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Stottesdon C. of E. Primary School



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Diary Dates

Monday 4th October	Worcester Warriors After School Rugby Club (Y3–6)
	After School Gardening Club — Please ensure children have a coat with them (R-Y3)
Tuesday 5th October	Music Lessons — Mr Ashford & Mrs Leverett Williams
	Kidderminster Harriers After School Football Club (Y1/2)
Wednesday 6th October	Gardening After School Club — Please ensure children have a coat with them (R–Y3)
	Netball After School Club (Y4-6)
Thursday 7th October	Music Lessons — Mrs Leverett Williams
	Choir After School Club (Y1–6)
	Aerobics After School Club (Y1–4 please note there is now no charge for this club as we are using grant monies)
	FoSPS Annual General Meeting 8pm via Zoom
Friday 8th October	Harvest Festival — Children Only — please bring donations for the food bank and one fresh harvest item to share
	No after school club — cancelled due to staff shortage

Key Information

There is a lot of important information with this week's school news. Please take time to consider the following:

- **Messages from parent meetings** (especially if you were unable to attend): the impact of children enjoying books with parents for vocabulary and future success — well done to Teme and Severn for reading regularly; advice about internet safety (key information is on our website [here](#))
- **Bookings for holiday club are open (please note we are closed Friday 22nd October and Friday 29th October)**
- Children's homework this week and next week has been freed up to support the Christmas Card project (see info later)
- **Arrangements for Parent/Pupil/Teacher Meetings are now available, please request bookings as soon as possible.**

Covid19: Please continue to remember:

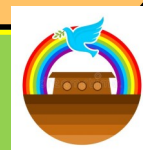
- People who have Covid symptoms or have a positive PCR result have to isolate (10 days).
- Close contacts of positive cases will be notified. Close contacts do not have to isolate if they: are **fully** vaccinated/ are below the age of 18 years 6 months/ have taken part in or are currently part of an 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 your children are informed they are close contacts, of cases outside school, please let us know and confirm test results.
- Please be reassured that, for the vast majority of children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness and that, in addition, the vaccine programme is providing protection.
- If we get a pattern of cases again, we will 'step up' our measures as appropriate.

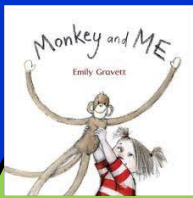


Daily Reflection or Prayer

This week we have continued our theme of hope by:

- Reflecting on the Bible story of Noah's ark (very appropriate considering the rain!). Children have considered how the rainbow and dove are symbols of hope in Christianity and other organisations (rights/equality/NHS)
- Considering how the little things we do can make a big difference.....'planting seeds of hope'
- Starting to have live music in our assemblies—thank you to Mrs Leverett-Williams for teaching us the song 'Light of the World'
- Reflecting how we look after ourselves (trying to stop germs spreading), but also how we look after the world (older children thought about recycling of face masks)





EYFS News

Nursery Talk for Writing: Monkey and Me

The nursery children can retell the story 'Monkey and Me' and create movements/actions to act out the different animals the characters meet.

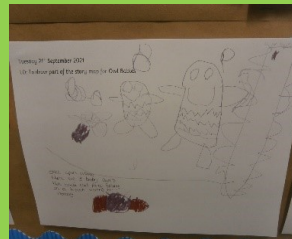
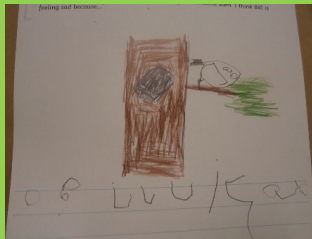
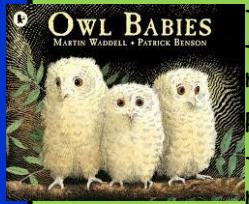


The nursery children have had a go at creating their very own event for the story. Here are some pictures of the adventures they took their monkey puppets on.

Reception Talk for Writing: Owl Babies

The reception children have been learning to retell the story 'Owl Babies' using a simple story map. We have introduced story phase actions for 'once upon a time', 'who', 'first', 'next' and 'then'.

We have explored the feelings of the characters at different points of the story, learning new vocabulary such as heartbroken, gloomy, abandoned, teary, excited, surprised, shocked, delighted and joyful. We have had a go at nest building too. We have even tried drawing a story map and attempting some brave writing "Bill is sad."



Reminder: no nuts or nut products in our lunchboxes please

EYFS Parent Guide

The Department for Education has released a helpful guide for parents called 'What to expect in the EYFS?'. Please take some time to download and read the guidance. <https://foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf>



Our Rhyme of the Week: Draw a portrait

Nursery Concept Cat word: Fast

Concept Cat asks you to try walking fast and not fast at home.

