

# The Stotty School News 14.02.2025



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# Diary dates for the week ahead



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| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February<br>Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February<br>Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup><br>February<br>Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February | SGN Holiday Club: Monday & Tuesday 8am - 5.30pm Wednesday 8am to 3.15pm Holiday Club will not be open on Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February Back to school - First day of the second half of the Spring Term   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams<br>SATs After School Club - 4pm finish  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February   | Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup><br>February  | Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams<br>Lacon Sport Coach for Corve and Severn Class   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February  | Reception & Year 1 - Mastering Number Family workshop 8.45am - 10am. Parents are welcome to come and learn simple mastering maths games to play together at home. These games will help you understand the maths taught at school.  Severn Class Tag Rugby Festival at Lacon SATs After School Club - 4pm finish   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February  | Year 2 - Mastering Number Family workshop 8.45am - 10am. Parents are welcome to come and learn simple mastering maths games to play together at home. These games will help you understand the maths taught at school.  Careers Day - Children to come to school dressed as a job. Forest Fun Session for Reception & Nursery Children Netball After School Club - 4.30pm finish |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Upcoming Diary Dates  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March  | World Book Day - Children to come into school dressed as a character from their favourite book or in their PJ's to 'snuggle up with their favourite book'  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March   | Corve / Severn Class attending a performance of 'The Parable<br>Keeper' by 4Front Theatre Company which has kindly been<br>organised by Cleobury Community Hub   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March  | Bag 2 School   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday 31st March   | Rea Class Trip to Thinktank, Birmingham  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April  | Nursery / Reception Class Trip to Dudley Zoo   |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# **New Books for the children**



In addition to the books we had in January, we have just had another wonderful selection of books which Corve Class children have chosen. Once again, thank you to the generous support from FoSPS.

"Letting children read what interests them is the bridge that turns learning to read into reading to learn" Dr Brad Johnson.

# After School / Lunchtime Clubs - Spring 2

|   |                                     | offered                                    |            |               |                     |        |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|------------|---------------|---------------------|--------|
|   | (3.15 - 4.15pm, u                   | inless otherwise s                         | tated):    |               |                     |        |
| Club  | Club Tutor                          | Start Date                                 | No.<br>Wks | No.<br>Places | For Year<br>groups: | Cost € |
| Monday SATS Club –<br><mark>3.15 to 4pm</mark>            | Mrs Caroline McKay                  | Monday 24 <sup>th</sup><br>February 2025   | 7          | 12            | Yr 6                | 0      |
| Fitness / Circuits Club                                   | Mrs Tracey Wood                     | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>March 2025       | 5          | 16            | Yr 1/2/<br>3/4      | £12.50 |
| Lunchtime Choir   | Mrs Esther<br>Leverett Williams     | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup><br>March 2025      | 5          |               | 1/2/3/<br>4/5/6     | 0      |
| Craft Club  | Mrs Tracey Wood                     | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup><br>March 2025      | 5          | 12            | Yrs 3<br>4/5/6      | 12.50  |
| Hockey Club   | Mrs Lisa Stokes<br>from Lacon       | Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup><br>March 2025    | 5          | 16            | Yrs<br>3/4/5/6      | 12.50  |
| Lunchtime Computing                                       | Mrs Katie Jones                     | Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup><br>March 2025    | 5          | 12            | Yrs 3/4             | 0      |
| Thursday SATs Club<br><mark>3.15pm to 4pm</mark>          | Mrs Caroline McKay                  | Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup><br>February 2025 | 7          | 12            | Yr 6                | 0      |
| Cookery Club  | Mrs Jackie Walker<br>& Mrs Meredith | Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup><br>March 2025     | 5          | 12            | Yrs 1/2             | 12.50  |
| Lunchtime Gardening                                       | Mrs Kim Carter                      | Friday 7 <sup>th</sup><br>March 2025       | 5          | 12            | Yrs 3/4             | o      |
| Netball Club - <mark>4.30pm</mark><br><mark>Finish</mark> | Mrs Jackie Walker                   | Friday 28 <sup>th</sup><br>February 2025   | 5          | 20            | Yrs<br>3/4/5/6      | 12.50  |

Please see attached after school / lunchtime club list for February / March & April.

If you would like your child/ren to participate in any of these clubs would you please sign them up via Arbor.

Please note the SATs clubs and the netball club start week commencing 24th February.

The remaining clubs will start week commencing 3rd March.

