

# The Stotty School News 1.12.2023



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### Diary dates for the week ahead

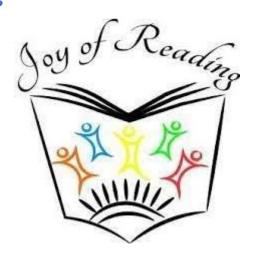


To support parents we have now included another section in the diary dates - we have listed important upcoming event dates, please see below:

Diary Dates for next week				
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	NCMP Height & Weight Measurements for Reception and			
	Year 6 Pupils - Please advise the office if you do not			
	consent for your child to participate.			
	Private music lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams			
	Lego After School Club			
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Private music lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams			
	Corve / Severn sports with Lisa Stokes from Lacon			
	Football After School Club			
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Private music lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams			
	Choir Lunchtime Club			
	Yoga/Mindfulness Club			
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Cross Country Finals at Lacon for those children in year			
	3/4/5/6 who qualified - Within the school day.			
	Netball After School Club			
Upcoming Diary Dates				
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> Dec.	KS2 Christmas Celebration – in the church @ 1.30pm			
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Reception & Year 1 – Mastering Number Family Workshop – 9am –10am. Further details to follow			
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 2 - Mastering Number Family Workshop - 9am - 10am Further details to follow			



## **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: 89%

Rea: 80%

**Corve: 76%** 

Severn: 89%



Why do we 'harp on' about reading at least 4 times per week? The results of a recent study shows just how important reading for pleasure at a young age is (and why we 'harp on' about it!).

In the study published in June of this year in Psychological Medicine, a research team compared young people who began reading for pleasure at a relatively early age (between two and nine years old) against those who began doing so later or not at all.

The team found a strong link between reading for pleasure at an early age and a positive performance in adolescence on cognitive tests that measured factors such as verbal learning, memory and speech development, and academic achievement at school.

When the researchers looked at brain scans from the adolescent cohort, they found that those participants who had taken to reading for pleasure at an early age showed moderately larger total brain areas and volumes, including in particular brain regions that play critical roles in cognitive functions. These children also had better mental wellbeing, showing fewer signs of stress and depression, as well as improved attention and fewer behavioural problems such as aggression and rule-breaking.

Professor Barbara Sahakian from the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Cambridge said: "Reading isn't just a pleasurable experience – it's widely accepted that it inspires thinking and creativity, increases empathy and reduces stress. But on top of this, we found significant evidence that it's linked to important developmental factors in children, improving their cognition, mental health, and brain structure, which are cornerstones for future learning and well-being."

Professor Jianfeng Feng from Fudan University in Shanghai, China, and the University of Warwick, UK, said: "We encourage parents to do their best to awaken the joy of reading in their children at an early age. Done right, this will not only give them pleasure and enjoyment, but will also help their development and encourage long-term reading habits, which may also prove beneficial into adult life."

### Our Worship/Reflections this week:

This week we followed on from Anti-Bullying week with the school council setting up a worries box by Shadow. The School Council made clear that it is always much better to talk to an adult but if you can't then pop it on a post it with your name. Adults will check the box and support. The new Anti-bullying policy is attached to the newsletter for parents information.

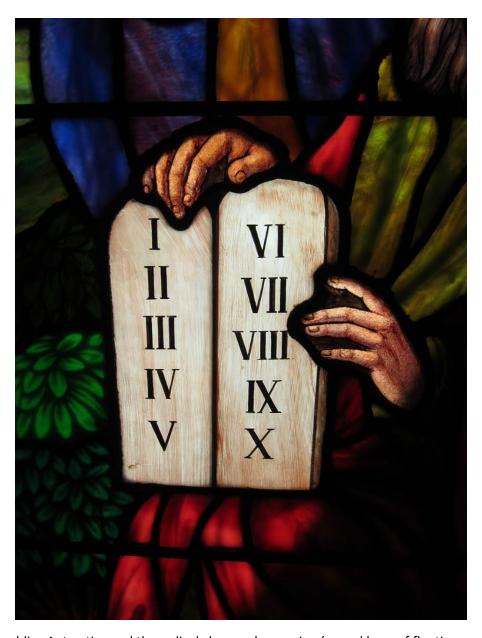


We talked about how we all have talents that we can use to serve one another......

