

# The Stotty School News 13.10.2023



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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		
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Private music lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams	
October	Private music lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams	
OCTOBEL	NO - Multi Sport After School Club - Yrs 1 & 2	
	(MRS WOOD IS NOT ABLE TO RUN THIS CLUB THIS	
	AFTERNOON - as detailed in Arbor)	
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Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Private music lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams	
	Severn Class STEM session at Lacon Childe School – within the school day	
	Forest Fun session for Reception children only.	
	Circuit Training After School Club - Yrs 3/4/5/6	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Netball After School Club - Yrs 3/4/5/6	
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	(Mr Simpson is unable to run the club this afternoon, a replacement session will take place next Thursday)	
Upcoming Diary Dates		
Tues. 24 <sup>th</sup> / Thurs. 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evenings	
Friday 27th October	Last day of term - Non-uniform day; Cake sale; donations please	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day	
November		
Thurs. 9th November	FoSPS AGM @ 8pm	
Friday 1st December	FoSPS movie night	
Thursday 14th Dec.	Carols by Candlelight, St. Mary's Church 6pm - 7pm	
Monday 18th Dec.	Nursery Christmas 'Play and Stay' @1.30pm	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	KS1 Christmas Celebration - in the church @ 1.30pm	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Celebration - in the church @ 1.30pm	
Dec.		



#### Arbor

#### **Nursery Parents**

As the Trust is now using Arbor there are changes to how you will see your Nursery invoices. Nursery invoices will be created once a month on Arbor. Please go to your nursery child; quick actions; payments; nursery; invoices (in left menu under nursery) you will see the monthly invoice which details the pattern you have been invoiced for the whole month. Please go back to the main dashboard and go to nursery and top up the account to clear the balance.

From now on when the Finance team create the Nursery invoices, an email will be sent to let you so you know they have been created on the Arbor system.

For those whose payments are directly into the SGET bank account because you use a Government Tax-Free Childcare scheme, or other private voucher schemes

Please look at your children's account at the end of each month to see the amount due. As before, instruct the payment into the SGET bank account. The Finance team will put the amount received in the SGET bank account as a Top Up on your child(ren)'s account. Please go to your child; the wrap

around care account (main dashboard); click top ups on the left hand menu (under wrap around and Nursery). You will see where the finance team are applying payments once received. Please keep on eye on your account to clear any further monies as appropriate.

### October SGN Holiday Club



As advised earlier this week, the October half term holiday club is now open for bookings via Arbor.

The following activities are available:

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October: (HT + LK )	Autumn craft
Tuesday 31st October: (HT + BH)  3 years and above <b>ONLY</b>	Pool meadow
Wednesday 1st November: (finishes at 3:15pm) (HT + BH)	Bike and scooter club
Thursday 2nd November: (HT + 5C)	Baking spooky cupcakes
Friday 3rd November	CLOSED
Monday 6th November (HT + BH )	Baking Biscuits

A packed lunch, including drinks, will be required on each day.

### Parent Pupil Teacher Consultations



As advised earlier this week, bookings for parent/pupil/teacher consultations are now open on Arbor.

Please book a slot with the relevant class teacher as soon as possible.

The meetings will take place on the following dates during times given below:

Teme: Tuesday 24th October 3.30 - 6pm

Rea: Monday 23rd October / Thursday 26th October 3.30 - 7pm

Corve: Tuesday 24th October / Thursday 26th October 3.30 - 7pm

Severn: Monday 23rd October 1.30-5.15pm/Tuesday 24th October 3.30-6pm/Wednesday 25th October 3.30-5.15pm/Thursday 26th October 1.30-5.15pm

#### 2024 London Residential



As advised early in the week, plans for the London Residential are now progressing. This is a wonderful experience, which we feel the children will benefit enormously from.

The initial outline of the itinerary is listed below - more details will follow in due course:

Monday 3rd June - Travel down to London - Go on the London Eye, followed by river cruise.

Tuesday 4th June - Visit the Houses of Parliament (TBC) - Go to the Science Museum (to include a 45min workshop)

Wednesday 5th June - Trafalgar Square / National Gallery / Buckingham Place - Theatre to see 'Matilda'

Thursday 6th June - Hampton Court (to include a 1hr workshop - return to Stottesdon

The children will be staying at the London Lee Valley YHA, Windmill Ln, Cheshunt, Waltham Cross EN8
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We have received a deposit of £30 from children planning to attend, the remaining balance of £295 (50% less for those children who are in receipt of FSM) is now available to pay on Arbor, we have set it up so that parents can either pay in full or by instalments of £10 or more.

We will be holding a detailed parents meeting at a later date to let you have further information.