# London Residential 2026



Parents of children in Year 4 and Year 5 will have received a letter today regarding the London 2026 residential trip, which will take place from the 9th to the 12th June 2026.

This trip is a fantastic opportunity which those children who have taken part previously have thoroughly enjoy.

Although it seems a long way off, to enable us to secure accommodation we need to pay a deposit by the 6th March 2025 to the YHA at Cheshunt.

We would be grateful if parents would pay the deposit requested via Arbor please.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING NURSERY FUNDING

| FREE Childcare explained                               |  |   |                    |  |  |
|--|--|---|--------------------|--|--|
|  | 9-23<br>Months old                             | 2<br>Years old                                | 3-4<br>Years old   |  |  |
| Working<br>families                                    | 15 30<br>Hours Hours<br>Sept Sept<br>2024 2025 | 15 30<br>Hours Hours<br>Apr Sept<br>2024 2025 | 30<br>Hours<br>Now |  |  |
| Families receiving<br>additional government<br>support | N/A  | 15<br>Hours<br>Now                            | N/A                |  |  |
| All parents  | N/A  | N/A   | 15<br>Hours<br>Now |  |  |

It is really important to complete funding forms well ahead of deadlines. If deadlines are not met then funding will not be available and sessions will need to be paid for.

For many years the local authority have manually overridden late eligibility codes to enable providers to continue claiming expanded / extended hours funding for families who have missed the deadline for applying / renewing their code in time for a particular term.

The number of late codes that they have been asked to override has increased every term.

Following recent consultation with the DfE, this isn't something that the local authority are allowed to do. From the start of the Summer Term 2025 they will not be in a position to override late codes.

Therefore please ensure you keep an eye on your code expiry date and renew on time. The earliest you will be able to renew is 4 weeks before the end date of your code.

# **SGN Holiday Club - February Half Term**



Stottesdon Gateway Nursery (SGN) will be open on the following dates during half term:

Monday 17th February - Baking bread

Tuesday 18th February - Tye Dye (would children please bring a plain white t-shirt)

Wednesday 19th February - Bike and scooter club

Sessions: 8am to 5.30pm Monday / Tuesday (8am to 3.15pm on Wednesday)

Unfortunately, due to the lack of bookings, we are unable to run on Thursday 20th February - apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

For those pupils currently attending our school / nursery all bookings to be made via Arbor, children not attending our setting will need to complete the attached booking form.

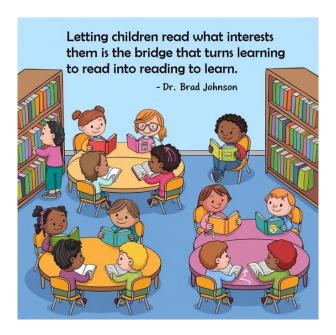
# **NSPCC's Online Safety**



The NSPCC's new Keeping Children Safe Online workshop provides parents and carers with information about how to support their child in their online world. The 40 minute prerecorded presentation covers topics such as online bullying, mental health, and social media, as well as signposting to resources and organisations for help and support. Please follow link below:

# **Celebrating Reading**





## Reading

Reading with children is one of the most powerful gift parents can give. The development of language, creativity and cultural understanding from reading, discussing and sharing is HUGE so if you are giving this gift thank you for helping to keep this powerful, essential activity 'alive'. Reading is also very powerful as it reduces stress (for the child and the adult!).

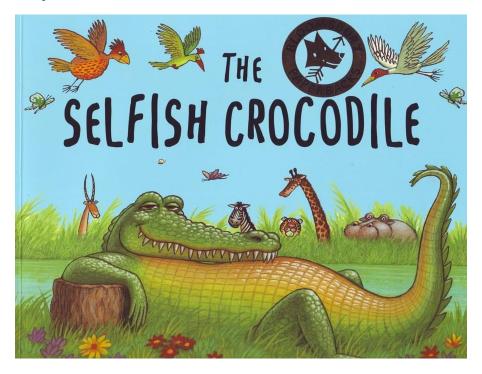
Teme: 85%

Rea: 70%

**Corve: 93%** 

Severn: 86%

# Our Worship / Reflections this week:



Monday: We enjoyed the story of the selfish crocodile and considered how courageous the mouse was to help but also how brave the crocodile was to change how he was choosing to be (like the story of Zacchaeus).



Tuesday: As part of safer internet day we focused on using the internet wisely and considering scams - sometimes things are too good to be true and people are trying to trick us. Children revisited how to stay safe.



