

The Stotty School News 8.12.2023



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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 11 th December	Private music lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams	
	Lego After School Club	
Tuesday 12 th December	Private music lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams	
	Lunchtime Choir Club - TODAY instead of Wednesday due to Christmas dinner	
	Lisa Stokes unable to attend so Football After School Club is CANCELLED	
Wednesday 13 th Dec.	Private music lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams	
THE CHRISTMAS	Christmas Lunch	
MEND	Yoga/Mindfulness Club	
Thursday 14 th Dec.	Netball After School Club	
A R	Carols by Candlelight, St. Mary's Church 6pm – 7pm	
	Upcoming Diary Dates	
Monday 18 th Dec.	Nursery Christmas 'Play and Stay' @1.30pm	
Tuesday 19 th Dec.	KS1 Christmas Celebration – in the church @ 1.30pm	
Wednesday 20 th Dec.	KS2 Christmas Celebration – in the church @ 1.30pm	
Thursday 18 th January 2024	Reception & Year 1 - Mastering Number Family Workshop - 9am -10am. Further details to follow	
Friday 19 th January 2024	Year 2 - Mastering Number Family Workshop - 9am - 10am Further details to follow	



FoSPS Christmas Wish Baubles



FoSPS December News



Happy Friday everyone!!!

Just a few little reminders to end the week......

Christmas wish baubles- now available from the school office £1 each, take home and write your wish or decorate then bring back & hang on the tree. (it's currently looking a little sad let's make it sparkle!!)

<u>Carols by candlelight</u> — the mulled wine and mince pies are bought, the school choir are busily perfecting their carols, thank you to those who've already purchased tickets, if you haven't done so there's still time to buy, please follow link/QR code on the poster below. (also available on the school website and school gates) Trickets also available on the door on the night... we look forward to seeing you there!! Also, those attending please remember to park considerately within the village, please wear a warm coat, we will have the heating on – but it's a church..... and bring a torch!!!

<u>Christmas hamper raffle –</u> Thank you so much for ALL your donations... raffle tickets will be available from school next week. Children's raffle tickets 50p each or £1 for 3. Adult hamper tickets £1 each. Some lovely Christmas goodies to be won.

'Unplugged' Christmas Presents: buy Jigsaws or Guess Who?

Staff have been receiving a lot of training this term about helping children 'remember more and do more' as there is now a lot of research to help us help children. One training session shared the value of jigsaw puzzles which children may be doing less and less but are brilliant for development and could be a great stocking filler for Christmas. Jigsaws (from nursery to 99!) are fantastic tools to help brain development: problem solving; searching for information; matching; patterns; resilience; logical reasoning (not just trial and error); taking a step by step approach. These skills support in so many subjects like maths and computing. Another great resource is the game Guess Who?....children love this and it so good for logical thinking. Just a thought to help families 'unplug' the devices and do things as a family.





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: 90%

Corve: 76%

Severn: 100%



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:

Monday: We continued our theme of service with the story of the widow and Elijah. We reflected on how much we get from giving but that it is also okay to say yes to help.



Tuesday: We reflected on advent as the season of hope and expectation. Children reflected on what they valued and hoped for.



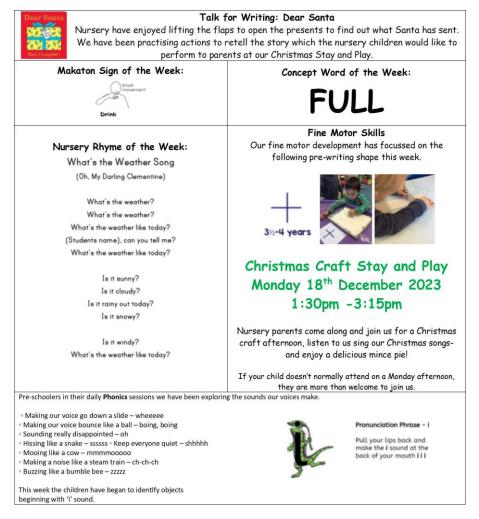
Open the book bought us the story of the journey to Bethlehem and we reflected on the meaning of Christmas to Christians.



Thursday: We considered the volcanic activity in Iceland and what helps us cope with uncertain times.



EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News



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.

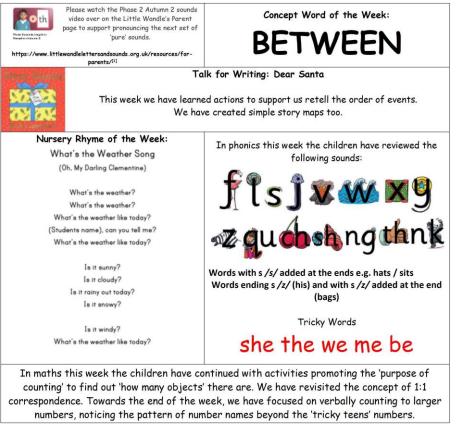
Applications should be made online. Use our <u>guidance notes</u> to help you make your application. If you have any queries or encounter any difficulties completing your application, please contact the School Admissions Team by email - <u>school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk.</u>

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 <u>school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk</u> 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 school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk 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 <u>who to apply to</u> 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