Reception Concept Cat word: Around

Concept Cat asks you to talk at home about sitting around the table or walking around brothers or sisters who are playing.

Autumn Half Term Holiday club

Holiday Club will be open Monday 25th October to Thursday 28th October, 8am to 5.30pm (3pm on Wednesday) - **the club will not be open on Friday 22nd October or Friday 29th October**. Forms and details for booking are available with this school news.



National Child Measurement Program

As detailed in last weeks school news, if you **do not wish** your child to participate in this program, please let the office know. If we do not hear from you, we will presume you are happy for your child to be measured and weighed by the nursing team.

This program only applies to Reception and Year 6 children.

Cauliflower Cards

This term we have decided to participate in a 'Christmas Design Project' run by Cauliflower Cards. We know it might seem a bit early, but it is to ensure you will have the end product by December. The project aims to encourage pupils' creativity and design skills whilst also raising funds for our school.

Not only would it be very exciting for your child to see his/her work as a finished printed product, but the cards themselves are also great for sending a more personal greeting to friends and family at Christmas and the mugs are great for gifts!

Over the next two weeks, please design and complete a piece of artwork on either A4 or A5 sized paper or card at home. The artwork can either be landscape or portrait. Siblings may want to complete a collaborative piece of artwork together. Once completed, please attach the artwork to the A3 order form sent home on this Friday. Please do not use staples, paperclips or Sellotape as it may spoil the artwork.

You can then order the Christmas cards, mugs, spiral books, wrapping paper, gift tags etc. with your child's design online at <https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk> using your unique code at the top of your order form. Payment must be made online using the unique code located at the top of the pupil order form. Please refer to your order form for further instructions.

All artwork where orders have been placed must be returned to school by Friday 15th October 2021. In order to support this project we have decided not to set homework for the next two weeks (although reading and spellings will continue).

Each order form must be unique, so please do not photocopy the form for other members of your family, you can however get extra copies from the school office. Here are a few examples of designs:



Rea Class

Phonics next week for year one will focus on:

- ay — may I play.
- ou — shout it out.
- ie — flies in my pie.

Reading the tricky word 'people' and practising writing our phase 4 tricky words: some, come, little and one.

Spellings and phonics for year two will focus on:

- Practising tricky words: one, our, where, there, said and when.
- Beginning to look at the patterns for spelling find, kind, mind, behind, child, wild and climb.

Strategies for choosing the right graphemes when writing words with igh, ie, i-e and y.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Rea class parent meeting. For those of you who were unable to attend, please find attached the information shared during the meeting.

Parents Teacher Consultations

This term it has been decided to offer parents a choice of a face to face meeting with their child's teacher (socially distanced) or a virtual meeting via zoom.

The following dates will be available between 3.30pm & 7pm:

Monday 18th October — Miss Robinson — Corve Class — face to face

Mrs McKay — Severn Class — virtual

Tuesday 19th October — Mrs Rainbird Hitchins / Mrs Martin — Teme Class — face to face

Mrs Jones — Rea Class — virtual

Mrs McKay — Severn Class — face to face

Wednesday 20th October — Mrs Rainbird Hitchins — Teme Class — virtual

Mrs J Jones— Rea Class — face to face

Miss Robinson — Corve Class — virtual

Please see the attached letter for more details.

It is very important that all request forms, or email requests, are with the office by Monday 11th October 2021.

School Governing Board

The governing board of a school provides strategic leadership and accountability and has three key functions:

- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent
- Working with the Headteacher to develop the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

So that parents can get to know our governors better, we will be profiling a different governor each week in School News. This week we are profiling Mr Dan Middleton:

Type of Governor (e.g. Parent/Staff/Foundation/Community): **I am a Parent Governor.**

How long have you been a School Governor? **Since June 2021**

What do you do in your day job? **I am a lecturer of biology at Halesowen College, teaching biology on a variety of courses. When the college is desperate, I may also teach some chemistry.**

What skills do you bring to the governing board? **I bring analytical skills from my time working within scientific laboratories prior to starting teaching in 2006, as well as all the skills, knowledge of education and terrible jokes required to enthuse a large class of teenagers at 4pm on a Friday afternoon.**



What are you most interested in focussing on in your role as Governor at Stottesdon?

- How students are prepared for their next steps, both within the primary school and beyond
- The use of awards, achievements and other forms of praise, and the avoidance of bias in their use
- The teaching of science (from both the teachers' and pupils' perspectives)

What do you think is the most unique feature of Stottesdon Primary School? **The highly positive learning environment that all staff have created and maintained, even in the most difficult of times. Those of us that work within secondary schools and FE can only aspire to such a positive learning environment!**

Dates for the year

Attached to the school news is an amended version of the 'dates for the year' which we sent out with last week's school news. School will be breaking up for the summer holidays on **Wednesday 20th July 2022**, not Thursday 21st as previously advised. This is due to the extra bank holiday for the Queens birthday, which actually falls in the June half term.

