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Diary Dates

Monday 13th September	Worcester Warriors After School Rugby Club
	After School Gardening Club – Please ensure children have a coat with them
	Reception Parents Welcome Meeting @ 4.30pm
Tuesday 14th September	Music Lessons – Mr Ashford & Mrs Leverett Williams
	Kidderminster Harriers After School Football Club
Wednesday 15th September	Flu Immunisations
	Corve Class—'Stepping Out' Pedestrian Training
	Netball & Gardening After School Clubs
Thursday 16th September	Music Lessons – Mrs Leverett Williams
	Choir After School Club
	Corve Class Parents Welcome Meeting @ 3.30pm
Friday 17th September	Severn Class Police Support Officers Program

Covid 19 Update

As we all get used to the measures we are currently in, we will need to keep clarifying the situation — so I hope below helps:

- We are currently running a 'step down' risk assessment. The school is operating normally while promoting good hygiene; testing, isolation and management of positive cases.
- People who have Covid symptoms or have a positive PCR result have to isolate (10 days).
- Close contacts of positive cases (including up to 48 hours before a symptoms/test result) will be notified by test and trace. Close contacts do not have to isolate if they: are **fully vaccinated/** are below the age of 18 years 6 months/ have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial/ are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons). **Close contacts are asked to do a PCR and regular LFD tests.** **If we have positive cases in school that have had close contacts (in school) we will inform those who need to do tests in order to prevent any further transmission. If your children are informed they are close contacts (of cases outside school) please let us know and confirm test results.**
- If we get a pattern of cases we will 'step up' our measures to some or all of those previously used.

Our Golden Rules:



Daily Reflection or Prayer

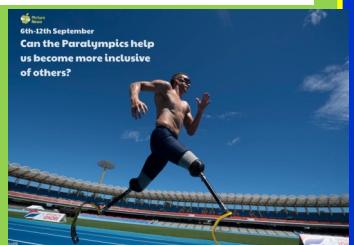
It has been a busy start to the term and we have been enjoying time together to set up the ethos and culture of our school:

- We have revisited our 'Golden Rules' and reflected on how we all want to be safe, happy and learning in school.
- We have reflected on the phrase 'no outsiders' and that everyone is welcome and everyone is different. We made a particular focus on the Paralympics and how we can all make an effort to be inclusive of others.
- We launched our new PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education — includes Relationships and Sex Education) curriculum. We are using a comprehensive whole school scheme called Jigsaw and all classes will begin lessons (appropriate to age) in the topic 'Being Me In My World'
- We found out about the Jewish New Year and reflected ourselves on what we would like to go well in our new school year.

No Outsiders



Everyone different, everyone welcome.



EYFS News

A big welcome to all our new families that have joined Nursery and Reception.

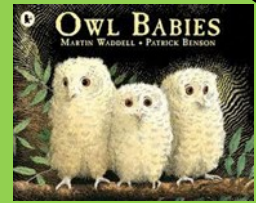
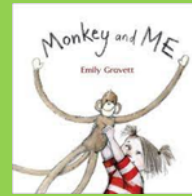
Nursery Talk for Writing: Monkey and Me

Reception Talk for Writing: Owl Babies

Our Rhyme of the Week: I have ten little fingers

Nursery Concept Cat word: Big - Look out for things that are 'big' and 'not big'.

Reception Concept Cat word: Quick - Practise walking 'quick' and not 'quick'.



Can you help?

We are trying to improve our 'home' role play area. Does anyone have an old telephone, non-working lamp, suitcase, a child size sofa or an armchair to kindly donate to support our EYFS project? Thank you in advance.

Curriculum Maps

Please find attached to this school news our class curriculum maps. This gives an overview of what children are learning in different areas of the curriculum. If there are any references or numbers, please note these are for teacher information.

Homework

Please note Severn Class homework starts this week. All other younger classes will be sent homework next week.

Corve Class

Message from Miss Robinson: ICT lessons will take place on a Friday each week. Therefore, would those children who bring their own laptops please ensure they have them in school on a Friday.

Holiday Club

Children who attended the holiday club this summer had a fabulous time and were an absolute pleasure to be with. Enjoy some of the pictures on the flier attached to the school news and thank you to everyone who supported these opportunities.

After School Clubs

We have had a super uptake on most of the after school clubs that have been offered for this term. Unfortunately uptake for the multi sport and choir, at the moment is not enough to make these clubs viable. We have opened the multi skills club to year one children as well as reception — if you would like your child to participate in this club, please sign them up using the online payment system as soon as possible.

