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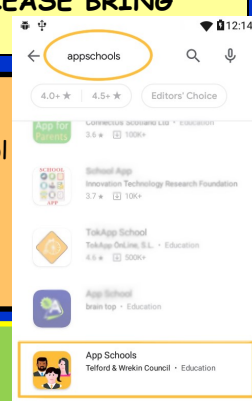
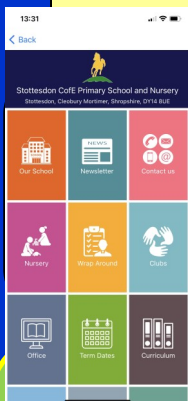
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Diary Dates

Monday 5th July	Year 5 Taster Morning at Lacon Childe (Children will be transported to and from Lacon from Stottesdon) - PLEASE WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM Swimming Teme & Rea Classes – Children to bring their swimming wear (full swimming costume for girls please and no earrings to be worn) & towel in separate bag. Guitar / Ukulele Lessons with Mr Ashford Kidderminster Harriers After School Club – Years 5 & 6 (PE kits) - PLEASE BRING SHIN PADS IF YOU HAVE THEM
Tuesday 6th July	New Reception taster day – Children will be doing a PE session with Mrs Wood – would children therefore come in their PE kits please . PE Corve & Severn Classes – Children in these classes to come in their PE kits. Individual music lessons with Mrs Esther Leverett Williams Multi Sport After School Club – Years 3 & 4 Meeting at 4.30pm for the parents of new reception children.
Wednesday 7th July	Mrs McKay's after school club Gardening after school club – Years Reception, 1 and 2
Thursday 8th July	Swimming Corve Class – Children to bring their swimming wear (full swimming costume for girls please and no earrings to be worn) & towel in a separate bag. Individual music lessons with Mrs Esther Leverett Williams. Ball Sports after school club – Years 1 and 2 (children attending this club need to come into school in their PE kits) Paddle Boarding After School Club—Years 5 & 6
Friday 9th July	Swimming Teme & Rea Classes – Children to bring their swimming wear (full swimming costume for girls please and no earrings to be worn) & towel in separate bag. Kidderminster Harriers After school club – Years 3 & 4 (PE kits) - PLEASE BRING SHIN PADS IF YOU HAVE THEM

You can now access our website as a Mobile App.

We encourage parents to use the App version of our website as it makes things like the school news, term dates and other key information much more accessible. It is available at App Stores, searchable by the term "AppSchools" (see right and for the icon). When it asks you about notification settings we advise you to agree to these and select the relevant year groups (don't forget to save). We may begin using this messaging as another way of getting emergency messages or reminders out (as well as through email).



Message from Mrs Jones

For anyone that hasn't done the parent survey yet please do so by midnight on Sunday: <https://www.gdpsurvey.co.uk/OnlineQuestionnaire?code=26449-34898-26609341>

Many of you will be aware that I have been and will continue to self isolate as a result of positive cases in my family. I continue to work from home and am available virtually. Staff have done as they always do, pulled together and worked incredibly hard to keep everything going. I thank them all for their hard work and dedication. Reflecting on where we are I have two points to make:

- Thank goodness for the LFD tests which picked cases up quickly and, as a result, there has been no impact on bubbles in our school. I recommend everyone to use the LFD tests (freely available in pharmacies and test sites) in order to prevent further disruption or ruining the start of the summer holidays.
- I'm very grateful to have had one vaccine which appears to be giving me immunity. I encourage everyone to make sure they take up the vaccine offer—Shropshire are doing many sessions without appointments now.
- I don't envy the government deciding how to update guidance for schools (which desperately needs updating) and taking us forward safely. I understand they are looking at data and pilots they have been running and hope this guides them to tackle this.

This week's assemblies have focussed on our generosity to look after the world and what the world generously gives us (celebrated later in the school new) and considering how to be generous with our talents (as inspired by the England team this week and the story of the Parable of the Talents).



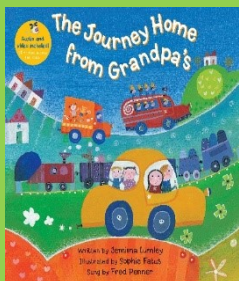
Nursery News

Nursery Rhyme of the Week: **The Wheels on the Bus**

Letter sound of the Week: **H h**

Maths: **2D Shape Week**

Home Learning Task:



Talk for Writing: Journey Home from Grandpa's

On Tuesday, our nursery children went on a local walk to the church. On our journey, we talked about things we could see and which direction we would go next. When we returned, we tried to recall all the things we noticed on our walk and drew a simple map of our journey.

Go on a nature walk to your nearest park or open green area. What natural objects can you find? Can you describe their shape? Group the curved objects and the straight objects.



