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Diary Dates

Monday 11th October	Worcester Warriors After School Rugby Club (Y3–6)
	After School Gardening Club – Please ensure children have a coat with them (R–Y3)
Tuesday 12th October	Music Lessons – Mrs Leverett Williams
	Kidderminster Harriers After School Football Club (Y1/2)
Wednesday 13th October	Gardening After School Club – Please ensure children have a coat with them (R–Y3)
	Netball After School Club (Y4–6)
Thursday 14th 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)
Friday 15th October	Music Lessons – Mr Ashford (Guitar switched to Friday rather than Tuesday)

Celebrations of the season:

Children enjoyed our service in the church. We haven't been to church, as a whole school, since December 2019 and they did really well at celebrating and sharing songs, poems and work. Enjoy the photos and we hope to have you with us next time.

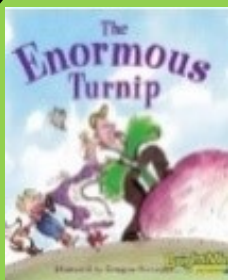


Daily Reflection or Prayer

This week we have reflected on:

- The wonderful season of Autumn
- Welcomed a 'live' (as opposed to virtual) Rev Daborn who got us thinking about planting seeds (hope) for the future
- Welcomed back Open the Book who took us through the first story in the Bible to marvel at God's creation

EYFS News



Nursery and Reception's Talk for Writing: The Enormous Turnip

This is a traditional tale about a little old man who plants a turnip seed, which grows so big he has to ask various characters for help to pull it out.

EYFS Parent Guide

The Department for Education have 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: My Body Song

Nursery Concept Cat word: In

Concept Cat asks you to see how many places you can climb in at home. Can adults get in as many places as a child?

Reception Concept Cat word: Less

Rea Class

Year 2 phonics and spellings will be:

- Practising our homophones learnt so far this term.
- A recap of our different or sounds (aw, au, or, al) learnt so far.

Spelling of tricky words: friend and school.

Year 1 phonics and spellings will be:

- Continued revision of sounds learnt so far.
- Spelling of phase 4 tricky words: 'have' and 'like'.
- New graphemes
 - o 'ea' cup of tea.
 - o 'oy' spoil the boy.
 - o 'ir' whirl and twirl.
 - o 'ue' blue glue

Reading tricky words: oh, their and by.

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.



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.

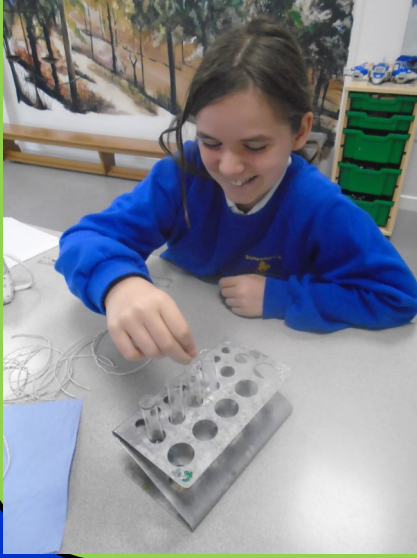
Nancy will be hugely missed by staff and children, she has paved the way with so many of them for their journey through school.

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.



Severn Class

On Wednesday this week, children from Severn Class enjoyed a STEM session with Ms. Charlotte Johnston and Mr Nicholas Houghton from Lacon Childe School. They were investigating adaption in animals.



Covid 19:

Recent communication to schools has highlighted the value of doing lateral flow tests. Data suggest that up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing as they have no symptoms. Many families are using the lateral flow tests regularly and this is appreciated. If anyone else wants to adopt this you can order tests, get them from the pharmacy or pick them up from test sites:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

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.

Blists Hill

On Wednesday 10th November Severn Class are visiting Blists Hill Museum at Ironbridge.

Children will explore Blists Hill Victorian village in the morning and attend a Victorian School workshop in the afternoon.

The cost of this trip will be confirmed shortly, it will include admission and a small amount of spending money, for children to purchase items in the Victorian Village. The cost of the transport for this trip has kindly been covered by FoSPS.

Departure will be no later than 9.30am.

Please note children will not return to Stottesdon until 4pm.



Ironbridge
BIRTHPLACE OF INDUSTRY

Cauliflower Cards

As detailed in last week's school news, this term we have decided to participate in a 'Christmas Design Project' run by Cauliflower Cards.