- singing in the school choir and bring joy at performances
- if you are organised helping out with leading and organising things in school (monitor jobs; school council; jumping jaxx; sports leaders; assembly monitors; house point monitors etc)
- if you are good at listening listening to friends and their worries
- if you are good at making people laugh spotting who is sad and helping to cheer them up



Open the book bought us the story of the 10 commandments where God told Moses the rules for a good life. Children reflected on how it important that we all agree and follow the rules so we are all safe and happy.



Phase assemblies Antarctica and the radical changes happening (record lows of floating see ice and more plants growing than ever before). Children reflected on the importance of recycling and renewable energy to combat climate change.

## Reflection



The landscape of Antarctica is changing; the rate of the melting ice is impacting the animals that live there, and the rising sea levels are having a negative impact on the wider world. All our actions combined can make a positive difference.



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

#### Little Wandle Foundation Phonics Love of Reading: Monster Clothes

This week we have been reading about when monsters get up in the morning, they have to find something to wear. Simon wears socks, Darrell puts on a dress and Terrence tries on a tomato. Meanwhile, Cassie is wearing cars and Lester has the latest fashion - leaves! Daisy's adorable, cheeky little monsters try all sorts of hilarious combinations of clothes. We have focused on learning and discussing the verbs featured in this book: gets up, find, wears/is wearing, puts on, tries on

#### Makaton Sign of the Week:



#### Concept Word of the Week:

#### Nursery Rhyme of the Week:



#### Fine Motor Skills

Our fine motor development has focussed on the following pre-writing shape this week.





### Christmas Craft Stay and Play Monday 18th December 2023 1:30pm -3:15pm

Nursery parents come along and join us for a Christmas craft afternoon, listen to us sing our Christmas songsand enjoy a delicious mince pie!

If your child doesn't normally attend on a Monday afternoon, they are more than welcome to join us.

Pre-schoolers in their daily **Phonics** sessions we have been exploring the

- Making our voice go down a slide wheeeee
- Making our voice bounce like a ball boing, boing
- Sounding really disappointed oh
- Hissing like a snake ssssss . Keep everyone quiet shhhhh
- Mooing like a cow mmmmooooo Making a noise like a steam train ch-ch-ch
- Buzzing like a bumble bee zzzzz

This week the children have began to identify objects beginning with 'p' sound.



#### Pronunciation Phrase - p

Bring your lips together, push them open and say p

### Starting primary school - application portal now open



Please see information below and attached from Shropshire Council with regard to applying for a Primary School place:

Children can start school in reception at the beginning of the academic year following their fourth birthday.

Therefore, children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 can start primary school from September 2024.

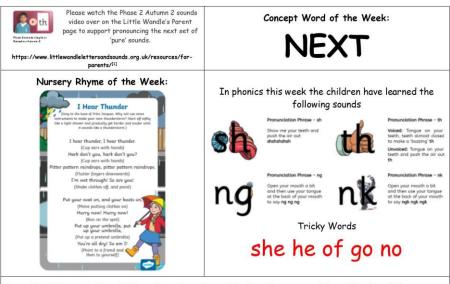
Applications should be made online. Use our <u>guidance notes</u> to help you make your application. If you have any queries or encounter any difficulties completing your application, please contact the School Admissions Team by email - school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk.

Please note that the online facility is open from 2 November 2023. You must apply by 15 January 2024. If there is a reason why your application is late i.e. due to a house move, please email <a href="mailto:school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk">school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk</a> to advise

Applications received after 15 January, without exceptional reasons, are considered late. Late applications won't be processed until all the applications received on time have been allocated. This may result in your child not being offered a school place at you preferred school.

- Shropshire Local Authority residents should use the Shropshire online portal to make their
  application for any English state infant or primary school. If the school you wish to apply to
  isn't there, please email <a href="mailto:school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk">school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk</a> with the name of the school,
  and we will get it added
- If you wish to apply for a neighbouring Welsh authority primary school, you should apply directly to either Powys or Wrexham authorities
- If you want to apply for a Shropshire school but do not reside in the Shropshire Council
  authority area, please refer to our who to apply to page. Telford local authority residents
  must apply via Telford and Wrekin Council not Shropshire Council
- Applicants from either overseas, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland can use the Shropshire Council website to make an application for a Shropshire school
- If an application is made through this portal from a resident in another English authority other than Shropshire it will be discarded

### Reception news



In maths this week the children have been investigating the composition of 3, 4 and 5. Composing and de-composing numbers involves the children investigating part-part-whole

relations, e.g. seeing that 3 can be composed of 1 and 2. Through practical experiences the children have been consolidating their understanding of a whole being made up of smaller parts. The children are beginning to recognise that numbers can be made by combining parts in different ways.