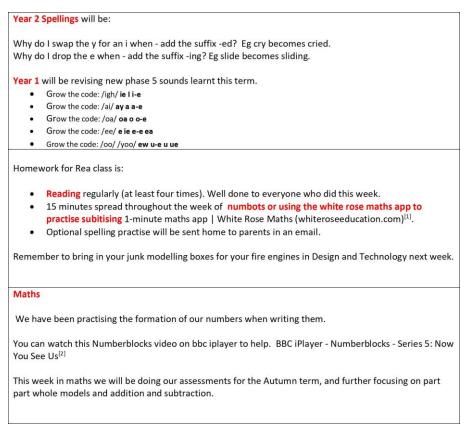
Reception news



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

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

Rea Class



2 - [1] https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths [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



Thursday 21st December'23 & Tuesday 2^{rdt} January'24: 8:00am-5:30pm Wednesday 3^{rdt} January'24: 8:00am 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 dees not attend the session they are booked in for, due to holday, sickness, school clubs or devrse 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 <u>adjop</u> basis, subject to availability. We request that when there is high demand for sists in Nursery / warp round and holday club, unneeded <u>adjop</u> spaces are cancelled 72 hours before <u>in order</u> to allow spaces to be taken by others.

Thursday 21" December (HT+BH)	Baking Christmas biscuits/ Christmas t-ahints Please bring a plain white t-shirt. Winter craft Baking cupcokes		
Tuesday 2 rd January (HT+ <u>LK.)</u> Wednesday 3 rd January (HT+BH)			
Thursday 21" December (8:00 - 5:30) (HT + <u>BH1</u>)	8:00 - 8:45	€3.50	
	8:45 - 11:30	£12.10	
	11:30 - 12:30	£4,40	
	12:30 - 3:15	£12.10	
	3:15- 5:30	£9.90	
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	11:30 - 12:30	党4,40	
	12:30 + 3:15	£12.10	
	3:15 - 5:30	£9.90	
Wednesday 3 rd January (6:00 - 3:15) (HT + 8H) PD day	8:00 - 8:45	£3.30	
	8:45 - 11:30	£12.10	
	11:30 - 12:30	£4,40	
	12:30 + 3:15	£12.10	

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.

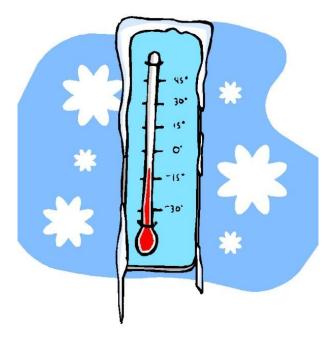
Those children who are receipt of benefit related free school meals are eligible for free places, please contact the office for the school code to enable you to book.

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

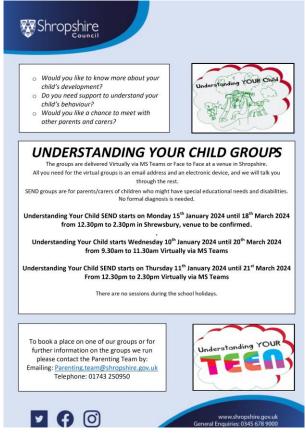


As we head deeper into the winter period we would like to remind parents of the procedure if we need to close the school (due to severe weather, damage to school buildings, loss of utility supplies, difficulty in accessing the site to make it safe). Closure will always be as a last resort to ensure the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



Parenting Support Line Poster Autumn 2023



Working on your relationship



Shropshire Family Information Service



Solihull Approach - Understanding Your Child



Cleobury Community Information Drop In



Job Vacancy



Details attached regarding vacancies at Lacon Childe School.

Celebrating Children's Achievements

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



Numbot:

Teme: Victoria Frost

Rea: Leo Price



Timestables Rockstar: Corve: Florence Giles Severn: Hollie Davis



Sports Stars:

Teme: **Enfys** for her control and balance when following and holding our 'yoga' poses this week in PE.

Rea: Leon, Lincoln, Ralph, Aubrey and Reggie for group balance linking shape.

Corve: **Ruby B** for her progress in developing her hockey skills.

Severn: **Jenson Sh**. for great focus during mini games of hockey in readiness to receive and pass the ball effectively / **Hollie D** for excellent dribbling during mini hockey games.



Great Sentence using words of the week:

Teme: I sat between mummy and Sofia on the big slide. Tara

Rea: I helped my Dad fix the bumpy table to make it **smooth**. Monty

Corve: When the horse had his rug on, he **detested** it. **Scarlett**

Severn: Jeremy found an archaeopteryx on the beach in Scotland. Cameron



Class Achievers:

Teme: Arthur for sharing his knowledge about lighthouses in full sentences.

Rea: Leon, Frankie, Raith & Phoebe R for being great at searching databases on the computers / Raith and Leo for fantastic writing about bonfire night / Eva and Phoebe R for great independence in their writing / Ruby B for her fantastic handwriting /

Leon for really good learning muscles in maths - knowing when to work independently and when he might need support /

Esther for her drama skills rehearsing for the play.

Corve: **Sofia** for her progress in maths / **Izzy, Spencer** and **Isabelle** for their work on division with remainders.

Severn: **Cameron** for great focus and effort in correcting spelling errors in English / **Jay** for his focus and engagement in English /

Harriet and Lana for making great progress in arithmetic.