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 which was sent home on last 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 this week (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.



T4U

Give love in a box this Christmas.

We are once again supporting this worthwhile cause, each shoebox is given out in deprived communities in Eastern Europe bringing joy and excitement into an often bleak existence.

To take part please wrap (Christmas wrapping paper) and fill a shoebox (we have a large number of these in school — just ask for one from the office) with any of the following items:

Boy / Girl box: Toothbrush & toothpaste, hair accessories/brush, soap & face cloth, stationary & paper, gloves, hat & scarf, new socks/underwear, a soft toy, game, puzzle, small musical instruments, toy vehicles, small rubber ball/inflatable ball, sweets (use by date from March), a photo of yourself.

Home Box: Candles, cooking utensils (no knives), plastic containers, t-towels (preferably decorative), hairbrush, small toiletries, plastic utensils, bowls and cups, small Christmas decoration, small decorative item, soap, washing up cloths, clothes pegs, headscarves, new socks/underwear, jewellery, make-up.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE: Food (only exception is sweets), medicines, military themed items (such as toy soldiers/tanks/guns), aerosols or anything highly flammable, sharp items, novels.

Please find more information on the website: www.teams4u.com



Filled boxes will be collected from school on Tuesday 23rd November 2021.

Chorley Village Hall

Chorley Village Hall has the following events planned for the parish:

- Halloween trail with a new twist Sunday 31st October through Chorley village
- An Allo Allo themed supper night on the Saturday 13th November at 7pm
 - The Christmas Market on Saturday 27th November.

For more information, please refer to the Chorley Village Hall Facebook page or contact Claire Bradley on 01746 718022

Parents Teacher Consultations

As detailed in last week's school news, 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 are 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.

Thank you to all those of you that have requested time slots — there are still a few of you that have not replied, it is **ESSENTIAL** 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 : Sarah Price

Type of Governor (e.g. Parent/Staff/Foundation/Community): Community Governor

How long have you been a School Governor? Over 10 years

What do you do in your day job? Occupational Therapist

What skills do you bring to the governing board? Both of my children attended the school and I worked as a teaching assistant at school for a number of years, so I have a good understanding of the processes within the school and the educational needs of the children.

What are you most interested in focussing on in your role as Governor at Stottesdon? Although we now sit on both the curriculum and financial committees, I have predominantly focused on the curriculum side of things.

What do you think is the most unique feature of Stottesdon Primary School? Stottesdon school has close links with parents and carers, and the wider community whilst being able to consistently deliver a high standard of education, meeting individual needs, nurturing and caring for everyone.



Class Reading Information:

Time: 94% Rea: 87% Corve: 76% Severn: 100%

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



Books

During lockdown, children were able to take school books home to encourage reading. However, it has now come to light, that there are several books missing from the class libraries. We would be grateful if you would all have a good search at home over the weekend to see if you have got any school fiction or non fiction books. If you have, please would you return them to school as soon as possible.



Achievers

Well done this week to:

Lincoln for his repeating pattern design for our classroom wallpaper.

Ellie, Lorelei, Harrison and Bea for their postcards from Australia in geography.

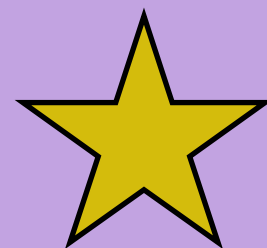
Fletcher, Cash and Florence for presenting their weather reports.

Handwriting star of the week is Ellie for beginning to join her letters neatly.

Willow and Evan for using the 8 compass points to follow directions.

Nate and Jay for their work testing which materials were conductors or insulators.

Archie C and Ruby for showing great effort when editing in English.



Sports stars of the week:

Time Class: Rosie for her balance and coordination in cosmic yoga.

Rea Class: Bella for her concentration and determination in Tennis.

Corve Class: Freddie for his careful focus during tennis.

Severn Class: Lilly May for great effort and teamwork in the Netball After School Club with Jenny Scott.



I have less toys in my box downstairs. Esther

Next Bramble slithered along the hedgerows. Noah Wilson

It was phenomenal when James opened the magical door because he saw the green grasshopper reclining back on the chair. He said, "I'm famished." Marnie

The boy plagiarised the girl's ideas because he didn't want to work. Ana

Using words of the week