Wednesday: We enjoyed the story of Sophie who was having a tough day (missed the bus, forgot her homework, missed playing with her friends) and how we can 'build' our friends back up with encouragement when things don't quite go to plan.

Thursday: Children carried on thinking about Safer Internet Day in their age groups. This also included thinking about taking appropriate pictures and not sharing inappropriate pictures e.g. when we are undressed.

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

# Nursery News 14.02.2025

### Spring 1 Term: Healthy Me!



This week, the children have been learning about the importance of getting a good night's sleep and revisiting their knowledge of animals that hibernate at this time of year.

This week, we introduced listening for and saying the sound 'k'



#### Pronunciation Phrase - k

Open your mouth into a little smile; make your tongue flat and move it up towards the top of your mouth to say **k k k** 

### Talk for Writing:



The Gingerbread Man

#### Nursery Rhyme of the Week:



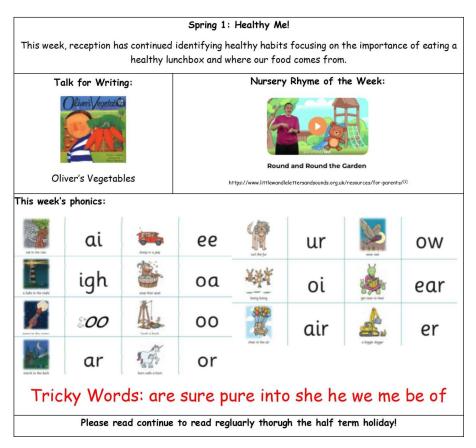
Round and Round the Garden

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

Please remember to download your child's tapestry journal before half term following the instructions in the last week's newsletter, email and the ClassDojo message.

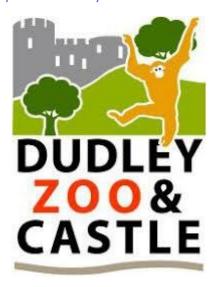
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# Nursery / Reception Trip to Dudley Zoo



On Friday 4th April 2025, children in Nursery and Reception are going on a trip to Dudley Zoo - information regarding the trip has been sent via email earlier this afternoon.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £ 12.50 to cover the cost of the trip, (50% of this for those children who are entitled to benefit related free school meals) - once again we are very grateful to FoSPS for covering half of the transport cost.

Would you please make your contribution via Arbor as soon as possible.

The trip will take place within the school day, children will need a waterproof coat, water bottle and a packed lunch.

### Forest Fun



Children in Reception (Teme Class) and Nursery children who are aged 3 years old and above (who attend Nursery on a Friday), will be attending Forest Fun sessions on a Friday afternoon on the following dates:

28th February

7th / 14th / 21st March

Would you please consent to your child attending these sessions on Arbor as soon as possible.

Children will need wellies and waterproof clothing for these sessions - please ensure children bring them into school on a Friday morning in a separate bag.

# Mastering Number Family Workshops



We are excited to invite you to our upcoming mastering number family workshops designed for families with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. These workshops aim to foster a collaborative and enjoyable approach to mastering number, bringing families together to explore the wonders of maths in everyday life.

Details for the workshops are as follows:

- Reception Thursday 27th February 2025 8.45am 10am
- Year 1 Thursday 27th February 2025 8.45am 10am
- Year 2 Friday 28th February 2025 8.45am 10am

During these workshops, you will have the opportunity to:

- Engage in hands on activities you can replicate at home to reinforce your child's learning
- Discover effective strategies to support your child's maths development
- Share experiences and ideas with other parents, building a supportive community around your child's education

We look forward to seeing you at the Family Mastering Workshops

Kind regards

Mrs J Jones and Mrs N Rainbird-Hitchins

## Rea Class News

### **Rea Phonics**

Year 1 – This week, we have been assessing our phonics for this term, and evaluating reading books for next half term.

Year 2 have been assessing our spellings from this term, including words with sounds kn, gn, wr; when to double the last letter before adding a suffix; when to drop the letter e before adding a suffix and when to use dge and ge for the j sound..

#### Homework

- Reading Homework is to listen to your child read at least four times over the week. Please remember to write it in reading records.
- Numbots or teach your monster number skills for 15 minutes throughout the week.
   This really helps with automaticity of recall of number facts.

#### Maths

In maths this week, we have been:

Year one – Mastering Number

• How even numbers are made up of two odd or two even numbers.

Year two - Mastering number

· An in depth look at bridging ten when subtracting.

