

The Stotty School News 15.12.2023



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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 18 th December	Nursery Christmas 'Play and Stay' @1.30pm			
Tuesday 19 th December	KS1 Christmas Celebration - St. Mary's Church, Stottesdo @ 1.30pm			
Wednesday 20 th Dec.	KS2 Christmas Celebration - St. Mary's Church, Stottesdon @ 1.30pm			
	Last day of term 'Merry Christmas to one and all'			
We will confirm dates	for SGN Holiday Club at the beginning of next week.			
Upcoming Diary Dates				
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

• What a lovely Carols by Candlelight. Thank you to everyone who supported and to the FOSPS for organising this community event.

• Hamper tickets will still be on sale next week (50p for 1 and 3 for a £1). The KS1/Teme children's raffle will be drawn at their concert and the KS2 children's raffle and the adult hamper will be drawn at the concert on the Wednesday.

'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: 100%

Rea: 100%

Corve: 79%

Severn: 96%



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 the Christmas story with the story of the Shepherds. The children reflected on how the nativity scene is everyone coming together to celebrate the special event of the birth of God's son; the gathering of community. Children reflected on who they will look forward to seeing at Christmas and what relationships they treasure.



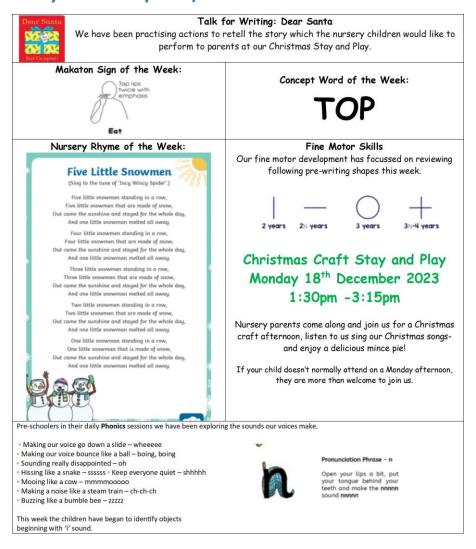
Tuesday: Children reflected on the 8 day Jewish Hanukkah or 'festival of lights' which remembers the rededication of the the Holy Temple after years of not being able to practice their religion. It is celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting to remember when a small quantity of oil miraculously burned for 8 days.



Open the book bought us the story of the kings arriving to see Jesus (actually when Jesus had grown into a toddler) . Open the book have gifted children Christmas stories for the children to cherish - THANK YOU OPEN THE BOOK>



EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News



Starting primary school - application portal now open



Applications to Reception class 2024

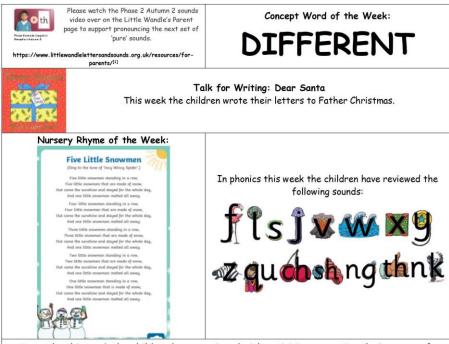
The deadline for applications for your child(ren) to start school in Reception in September 2024 closes on **Monday 15 January 2024**.

Please ensure that you make an application online via the Shropshire Council's portal - <u>Synergy - Homepage (shropshire.gov.uk)</u>

Please note that if you do not make an online application, your child will not be allocated a school place.

If you have any queries regarding the application process, please contact the School Admissions Team via email school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk

Reception news



In maths this week the children have continued with activities promoting the 'purpose of counting' to find out 'how many objects' there are. We have revisited the concept of 1:1 correspondence. Towards the end of the week, we have focused on verbally counting to larger numbers, noticing the pattern of number names beyond the 'tricky teens' numbers.

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

Rea Class

Year 2 will be learning

Reviewing spellings rules learnt so far this term

Year 1 will be practising

- 'ew' making the 'oo' and 'yoo' sounds as in threw and stew
- 'aw' making the 'or' sound as in claw
- Tricky words spellings.
- Spotting split digraphs.

Homework for Rea class is:

- Reading regularly (at least four times). Well done to everyone who did this week.
- Having a restful and enjoyable Christmas.

School Uniform / Hair Styles

As we finish the term we would like to take the opportunity to remind about uniform ready for the new school year. These are important standards that prevent children worrying about trends and fashion which can cause distraction to the school day. It is also important that it is fair for everyone as it is frustrating to children and families if some people don't stick to it. Thank you for your support in this as it is an important standard to maintain to avoid children thinking they can test the uniform boundaries (especially as they transition to secondary).