BBC Numberblocks Series 1: Stampolines https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08dnngm/numberblocks-series-1-stampolines<sup>[2]</sup>

1 - [1] <u>https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/</u> [2] https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08dnngm/numberblocks-series-1-stampolines

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

Reception have a book advent calendar – a new Christmas story to read each day as we count down to Christmas.









### **Rea Class**

#### Year 2 will be learning

- When do I add the suffix -es/-s to words?
- Why do I double the final letter in some words when I add the suffix -ing?

#### Year 1 will be learning

- · 'e-e' making the 'ee' sound as in these
- · 'ew' making the 'oo' and 'yoo' sounds as in threw and stew
- 'ie' making the 'ee' sound as in shield
- 'aw' making the 'or' sound as in claw
- · Tricky words: house, mouse, water and want

#### Homework for Rea class is:

- Reading regularly (at least four times). Well done to everyone who did this week.
- Practise your script for the Christmas Play. These have all been sent home for children who are in school.
- Optional 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>.
- Optional spellings are being sent home by email should you wish to practise them.

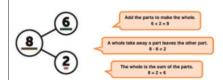
#### Maths

We will continue to practise the formation of our numbers when writing them.

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

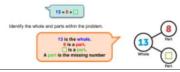
Year 1 will be

Using parts and wholes in calculations.



#### Year 2

Using part part whole models to find the missing Numbers in calculations.



2 - [1] <a href="https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths">https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths</a> [2]

https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000t2vb/numberblocks-series-5-now-you-see-us?seriesId=m000t16j

### Monies owing on Arbor



We have noticed a few debts accumulating on Arbor, we would be grateful if you would clear any outstanding balances please:

- Meal balances need to be cleared in full.
- Wrap around balances please clear the proportion owing for the sessions already attended.
- Nursery balances please clear balance owing in order for you to continue to be able to use the service in the Spring term.

### SGN Christmas Holiday Club







#### Christmas Holiday Club 2023

Children aged 2-11
Thursday 21" December '23 & Tuesday 2"d January '24: 8:00am-5:30pm
Wednesday 3"d January '24: 800am to 3:15pm
A range of activities are arranged for different sessions (no extra charge). These may be subject to change.
A packed lunch, including drinks, will be required on each day.

#### To register for Holiday Club sessions, please book via Arbor.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT UPTAKE TO MAKE THE SERVICE VIABLE,

WE MAY NEED TO REDUCE OPENING.

In order to help everyone with plans please make bookings as soon as possible.

Please also note the extract below from our terms and conditions:

To pay fees even if your child/ren does not attend the session they are booked in for, due to holiday, sickness, school clubs or adverse weather conditions. Also, to be aware that we are unable to swap sessions if your child misses any. However additional sessions can be booked on an agdingc basis, subject to availability. We request that when there is high demand for slots in Nursery / wrap round and holiday club, unneeded agding spaces are cancelled 72 hours before in order, to allow spaces to be taken by others.

Thursday 21" December (HT+BH)	Baking Christmas biscuits/ Christmas t-shirts Please bring a plain white t-shirt.	
Tuesday 2" January (HT+ LK.)	Winter craft	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January (HT+BH)	Baking cupcakes	

Date:	Session time:	Cost:	X to attend
Thursday 21 <sup>th</sup> December (8:00 - 5:30) (HT + <u>8H-1</u>	8:00 - 8:45	€3.50	
	8:45 - 11:30	€12.10	Į.
	11:30 - 12:30	€4.40	
	12:30 - 3:15	£12.10	
	3:15- 5:30	€9.90	
	8:00 - 8:45	£3.30	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January (8:00 - 5:30) (HT + <u>LY )</u>	8:45 - 11:30	£12.10	
	11:30 - 12:30	€4.40	
	12:30 - 3:15	£12.10	
	3:15 - 9:30	£9.90	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	8:00 - 8:45	£3.30	
(8:00 - 3:15) (HT + 8H) PD day	8:45 - 11:30	£12.10	
	11:30 - 12:30	£4.40	
	12:30 + 3:15	£12.10	1

Please see above details for the SGN Christmas Holiday Club opening dates and activities; please make bookings via Arbor as soon as possible.

