however get extra copies from the school office.

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News



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

Reception news



Rea Class

Speak to your child's teacher

For parents in year one (and year two ongoing), I understand that your child moving key stage from EYFS to key stage one, is a big change. I would very much like to encourage you to speak to me, ask me questions, email me, telephone school if you:

- Need any advice.
- Have any questions.
- Need clarification on anything.
- · Want to tell me something about your child that will help them in school.
- Or anything else.

Ways you can contact me:

- Telephone school. (01746 718617)
- Email me (jane.jones@stottesdon-school.co.uk^[1]) I will either respond that day, or if it is late, the next day.
- Pop into school just before the school day, or at the end of the day. (I am here most days).
- Come and speak to me on the playground at pick up time (or ask for me if another teacher is dismissing).

Kind regards.

Mrs J Jones

Year 2 phonics will be continuing a phase 5 review. Focus will be:

- j (jam), g (giant), ge (charge), dge (bridge)
- s (set), ss (hiss), c (circle), ce (fence), se (house), st (castle) and sc (science)
- A range of alternative spellings for short vowel sounds e made by ea (head), I made by y (gym), o
 make by a (wasp), u made by o (mother), u made by o-e (glove), oo made by oul (should)
- er (brother), a (comma), or (doctor), ar (burglar), our (colour) and re (metre) making the under pronounced schwa sound (see examples next to grapheme).

Year 1 phonics will be a review of phonics so far this term, including some of our new phase 5 sounds:

- ai (spelt ay as in play and may).
 - ow (spelt as ou as in shout and about). New phase 5 sounds.
- oi (spelt oy as in joy and toy).
- ee (spelt ea as in read and sea).

We will also be assessing our phonics. Towards the end of the week, we will update the "Grow the code" chart in the back of your child's reading record.

- A tick, will indicate that this is a new grapheme that has now been taught in year one.
- A grapheme highlighted in green, means that your child has securely learnt this grapheme.
- You can help your child by practising recognising any graphemes that are ticked but not green.

Homework for Rea class is:

- Reading regularly (at least four times). Well done to everyone who did this week.
- If possible (15 minutes spread throughout the week of numbots or using the white rose maths app to practise subitising 1-minute maths app | White Rose Maths (whiteroseeducation.com)^[2].
- Optional practise of spellings from your homework books. These spellings have also been
 practised in school:
 - Your Little Wandle spelling grid includes 10 words that we have practised spelling in class this week (including some tricky words), and any graphemes that we have focused on this week.
 - In school when we practise, we sound out the word, write it. Then we hide it and your child attempts to write it. Just a few minutes each day is most effective. Any practise you do, please keep fun and light hearted with no pressure.
 - There is also an optional Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check sheet, which provides space for your child to practise the words they choose, should you wish to use this.

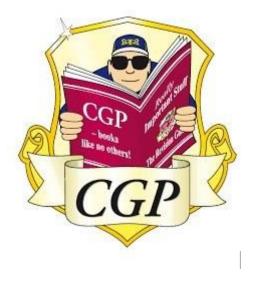
Maths

Next week, we will be identifying and estimating numbers in different formats, including the numberline.

Year 1 example Year 2 example

1 - [1] mailto:jane.jones@stottesdon-school.co.uk [2] https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths

Severn Class



The following study guides, recommended by Mrs McKay for Year 6 children, are available to order on Arbor in the school shop:

KS2 Maths Year 6 Targeted Question Book = £2.80

KS2 English Year 6 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling book = £3.80

Please place your order by Monday 2nd October 2023 at the latest

PE Kits / Water Bottles



We are happy for children to take their PE kits home for washing, but would you please ensure they are returned to school ready for the next PE lesson. This week several children have come into school without a water bottle, would you please make sure children always bring a water bottle into school, especially if they have PE or a sporty after school club.

Flu Vaccination



On October 12th the school nursing team are attending school to administer the nasal flu vaccination, to all school age children (not nursery children).

A letter regarding this was sent home with children on Wednesday - would you please complete and return the consent form attached to this letter as soon as possible.

We do require a completed form for every child attending the school.

Parent Zone - Thinking about screen time

Everyday Digital has been developed by Parent Zone to help families develop great media literacy skills.