Children who are starting school in September will be bringing home a reading book without words this week. Please find time to share this book together. There are helpful tips on the front page for parents. Let our nursery team know when you are ready for a new book.



Let's us know how you get on by popping us a message on Class Dojo or adding a comment to the tapestry post.

Reception News

At the sink or in the bath, play with a selection of different-sized containers. Can you fill and empty the containers? Can you show a container that is full, nearly full, half full, nearly empty and empty?



We have been looking at the capacity of a variety of containers, using water and sand. The children enjoyed exploring different techniques to fill containers, for example, scooping, pouring, using a funnel and a bit of team work too. Next week, we shall be measuring how much a container holds by counting how many cups or spoons it takes to fill/half fill a container - feel free to practice at home using water when in the bath or paddling pool or in the kitchen preparing dinner kitchen using rice or pasta.

We also had a great time at Lacon for our sports activities this morning:



Rea Class

Spellings - children will continue learning words from their tricky word lists. Children will be tested on their Spellings on a Monday for the next two weeks.

Celebrating Biodiversity and Growing Our Own!

Potato challenge:

Each class has been growing their own potatoes and on Monday we harvested them. Well done to everyone for growing so many potatoes!

Class	Number of potatoes	Weight
Teme	37	468g or 0.468kg
Rea	84	3100g or 3.1kg
Corve	36	269g or 0.269kg
Severn	82	1901g or 1.901kg

Severn class have begun cooking potato soup and roasted potatoes with their crops.



Mrs. Martin and Reception made hassleback potatoes. Children practised safety with tools and sawing motions.

Following our harvest of potatoes from last week, today Teme Class became 'Apprentice Chefs'. We all washed, cut, oiled, baked and ate our very own 'Hasselback' potatoes. They received a big thumbs up from most of the children, with some sneaking an extra one from the 'spares' plate!!!!



Corve Class have explored what biodiversity means this week by harvesting their potatoes and planting a wildflower meadow by the hall entrance to Wrap Around



Other growing and biodiversity projects have included:

- Severn growing soup ingredients
- Rea growing salad ingredients
- Corve are beginning to oversee a long grass area which we hope to increase the diversity of pollinators in
- Gardening club growing lots
- Fruit shrubs which we hope to crop next year (gooseberries, raspberries, blackcurrants, redcurrants)
- Creating a small pond in the EYFS area
- Installing bug hotels
- Installing nesting boxes
- Composting

Understanding biodiversity with surveys: Classes are now going to conduct surveys and feed back to other classes in assemblies to help us understand the variety of life around the school site. Watch out for more news from:

Corve with their Pollinator survey- flowers and insects: Severn with their Soil and Earthworm survey: Rea with their Tree Survey: Nursery and Teme with their Bug survey



It's been an anxious year for many adults, children and young people alike. We know many of you are worried about the impact of the pandemic on your children.

The Solihull Approach (NHS) has just released a BRAND NEW online course FREE TO ALL residents of Shropshire:

'Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing'

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOLIHULL APPROACH

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WWW.INOURPLACE.CO.UK

FREE Online course for parents
**'UNDERSTANDING
YOUR CHILD'S
MENTAL HEALTH &
WELLBEING'**

ONLINE LEARNING
(AVAILABLE 24/7)
WORK THROUGH THE CONTENT
ANONYMOUSLY AT YOUR OWN PACE

COMPLETE PART 1
COMPLETE 'UNDERSTANDING
YOUR CHILD' OR
'UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS'
(SOLD SEPARATELY*)
COMPLETE PART 2

*PREPAID FOR RESIDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR AN ACCESS CODE

How do I access?

www.inourplace.co.uk

What's the code?

If you haven't used it already here is the access code for all the online courses (funded for residents): **DARWIN18**

If, like many parents, you have already used this code, log into your account [here](#) and this course will be ready in your dashboard to start whenever you are ready.

Can I tell my family and friends?

Absolutely! Share the news with family members and other families in the area so that they too can take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

How long is it?

'Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing' itself is in 2 parts (2 modules long in total):

1. Take **Part 1**....
2. ...then take '**Understanding your child**' OR '**Understanding your child with additional needs**' (11 modules each taking 10-15 minutes to complete, benefitting from time to digest in between)....

...then take **Part 2**.

If you like this...

...you might like the other courses '[Understanding your teenager's brain](#)' (short course) or '[Understanding your child's feelings](#)' (taster course) , or other courses in the series. www.inourplace.co.uk

Kind regards

Nadine Last

Parenting Strategy Coordinator

Swimming



As detailed in the diary dates, children in Teme, Rea & Corve classes will be attending swimming lessons this week. Please ensure children have their swimming costumes / trunks and a towel in a separate waterproof bag on Monday and Friday (Teme & Rea), and Thursday for Corve class.