We will keep you updated as to whether these clubs will go ahead or not.



Welcome meetings

Over the next two weeks teachers will be running welcome meetings for parents in order to share key information to help support children. It is really important to attend these, if you are able.

(There is only one a year)

Monday 13th September – EYFS Welcome Meeting @ 4.30pm

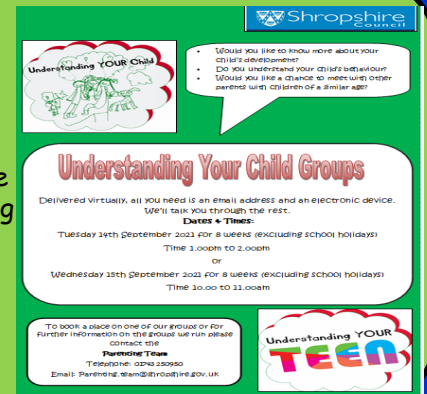
Thursday 16th September – Corve Class Welcome Meeting @ 3.30pm

Monday 20th September – Severn Class Welcome Meeting @ 3.30pm

Thursday 23rd September – Rea Class Welcome Meeting @ 3.30pm

The parenting Strategy Coordinator from Shropshire Council has asked us to let you know that the Understanding Your Child groups start next week – places are available.

Also, please see the attached poster advertising a range of online courses available for free to all residents of Shropshire by using the code: DARWIN18 when visiting www.inourplace.co.uk



Operation Encompass

Our school is involved in a national project, which is being run locally in partnership with Shropshire Council and West Mercia Police.

Operation Encompass aims to support children and young people exposed to domestic abuse.

Please see detailed information, points of contact and organisations to turn to in the leaflet attached to school news.



Secondary Admissions

Year 6 pupils were given a letter to bring home earlier in the week regarding Secondary Admissions.

A parents' guide booklet is available on the Shropshire Council website: www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The link to apply online will be available on the web page from 12th September.



Music Lessons

Mrs Esther Leverett Williams will be resuming music lessons week commencing 13th September.

Lessons will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday as per last term.

Invoices for lessons will be sent out shortly to all those children who were having lessons last term, as we have not been notified of any changes.

If anyone would like to start piano, recorder or violin lessons please let the office or Mrs Leverett Williams know, as she does have a space available on a Thursday.

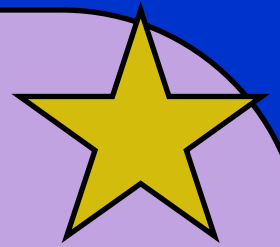
Cleaner

We are desperately seeking a part time cleaner to cover Mrs Walker as unfortunately, due to an injury, she is unable to carry out her duties at the moment.

If you, or anybody you know, are able to commit to 3 hours a day on a Monday & Tuesday until the end of September please contact Mrs Jones or the office as soon as possible.



Achievers



Well done this week to:

All of Teme Class for settling into school life and following new routines and our school rules.

Carys for great listening on the carpet.

Izzy P for careful, focused work on her star today in RE.

Ruby B for settling to tasks quickly and managing herself really well.

Lillie for coming into school and getting on with her work straight away, independently.

Tabitha for being a great role model and coach to younger pupils on her table.

Noah W for consistently being good and following teacher instructions.

Lucas for fantastic concentration and use of his mouse skills on the computer.

Hugo D and Bella L for their excellent work following directions on the 4 cardinal compass points.

Holly G and Ruby S for working hard to show their understanding of place value for 4-digit numbers.

Jay for an excellent first week at Stottesdon.

Holly G, Eliza, Bella L, Evan and Harriet for keeping up their regular reading over the summer holidays.

All of Severn class for returning to school with a focused and positive attitude to learning.

Sports stars of the week:

Teme Class: Hugo for listening carefully to instructions.

Rea Class: All of Rea Class for their enthusiastic attitude towards our PE and running sessions.

Corve Class: Ronnie for being a wonderful role model and working hard at each station on our exercise circuit.

Severn Class: Henry for good team work.



He **thought** he would be **alone** so he turned on his torch but it ran out of **battery**. Spencer

There was a **mammoth** cave with **elongated**, **sturdy** stalactites. Elliot

The head boy was being **pompous** after he had been chosen to lead his school house. Billy G

Using words of the week