Please see further information in the article in the following link:

Everyday Digital | Parent Zone | At the heart of digital family life

this includes information on managing screen time, which is also included in the video below:

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkv9ZPqilio

Is your child too ill for school

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

Please see the information / advise in the link below from the NHS:

Primary to Secondary Transfer 2024

Parents of Year 6 Pupils

Your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September 2024. The online application process opens on the 4 September 2023 and closes on 31 October 2023. A letter has been sent home with your child, outlining the process. Alternatively, please follow this link - <u>Apply to start or</u> <u>transfer school | Shropshire Council</u> which takes you to the Shropshire Council Admissions website. Applications received by Shropshire Council after the closing date will be classed as late, so please ensure you make your application on-time. Details about secondary school open evenings can be found in the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire booklet, on the same website.

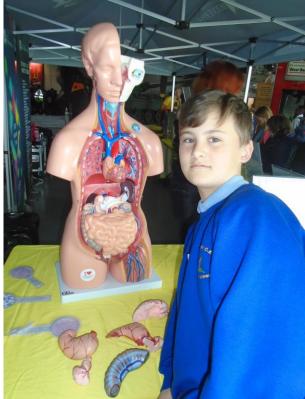
Trips



On Wednesday this week, Severn Class enjoyed a STEM trip to RAF Cosford.









Forest Fun Sessions for Reception



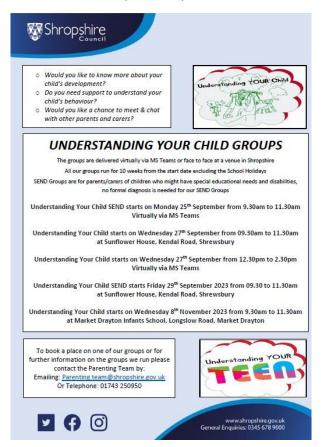
Forest Fun sessions for the autumn term are running on a Tuesday afternoon for just reception only.

There will be 6 sessions but only charging for 5 due to a session cancelled in Summer 1.

The trip is available on Arbor , thank you to those parents who have made the voluntary contribution, however there are several contributions outstanding.

Parenting Signposts

Understanding Your Child Groups - September 2023



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: <u>parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk</u> or give us a call on 01743 250950

Sleep Tight Workshops - September 2023



Parenting Support Line Poster Autumn 2023



Working on your relationship



Shropshire Family Information Service



Solihull Approach - Understanding Your Child





ONLINE COURSES FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, CARERS AND TEENS **Discover the Understanding...** Solihull Approach series ...pregnancy, labour, more languages available English powered by Google Translate birth and your baby 16:07 -...your baby ? inourplace 🔀 English 🔻 ...your child NHS Enjoy a ...your child fresh new with additional needs look on Welcome to inourplace mobiles line Courses dedicated to imp ...your teenager's brain emotional health and well-being OR ...your feelings (for teenagers only!) ...your relationships m C ₾ and much more! optional voice-over where available 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* Access Code: 3. Begin learning DARWIN18 PREPAID *Sign in or registration required

Cleobury Community Information Drop In



Miscellaneous but important!

The Big Ambition - Have your say!

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December.

The Big Ambition | Children's Commissioner for England (childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

Job Vacancies within the Trust



Please find attached adverts and job descriptions regarding job vacancies within the Trust.

Celebrating Children's Achievements



The children representing all the hard work and positive attitudes in our school this week.



XTable Rockstar:

Corve: Harry Matthews

Severn: Bella Lewis



Numbots:

Rea: Harriet Foster



Sports Stars:

Teme: **Arthur** for persevering with the challenge of travelling with a beanbag balanced on different body parts.

Rea: Ralph & Aubrey for their amazing firework dance sequence

Corve: Ottilie for her fantastic jumps using equipment in gymnastics.

Severn: Hollie D for her excellent dribbling and ball control during netball at Lacon / Lottie for her fantastic participation / Holly G for her enthusiasm and great ball control.



Great Sentence using words of the week:

Teme: Enfys "The tiger drank all of the water. There was no water left for a bath."

Rea: My mum gets frustrated when I don't tidy up my toys. Libby Grace

Corve: Drowsily, I climbed up my ladder to my bed. Elia

Severn: Along with my compatriots, I left on a journey to travel across the world. Torrhen



Class Achievers:

Teme: **Ophelia** – For creating her own ABCABC pattern this week in Maths and being able to verbalise which colour came before/after.

Rea: **Rosie** and **Frankie** for focusing in their maths sessions / **Isabella, Libby Grace** and **Grace** for working hard at sounding out in their heads in reading practice sessions / Handwriting star of the week is **Eva**.

Corve: **Scarlett, Maxwell** and **Carys** for their effort in their sentence work about the fable The Fox and the Raven.

Severn: William, Lottie Boo and Evan for their fantastic writing in English.