- Grey or black trousers/skirt/pinafore (not leggings or joggers and skirts should be at least knee length).
- White/blue shirt.
- Grey/navy/royal blue sweater/cardigan
- Sensible black shoes

Only watches and stud earrings are to be worn in school. Long hair should also be tied up daily, in a simple hairband to match school colours. Short hair cuts should not be less than a grade 2. Nail varnish should be removed.



School Council Christmas Cookie Collection

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The annual Together \underline{At} Christmas drive ensures everybody in the Bridgnorth community can sit down to a Christmas meal on December 25.

The event is aimed to provide companionship for those in Bridgnorth who, for whatever reason, find themselves alone over the festive period.

This year is $\underline{it's}$ 10^{th} anniversary and we'd like to help out by collecting boxes of biscuits as a gift to each person who attends. Could you please help?

Please drop any donations at the school office. Thank you.

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 202

Children aged 2-11
Thursday 21st December '23 & Tuesday 2^{std} January '24: 8:00am-5:30pm
Wednesday 3^{std} January '24: 8:00am to 3:15pm
A range of activities are arranged for different sessions (no extra charge). These may be subject to charge.
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 you 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 aging, basis, subject to availability. We request that when there is high demand for slots in Nursery / wrap round and holiday club, unneeded aging, 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 nd January (HT+ <u>LK.)</u>	Winter craft	
Wednesday 3 ^{rt} January (HT+BH)	Baking cupcakes	

Date:	Session time:	Cost:	X to attend
Thursday 21 ^{et} December (8:00 - 5:30) (HT - <u>8H-1</u>)	8:00 - 8:45	€3.50	
	8:45 - 11:30	£12.10	
	11:30 - 12:39	£4.40	
	12:30 - 3:15	£12.10	
	3:15- 5:30	£9.90	
Tuesday 2 nd January (8:00 – 5:30) (HT + <u>LK-)</u>	8:00 - 8:45	£3.30	
	8:45 - 11:30	£12.10	
	11:30 - 12:30	€4.40	
	12:30 + 3:15	£12.10	
	3:15 - 5:30	£9.90	
Wednesday 3 rd January	8:00 - 8:45	£3.30	
(8:00 - 3:15)	8:45 - 11:30	£12.10	
(HT + BH)	11:30 - 12:30	£4.40	
PD day	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.

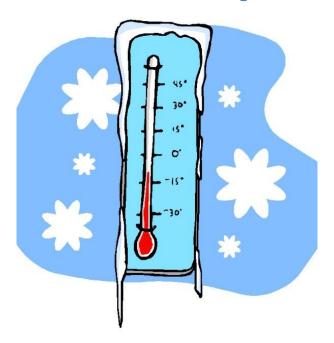
Those children who are receipt of benefit related free school meals are eligible for free places, please contact the office for the school code to enable you to book.

Christmas Post box



The post box for children to send Christmas cards to each other within the school is open. Children are welcome to 'post' any cards they may have for their friends / teachers in school.

Emergency Closures: Winter Weather Arrangements



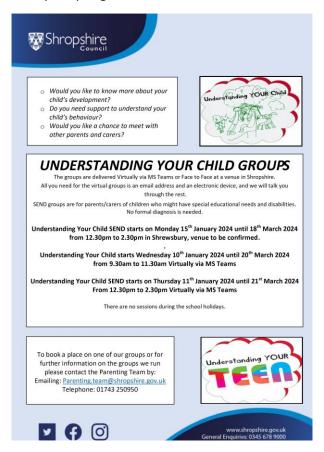
As we head deeper into the winter period we would like to remind parents of the procedure if we need to close the school (due to severe weather, damage to school buildings, loss of utility supplies, difficulty in accessing the site to make it safe). Closure will always be as a last resort to ensure the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





Shropshire Family Information Service



Solihull Approach - Understanding Your Child



Cleobury Community Information Drop In



Shropshire Beam

Shropshire Beam are pleased to provide Virtual workshops for Parents & Professionals from *JANUARY 2024 – FEBRUARY 2024*. All virtual workshops will take around an hour.

All details are below - you need to click on Link at the appropriate time of chosen Workshop. All workshops will be done via M S Teams Video call, we are unable to record sessions. The Workshops

are derived to be informative and engaging sessions, please be willing to participate during the sessions.

There are five Workshops which will be rolled out at 12pm to enable more people to attend, please see the following details of content:-

 Managing Anxiety – aims & Objectives are to pass over psycho - education within the topic followed by practical suggestions of methods & techniques to help support the youth experience issues with anxiety.