In the meantime, should you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### **Celebrating Reading**



#### 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: 100%

Rea: 93%

**Corve: 83%** 

Severn: 100%

### Our Worship/Reflections this week:

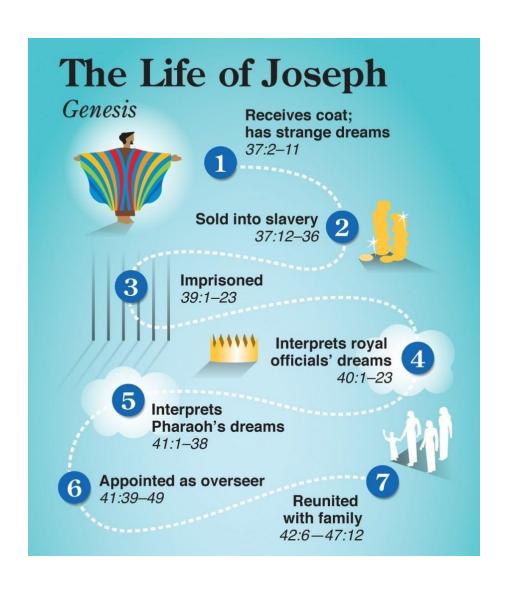
This week we continued our theme of hope. We considered the parable about planting seeds of hope and how small acts can often make a difference like a small seed can grow into a huge plant/tree. We reflected on the small acts we can do to make things better.



On Tuesday we celebrated World Mental Health Day. The theme for World Mental Health Day was 'Mental health is a universal human right.' We reflected on the importance of well-being and the importance of looking after it and how important it is to reach out if you're struggling.



Open the book bought us the story of Joseph and the technicolour dream coat.



### **EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News**



#### Talk for Writing: The Enormous Turnip

The nursery children have been learning actions to retell The Enormous Turnip. We have investigated real turnips from Mr and Mrs Meredith's farm. We created a class story map.

#### Makaton Sign of the Week:



### Concept Word of the Week:

#### Listen

#### Nursery Rhyme of the Week:



### Our Learning This Week

In maths, this week the children have been learning about the number 2.





Our topic learning this week naming our body parts. We drew around a friend and labelled body parts with signs, using our own body parts and our pre-schoolers completed some 'brave writing'. We have played Simon says too.



### TINY Happy PEOPLE

Your words build their world

Tiny Happy People is a website to support parent's with developing their child's language skills. Why not explore the simple activities and play ideas and find out about toddlers' amazing early development. https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people[1]

Video of the Week: How can you help toddlers say words properly? - The Speech Lab. Working out the rules of language is tough when you're little. Lots of toddlers make mistakes when they first start talking.



subtly correcting words when repeating them back to children can help their speech in future. https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/speech-lab-correcting-language/z6fsp4j<sup>[2]</sup>

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

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### Reception news

#### Talk for Writing: The Enormous Turnip



This week Reception created their own story maps and orally repeated the story of The Enormous Turnip. The children used all five senses to describe the turnips freshly picked

from Mr & Mrs Meredith's farm.





When practising letter sounds at home, it's important to pronounce "pure sounds": for example, the sound /m/ is pronounced 'mmmm' and not 'muh' or 'em'. This makes it much easier for children to blend sounds together to

read. Check out the videos here at Little Wandle's Parent page to support pronouncing the 'pure' sound. https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/forparents/[1]

#### Concept Word of the Week:

LAST

#### Nursery Rhyme of the Week:



#### This week's phonics:



We have been oral blending the following words:

h-u-g b-e-d f-i-t l-u-ck l-o-g h-a-t

In maths this week Reception have been exploring how numbers are composed of 1s and, from this begin to investigate the composition of 3 and 4. Composing and decomposing numbers involves children investigating part-whole relations e.g., seeing that 3 can be composed of 1 and 2. The children have also learnt that a 'whole' is made up of smaller parts and is, therefore, bigger than its parts.

2 - [1] https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

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#### **Rea Class**

Year 2 phonics will be assessing our phonics before we move onto the Little Wandle Bridge to Spelling programme. You can help you child by regular reading practise, and practising spellings sent home so far in homework books.

Year 1 have finished their phonics assessment for year 1. We are so pleased with the progress they have all made. Next week, we will be focusing on revising tricky words from phase 4, longer words using "chunk it up" and reading plurals and with 'es' at the end (dishes) and present simple first person singular verbs with 'es' at the end (she wishes, he misses). We have updated your child's reading record if it was in school today (Friday) with the following information.

- · A tick, will indicate that this is a recently taught grapheme for your child...
- 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.
- 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)<sup>[1]</sup>.
- Year 2 optional practise of spellings from your homework books. These spellings have also been practised in school:
  - Your Little Wandle spelling grid includes 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.
- Year 1 optional practise of spelling the tricky words from previous weeks in your spelling books. As
  this week has been review and assessment, there are no new words to learn.

#### Maths

We have been practising the formation of our numbers when writing them. Attached to the school news letter, and soon to be on the website is a poster of our rhymes used for helping us learn the formation.

You can also watch this Numberblocks video on bbc iplayer to help. BBC iPlayer - Numberblocks - Series 5: Now You See  $Us^{[2]}$ 

Additionally, we will be learning:

Year 1

Comparing representations of teens numbers.

Year 2 Comparing representations of 2 digit numbers.