### Winter / Christmas HAF (Holiday Activities & Food)



From 21st December 2023 to 5th January 2024, eligible children and young people are invited to take part in a range of fun activities for free, happening at over 40 holiday clubs from across the county.

Please see the attached leaflet for further information and details on how to book.

Those children who are receipt of benefit related free school meals are eligible for free places, please contact the office for the school code to enable you to book.

### Bag 2 School - Friday 8th December 2023



### FoSPS - Christmas Hamper



Once again FoSPS will be running a raffle (which will be drawn at the Christmas Celebration in Church at the end of term) for the opportunity to win a Christmas hamper - there will be an adult hamper and a children's hamper - more details to follow.

FoSPS would be extremely grateful of any donations, such as chocolates, biscuits, etc., to enable them to make up these hampers.

Any contributions to be sent to the office by 8th December if possible please.

### FoSPS Christmas Wish Baubles

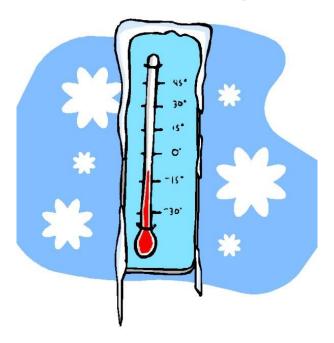


### Christmas Post box



The post box for children to send Christmas cards to each other within the school, will be available from week commencing 18th December 2023. Please do not bring cards in prior to this date.

### Emergency Closures: Winter Weather Arrangements

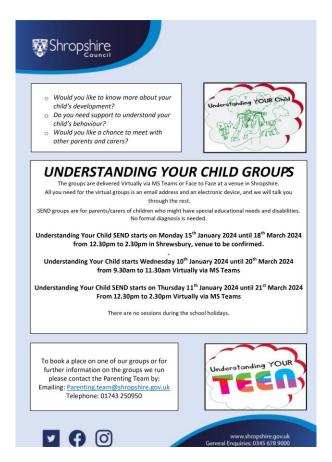


As we head deeper into the winter period we would like to remind parents of the procedure if we need to close the school (due to severe weather, damage to school buildings, loss of utility supplies, difficulty in accessing the site to make it safe). Closure will always be as a last resort to ensure the 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 maybe 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: 96MHz, 90 MHz, 95 MHz, 104.1 MHz)

### **Parenting Signposts**

Understanding Your Child Groups - Spring 2024



Sleep Tight Workshops - Spring 2024





#### Working on your relationship





### Solihull Approach - Understanding Your Child



**Cleobury Community Information Drop In** 



### Job Vacancy



Details attached regarding a vacancy within the Trust for a child and family support worker.

## Celebrating Children's Achievements

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



#### Numbot:

Teme: Ophelia Preece

Rea: Aubrey MacNaughton



#### **Timestables Rockstar:**

Corve: Teddy Hadley

Severn: Payton Roberts



### **Sports Stars:**

Teme: **Boyd** for his perseverance in yoga with holding his balance.

Rea: Raith for good control in our log rolls.

Corve: **Bea** for her excellent hockey skills and for her fantastic learning behaviours.

Severn: **Willow** for much improved play and for being fully engaged within a mini hockey match, making sure she is in a space calling for the ball / **Elliot** for great knowledge of the game and for defending well during a mini match of hockey.



**Spelling Bee:** 

Bronze: Theo, Ralph and Reggie



Great Sentence using words of the week:

Teme: First I wash my hand, next I will eat my dinner. Ophelia

Rea: Some plants won't survive in winter. Phoebe St.

Corve: The red panda was malevolently chasing people and it caused pandemonium. Harrison

Severn: On a sizzling day of the **blistering** summer holiday, in the boiling building, the man drank

some water. Torrhen



Class Achievers:

Teme: **Tara** for her focus when segmenting sounds in Phonics.

Rea: **Frankie** for focusing on writing her introduction about bonfire night and using a range of good vocabulary / **Isabella** for really focusing on the presentation of her handwriting when writing a poem.

Corve: **Cash** and **Harry** for their excellent work learning and applying their facts for the 3 times table / **Aslan** and **Maxwell** for their excellent work learning and applying their facts for the 6 times table.

Severn: Nate and Noah for creating a comic book to promote E-safety.