Wednesday 3rd January @ 12pm - Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 315 126 036 412 Passcode: RARvzJ Download Teams | Join on the webLearn More | Meeting options

Wednesday 7th February @ 12pm - Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 345 705 527 892 Passcode: Luf6ey Download Teams | Join on the webLearn More | Meeting options

 Understanding & Responding to Self-Harm - aims & Objectives are to pass over psychoeducation within the topic followed by practical suggestions of methods & techniques to help support the youth experiencing issues with self-harm.

Wednesday 17th January @ 12pm - Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 327 883 397 101 Passcode: sRKDfe Download Teams | Join on the webLearn More | Meeting options

21st February @ 12pm - Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 397 629 104 445 Passcode: Emarof Download Teams | Join on the webLearn More | Meeting options

• **Wellbeing Planning** – a workshop which explains & provides a tool for Children & Young people to support their general Emotional Health & Wellbeing, it recognises triggers and promotes self-awareness, his can also be used as a relapse tool to support resilience.

28th February @ 12pm - Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 346 494 806 897 Passcode: usCKJZ Download Teams | Join on the webLearn More | Meeting options

• **Sleep Support** - aims to pass over psycho - education within the topic followed by practical suggestions & advise of methods & techniques to help support the children & young people having difficulties with getting to sleep and staying asleep. This workshop will be rolled out twice over the four weeks, due to popular demand.

Wednesday 10th January @ 12pm - Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 344 239 103 595 Passcode: VJRsvz Download Teams | Join on the webLearn More | Meeting options

Wednesday 14th February @ 12pm - Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 383 113 797 067 Passcode: qy6LUc Download Teams | Join on the webLearn More | Meeting options

• **Grief & Loss support**- This workshop aims to support parents and professionals to better understand some emotions that young people may struggle with having gone through a loss. We will equip you with a knowledge and understanding of the feelings and emotions that they may be battling with, and support that could help them feel better.

Wednesday 31st January @ 12pm - Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 377 607 448 578 Passcode: 9jbjew Download Teams | Join on the webLearn More | Meeting options

Health Visiting Information

Every family with children under 5 has access to a health visitor.

Families can access advice and support up until the age of 5 years old by calling **The Single Point of Access on 0333 358 3654.**

If parents don't want to talk to someone they can send a text and one of the team will get back to them on **07520 635212**

This is a Monday to Friday service 09:30am until 4pm where a Health Visitor is on the line to offer the appropriate advice and support and referrals can be made to the appropriate practitioner.

If parents need extra support or support for potty training, behaviour, sleep, eating we have two Healthy Child practitioner who they can be referred to who will come out to their home or to a clinic to support the family with these issues.

This referral can be completed through the single point of access and sent to the appropriate team.

If it is specialised targeted work the family will be seen by a Health visitor for example low mood or complex development issues, safeguarding or specialised referrals.

All children are seen universally at one years and at two years and they are offered a full health growth and development review via a letter with an appointment.

These are now completed at Cleobury Mortimer Health Centre, Ludlow or Bridgnorth depending on where they live.

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: Halsey Harrison

Rea: Isla Luke



Timestables Rockstar:

Corve: Noah Wilson

Severn: Marnie Harrison



Spelling Bee:

Willow, Cameron, Noah PD, Bella L, and Harriet.



Sports Stars:

Teme: Kai for his balance and coordination when following instructions in yoga.

Rea: All of Rea for their effort and progress in PE this term.

Corve: Maxwell and Tabby for their fantastic dance using different turns.

Severn: Cameron for his enthusiasm for all sporting activities and for always taking an active part.



Great Sentence using words of the week:

Rea: They checked the cellar and the guards captured Guy Fawkes. Phoebe St

Corve: When I was on the **pinnacle** of an oak tree, I jumped down and landed in the mud with a deafening **squelch**. **Lorelei**

Severn: His brother blatantly admitted he coerced his friend to steal his favourite book. Payton



Class Achievers:

Teme: Victoria for the improvement she has made with her fine motor skills.

Rea: **Raith** and **Meghan** for amazing progress in their phonics / **Phoebe Strong** for great spelling progress / **Leo** for good progress in maths.

Corve: **Gabby** for his excellent non-chronological report about the cloud-men / **Ruby B** for her fantastic effort in her computing to make a treasure map on a spreadsheet.

Severn: JJ for his colour wheel work in art / Jenson Sh and Archie for their work on forces in science / Holly G for her progress in science / Lottie Boo for her contribution and enthusiasm in our Adobe workshop / Samuel for his great progress in writing.