3 - [1] <u>https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths</u> [2] <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000t2vb/numberblocks-series-5-now-you-see-us?seriesId=m000t16j</u>

#### T4U Give love in a box 2024



We are once again supporting this worthwhile cause; each shoebox is given out in deprived communities in Eastern Europe bringing joy and excitement into an often bleak existence. To take part, please fill a shoebox with any of the following items:



Filled boxes will be collected from school week commencing 6th November 2023.

### **Vision Screening - Reception children(Teme Class)**



Please find attached letter regarding vision screening for children in Reception only. A copy of the letter was emailed to parents at the beginning of this week. As detailed in the letter, please return the 'opt out' form if you **DO NOT** wish your child to have their sight tested in school on Tuesday 24th October 2023.

If we do not receive a opt out form from you we will assume you are happy for your child to have their sight tested in school.

### **Digital Health and Wellbeing Assessment - Reception Children**

On Wednesday last week we sent out a letter from the school nursing team to all parents of reception children regarding a digital health and wellbeing assessment.

Parents have two weeks to complete the assessment - final submission is midday on 18th October.

Please find attached a copy of this letter.

### **Sports News**



So far this term we have attended:

Rea Class (year 1 and 2) Multi sports

Severn Class (year 5 and 6) Football

KS2 Netball which we have qualified for the next round on 25th April 2024.

Girls Football (years 5 and 6)

Still to come this term ....

Cross country, Yrs 3 / 4 Quick Sticks Hockey.

In 2024 we can look forward to.....

Volleyball, Athletics, Tag Rugby, Multi Sports, Tennis, Golf, Swimming, sports day and the School games if we are lucky enough to qualify.

In November Severn Class will be trained as Jumping Jaxx leaders and will start to lead playtime activities for all to enjoy.

### 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

### **Primary to Secondary Transfer 2024**

**Parents of Year 6 Pupils** 

Secondary Application deadline – 31 October 2023

The closing date for secondary applications is 31 October 2023 which falls in the half-term holidays. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to submit an application as soon as possible but before the deadline date. This will ensure that if you encounter any problems, you can be supported/helped and to submit your application on time. There is no grace period for late applications. The link for the website is — Transferring to secondary school | Shropshire Council

The School Admissions Team strongly encourage parents to name three preferences, particularly if you reside in the Shrewsbury area. Please see the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire Booklet for further information. The link to the document is <u>Parents' quide to education | Shropshire Council</u>

If you have already made an application and wish to add additional preferences please contact <a href="mailto:school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk">school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk</a>

### Forest Fun Sessions for Reception

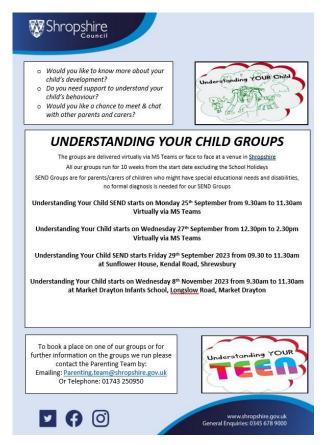


Forest Fun sessions for the autumn term are running on a Tuesday afternoon for just reception only.

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

### **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: <a href="mailto:parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk">parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk</a> or give us a call on 01743 250950

Sleep Tight Workshops - September 2023



Parenting Support Line Poster Autumn 2023



#### Working on your relationship





#### Solihull Approach - Understanding Your Child



**Cleobury Community Information Drop In** 



## Miscellaneous but important!

### Measles / MMR Vaccination



Message from The Early Years Entitlements Team:

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease.

The <u>Back to school MMR Guidance</u> from the NHS includes up to date information.

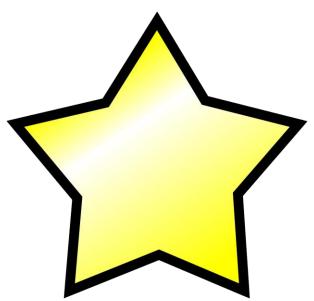
Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in an early years setting can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.

### 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: Lillie Trenfield** 



**Numbots:** 

Rea: Ada Allen



#### **Sports Stars:**

Teme: Chloe for her focus and control of the ball when rolling, changing direction and speed in PE.

Rea: Ada and Florence for their expressive 'great fire of London' dance.

Corve: **Aslan** for following instruction in hockey brilliantly / **Harrison** and **Gabby** for their fantastic, controlled sequence in gymnastics.

Severn: **Archie** for great teamwork and effective passing during PE netball.



Great Sentence using words of the week:

Teme: I was last to get on the tractor. Arthur

Rea: When I went to the toy shop, mummy bought a bouncy castle and it cost a fortune. - Eva

Corve: I was jostling at the zoo to see the zebras dancing. Scarlett W

Severn: Gingerly, Ryan sneaked downstairs to grab a snack. Lottie Boo



#### Class Achievers:

Teme: **Halsey** for her detailed story map that helped her retell the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' beautifully and confidently

Rea: Raith for his determination in his letter formation / Lincoln for making links in this maths.

Corve: **Noah W** for his fantastic participation in music / **Florence** for great work when doing her own version of the Fox and the Raven story.

Severn: **Noah** and **Elliot** for great effort and progress in grammar.

**Archie** and **Samuel** for contributing with whole class guided reading.