#### Addition, triangles and quadrilaterals

Year 1

Adding and subtracting multiples of two.

Year 2

Jumping to the next and previous decade using bonds to ten. eg 4+6=10 so 44+6=50.

Both year groups have been sorting

# Rea Class Trip to Thinktank, Birmingham





Birmingham science museum

On Monday 31st March 2025, children in Rea Class will be visiting Thinktank, Birmingham.

During their visit they will take part in two workshops:

- Destination Space, One Big Journey Show
- Night Dome Show

They will also be able to experience different zones of the museum (including Mini Brum) during the day.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £ 23.70 per pupil (those pupils eligible for benefit related free school meals are 50% less) to cover the cost of transport and entry.

Once again we are very grateful to FoSPS for funding half of the transport costs.

Children will need a packed lunch (if you have not ordered one through the school), a waterproof coat and a water bottle.

NB: Would parents please arrange for their child to be in school for 8.30am as we would like them on the bus ready to depart at 8.45am prompt.

# Corve Class 'mini' hockey tournament

In our PE session this week, Corve had a 'mini' hockey tournament. Each house played 2 games each, where we were able to practice the skills we had acquired over the term. There was also great team spirit both on and off the pitch – well done to you all!

The placings were as follows:

1st Place: Shetland

2nd Place: Shire

3rd Place: Dartmoor

4th Place Highland













'The Parable Keeper' Musical



Mr Mark Greaves from Cleobury Community Hub has very kindly organised a performance by the 4Front Theatre Company at St. Mary's Church, Cleobury Mortimer on Monday 10th March 2025.

Children from Corve and Severn Class will be attending the performance of 'The Parable Keeper'.

The 4Front Theatre Company are a Christian based professional theatre company that bring stories from the bible to life through acting, song and audience participation.

### The Parable Keeper

The Parabularium is home to all sorts of antiques, curiosities and oddities, and that's just the staff! Yet for the shop's enigmatic owner: the Parable Keeper, there is no greater treasure than a well-told story.

This 1 hour musical extravaganza explores many of the parables of Jesus, bringing them to life like never before through energetic songs, interactive storytelling and lots of laughs. Suitable for all ages!

The cost of the performance and hire of St Mary's Church will be completely covered by Cleobury Community Hub, for which we are extremely grateful.

We would also like to extend our thanks to FoSPS for covering the cost of the transport for this trip.

# **Parenting Signposts**

Understanding Your Child Groups - Spring 2025



- Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?

Join us for one of our free virtual or face-to-face groups, our next groups start: Understanding Your Child SEND Group Monday 27th January 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am at Wilfred Owen School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5SH

Understanding Your Child SEND Group Monday 27th January 2025 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm Virtually Via MS Teams Understanding Your Child Group Wednesday 29th January 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am

at Meole Brace Primary School, Shrewsbury, SY3 9HG Understanding Your Child Group Friday 31st January 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am Virtually Via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group Friday 31st January 2025 from 1.15pm to 3.15pm at Christ Church Primary School, Cressage, SY5 6DHH



Sleep Tight Work Shops - Spring 2025

# Does your child struggle with their Sleep?

#### Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups which run for 5 weeks and:

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

Our next groups start:

Sleep Tight SEND Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am

at Keystone Academy, Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ Sleep Tight Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm

at Crowmoor Primary School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5JJ Sleep Tight SEND Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm

Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am

Virtually via MS Teams

SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups.

To book a place email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01743 250950



### Parenting Help & Support Line

# Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support.



### **Shropshire Family Information Service**



#### What is Shropshire Family Information Service:

The Shropshire Family Information Service (FIS) is a brilliant universal service. The FIS brings together loads of useful, local information for families, to help take the stress out of things like finding:

- Childcare or baby and toddler groups
- Holiday clubs, events and things to do as a family
- Parenting, relationships, and emotional health and wellbeing support
- Cost of Living info and advice

FIS use our social media channels to bring families news, events and handy information, which links through to our <u>Family Information Directory</u>. Families are welcome to contact us directly for help with anything to do with family life. We have created a brand new short video to explain who we are and what we do. You can view it here on YouTube <a href="https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJJTl8?si=LeOiNag8">https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJJTl8?si=LeOiNag8</a> LeSPzX0

#### What we would love you to do:

1. Follow us on social media. We use social media as a key tool for reaching parents and professionals, so give us a follow and we will follow you back.