Please note the wearing of earrings is not permitted in the pool.

Remember to send children with a coat or jumper as the weather is changeable.

School Lunches

We are pleased to advise that hot dinners will resume from Monday 5th July. Don't forget to place your child's orders on the Squid online system.

Thank you all for your understanding this last week.



Holiday Club

Thank you to those who have made their booking requests — these have been considered on a first come, first served basis. Unless we have emailed or notified you otherwise, please be advised that all bookings will be honoured for the hours requested.



Mobile Phones and E-safety

Children DO NOT need to be bringing mobile phones to school. Any mobile phones children do bring, for exceptional circumstances, should be handed into and collected from the school office. Children have a good understanding of e-safety **but in practise need adult supervision to ensure appropriate choices and use.** We have recently been talking to children about their use of technology and many talk about having technology in their rooms, unsupervised, watching scary films etc. **WE ASK PARENTS TO CAREFULLY THINK ABOUT HOW THEY MANAGE ACCESS TO DEVICES AND THE INTERNET UNSUPERVISED. WE RECOMMEND USE IN PUBLIC AREAS OF THE HOUSE, SHARED PASSWORDS AND LOTS OF OPEN CONVERSATIONS.** The recent Ofsted report about sexualised behaviour shows how much inappropriate use there is of technology and how many negative impacts it can have (inappropriate sharing of images; children bombarded by image/video which in turn leads to too much focus on image; disrespectful attitudes or language that is brushed off as 'banter'; the normalisation of unhealthy behaviours and attitudes. We know there is a wealth of positive use of the internet and devices but parents need to be actively engaged in what children are accessing as they are too young to moderate it or be objective about it. We continue to do e-safety work in school and further information and advice can be found here <http://stottesdon-school.co.uk/learning/e-safety> (including a powerpoint from a workshop for parents).

What can you do?

1. Have a 'it could happen' attitude
2. Routines from the start (screen breaks)
3. Online in public places not private
4. Know the passwords – shouldn't be downloading apps independently – be able to check what they are doing
5. Check the history
6. Talk and do with them – think you know films
7. Role model in your own use – be open about it
8. Use control and filters
9. Reporting: school; Ceop; police

FoSPS

It has been a very difficult year for so many people, and we do understand the financial pressure that parents are under. FoSPS have been unable to support the school with our usual fund raising events this year and we have had to cancel so many events, so we really hope you can support us on the last day of term.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 16th July

- Non uniform day: All children can wear whatever they want to wear to school for just a £1 donation.
- Cake Sale: Cakes will be available to purchase during break and lunch time, cakes will be priced from 25p to £1. Please can we ask parents for cake donations (not homemade – unfortunately) to be handed into reception by Wednesday 14th July. All cake donations gratefully received.



Class Reading Information:

Tem: 91% Rea: 93% Corve: Yr3=63% Yr4=100% Severn: 100%

PLEASE HELP OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN AND READ WITH THEM 4 TIMES A WEEK TO HELP DEVELOPMENT WITH THIS CRUCIAL LIFE SKILL.

Achievers

Well done this week to:

Billy for his independence when cutting his potato

Lillie, Harrison and Bea for their brilliant work on tigers in English this week with Mr Morris.

Handwriting star of the week is Jenson Strong.

Hollie D for her focus in her writing.

Jack J for his keen observation skills during our pollinator survey.

Nancy for her effort in her writing this week.

Torrhen for carefully using his geography skills to sketch a map of the habitats in our pollinator survey area.

Henry, Lottie G, Billy, Georgia, Lottie C, Lottie D, Rufus, Jacob, Jess, Jenson, Zac, Paige and Samuel for fantastic effort and progress in French.

We would like to put Mr Morris in achievers and say a big thank you to him for all his hard work in a successful teaching practise. The children have loved working with him and made progress in his lessons. We wish him all the best for his future and hope he will keep in touch with us.

Book Voucher: Hugo D, Bella L, William G, Ruby S, Jacob S, Jenson, Caleb, Archie C, Henry, Zac and Lottie C

Spelling Bee Bronze:

Spelling Bee Silver:

Spelling Bee Gold: Jack PD, Katie S and Jessica J

Sports stars of the week:

Tem Class: Oliver D-G for persevering when practicing floating when swimming, trying hard to stretch those legs and keep them together!

Rea Class: Lorelei for fantastic progress in her swimming.

Corve Class: William for his PE session with Mr Adams

Severn Class: Zac For his PE session with Mr Adams



My dress was too tight to put on. Izzy P

The monstrous wave is destroying the lighthouse. Elliot

The twilight sky mesmerised me with its extravagant colours. Noah PD

When I went to the circus I saw an optical illusion that was hard to figure out. Archie M

Using words of the week