Please also note that the school breaks up for half term on **Thursday 21st October** and is closed **Friday 22nd October**.

FoSPS

We are a small group of parents who meet (via Zoom) every 6/8 weeks or so, to discuss and arrange fund raising activities for our school.

It's been a very difficult 18 months for all of us, and many of our usual fundraising events have been cancelled, which has resulted in us being unable to raise much needed funds for our school.

Our next AGM is taking place on **Thursday 7th October at 8.00pm (via Zoom)**

Everyone welcome, please just e-mail our Chair, Mary Lewis; mary1978lewis@gmail.com

Not only are we looking for new parents to join us, but we are actually looking to recruit a new Chair Person, as after several years, our lovely Mary has stepped down from this position.

If you can spare just a few hours to help us plan and organise events; every child at our school benefits from the money we raise, so please think about how you could help support our school.

Mary Lewis is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: FoSPS AGM

Time: Oct 7, 2021 08:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71741540673?pwd=U2kycDRFTTVRTONNc3diaFgvbDlXZz09>

Meeting ID: 717 4154 0673 / Passcode: 501731



Harvest Festival



If we can remain in our 'step down' Covid measures, we will be having a service for the children (apologies no parents this time) on Friday 8th October. We will celebrate the season and give thanks for our food and fruits of the season. This is also a big educational opportunity for children in understanding about the variety of food and where it comes from. It would be lovely if children could bring in a donation for Bridgnorth Food Bank (ideas below) and one fresh produce item so children can see the variety of 'fruits of the season'. We are restricting the fresh produce this year because we don't want it to go to waste and the church are not doing their fund raising harvest supper (which is how the fresh produce is normally used).

Donations for Bridgnorth Food Bank. (Please make sure that "sell by" or "best by" dates are of at least 6 to 9 months.)

TINNED MEALS; TINNED FISH; TINNED TOMATOES & TINNED VEGETABLES; SOUP (tins or packet) & BAKED BEANS; PASTA & COOK-IN SAUCES; SPAGHETTI; PASTA & RICE; Tins of FRUIT / RICE PUDDING / SPONGE PUDDING; TEA BAGS; COFFEE; SUGAR; LONG LIFE MILK; SQUASH; FRUIT JUICE (concentrate not fresh); Jars of JAM / HONEY; Boxes of CEREALS (or selection boxes); BISCUITS / SNACK BARS
TOILETRIES (e.g. soap or handwash; shampoo; deodorant; toothpaste and brushes; razors; toilet rolls
CLEANING ITEMS (e.g. washing up liquid and washing powder/laundry liquid
BABY ITEMS - baby food; wipes; nappies



Collection for Nancy Fierek

We are sorry to announce that Nancy has decided to leave her role in Nursery in order to prioritise her family.

Nancy will be hugely missed by staff and children, she has paved the way with so many of them for their journey through school.

We would like to present Nancy with a gift from us all to thank her for all her hard work — if you would like to contribute please hand your donation into the office.

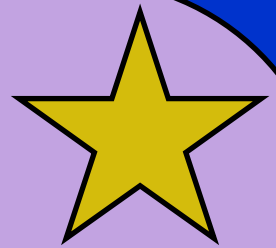


Class Reading Information:

Tem: 100% Rea: 87% Corve: 75% 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:

Skyler for his kindness towards others in the classroom and on the playground.

Lillie T for her independence, focus and care in her writing.

Tabby and Noah for their focus on using bonds to ten to add together three one-digit numbers.

Izzy for perseverance.

Bea, Ellie, Lorelei, Esme, Florence, Bella, Scarlett, Tommy, Gabby, Maxwell, Harrison, Isabelle B & Carys who have all been earning stickers regularly in their work with Mrs Jones.

Cameron for his progress in his writing.

Evan, Bella, Payton, Nate and Archie T. for their excellent stories inspired by the book The Barnabus Project.

Ana, Nils and Henry for applying a range of writing techniques in English to create an imaginative story.

Sports stars of the week:

Tem Class: Isla for great listening skills and coordination skills when exploring different ways of travelling with a ball.

Rea Class: Bea, Tabby & Florence for their great teamwork in tennis.

Corve Class: William G for working hard in tennis to improve the number of rallies he can make with another player.



I walk around the sofa, to check underneath for any toys. Aubrey

The boy climbed the mysterious beanstalk. Maxwell

Henry VIII is the best monarch because he revolutionised health care. Torrhen

Walking in the woods, Clover found the perilous path - the one Mrs. Elcs warned her about. Lilly May

Using words of the week