Family Info Service Facebook

Family Info Service Instagram

Family Info Service Twitter

2. Subscribe to our newsletter <a href="https://orlo.uk/5RvZN">https://orlo.uk/5RvZN</a>

Please find link below to the February newsletter, which contains things to do during half term, new stay and play sessions, training to become a young leader and more:

### <u>Shropshire Family Information Service February Newsletter</u>

Solihull Approach - Understanding Your Child

Please watch the video in the link below - it explains brilliantly how good the parenting courses are:

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**Bridgnorth Community Information Drop In Sessions** 



**Highley Community Drop In Sessions** 

Autism West Midlands have confirmed they will be attending the Highley Community drop in on Friday 28th February.



**Meet n Chat SEND** 



### OneplusOne



Introducing the Separating better app, a **free** self-guided mobile app for separating parents, designed to facilitate a smoother separation journey and promote positive co-parenting. This app is filled with expert advice, video resources, practical parenting, and budgeting plans, as well as co-parenting tips. It offers an easy-to-follow journey where you can track your progress and unlock app sections as you go.

Find out more and download the mobile app, now:

https://www.oneplusone.org.uk/separating-

better?utm source=referral&utm medium=social&utm campaign=sbaffiliate

For face to face support, go to <u>Getting on better | Shropshire Council</u> and select Free Courses and Workshops.







### **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.



PACC (Parent Carer Council) have created an information sheet of charities and organisations that can provide help and support.

Please let us know if you would like a copy.

Otherwise please contact PACC for support and information on <a href="mailto:info@paccshropshire.org.uk">info@paccshropshire.org.uk</a>

# **Celebrating Children's Achievements**



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



### Numbots:

Rea: Ned James

Corve: Francesca Ralph



**Time Tables Rock Stars:** 

Rea: Grace Richards

Corve: Sofia Mladezic

Severn: Lillie Trenfield



# **Spelling Bee:**

Bronze: Maxwell

Silver: Bella L



# **Sports Stars:**

Teme: Harry, Bella W & Cordelia for creative balances on the apparatus.

Rea: All of Rea Class for their effort in PE this half term.

Corve: All of Corve Class for their performance on and off the pitch during our 'mini' hockey

tournament.

Severn: JJ and Charlie for their Viking battle dance.



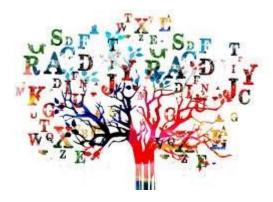
**Pride and Presentation**: Award for pupil focus on presentation of work across the curriculum.

Teme: **All of Teme Class** for smart lining up and being ready to start learning at the end of playtime, this week.

Rea: **Eva** for her work in English.

Corve: **William** for his fantastic work in Art on his drawing with scissors piece, inspired by Matisse.

Severn: Bella for her work in science.



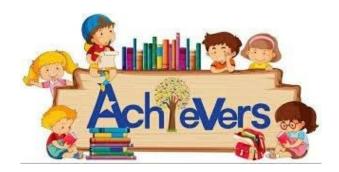
Great Sentence using words of the week:

Teme: I woke up early to feed my baby lamb. Oliver

Rea: Is it possible to eat and talk. Florence A

Corve: I was **outraged** because I didn't get what I wanted from the Indian. **Reggie** 

Severn: I was cantankerous when my team lost the match. Elliot



### **Class Achievers:**

Teme: Freddie for his engagement this week in his Phonics sessions.

**Rea: Ophelia** for fantastic phonics progress / **Grace** for her fast fluency in maths / **Meghan** for determination in her maths.

**Corve: Rosie** for her consistent enthusiasm in phonics / **Esther** for working really hard at column addition / **Joey** for his positive approach to all lessons.

Severn: Jenson Sh, Harrison and JJ for their retelling of Macbeth.



## **Growing Acts of Kindness**

Children will be selected each week (up to one per year group) for acts of kindness.



Reception: **Bella W**, **Harry** and **Cordelia** for kindly helping Ms. Griffiths this half term with colouring in club during their lunch break

- Year 1: Victoria for helping clear up in the lunch hall.
- Year 2: **Walt** for helping another pupil get their things together for the lesson, as he was already sorted.
- Year 3: Skyler (along with Harriet) for helping another pupil to their feet when they fell over.
- Year 4: **Sofia** for helping to do jobs for absent children.
- Year 5: Maxwell for offering to help clear up in Severn Class.
- Year 6: Harriet (along with Skyler) for helping another pupil to their feet when they fell over.