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Stottesdon C. of E. Primary School



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Diary Dates

School closed Friday 22nd – Monday 1st November 2021. PD day Monday 1st November. Pupils return Tuesday 2nd November. Holiday Club open Monday 25th – Thursday 28th October. (Booking essential)

Monday 1st November	PD Day
Tuesday 2nd November	Children return to school
	Music Lessons – Mrs Leverett Williams
Wednesday 3rd November	
Thursday 4th November	Music Lessons – Mrs Leverett Williams
Friday 5th November	

Covid update

We have had no further positive cases since Saturday. We hope, pending any additional information over half term, that we can return to normal running procedures on the 2nd November.

- Please email head@stottesdon-school.co.uk if positive cases are identified in the next two days (Friday and Saturday)
- Please email admin@stottesdon-school.co.uk if positive cases are identified and affect the return to school on Tuesday 2nd November
- No-one who is vaccinated or under the age of 18 years and 6 months has to isolate, unless they have symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result.
- We ask all parents to stay vigilant for symptoms and keep children off school if they have: a new, continuous cough; temperature or feel hot to the touch; change in sense of smell or taste. Anyone with any of these symptoms should take a PCR test (<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>)

THANK YOU TO PARENTS AND STAFF FOR ADAPTING TO VIRTUAL PARENTS EVENING APPOINTMENTS.

Daily Reflection or Prayer

This week we have:

- Reminded ourselves of the Lord's prayer and how it is a prayer of hope
- Had a virtual assembly from Reverend Daborn about rebuilding together
- Looked at how Halloween (end of harvest celebration; a way to remember loved ones or good role models from the past; more recent traditions) has evolved and how we need to make sure that any celebrations we do are fun for everyone (we had ghosts and pumpkins with smiles). We talked about being safe and considerate if we do engage in any trick or treating.

Our Father who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy Name.
 Thy kingdom come.
 Thy will be done,
 On earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 As we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever.
 Amen.



- Phase assemblies considered the importance of recognising good deeds (praise and rewards) but also that we shouldn't do good deeds just for praise and rewards. Many good deeds and choices go unnoticed but that doesn't mean we shouldn't do them.



Message from Mrs Jones about FOSPS

Thank you to the few responses we have had to this message but it would be great to have more.....

Our Parent, Teacher Association (called Friends of Stottesdon Primary School) had their annual general meeting last week. **Sadly, due to lack of new members and people to take up the roles of chair and treasurer, the group is now suspended.** Current members are a core of parents who have worked hard to support the school with fund raising and community activities. **THIS SUPPORT HAS BEEN, AND IS, A CRUCIAL ASPECT OF OUR SCHOOL AND FINANCES.** In the last year the FOSPS has supported in the following ways:

- Funding for trips: £15 per pupil— around £2000 in total
- Funding for reading books (our regular reading reward scheme): £15 per pupil— around £2000 in total
- Funding for additional resources e.g. ocarinas; weather station resources; digital sensors for science - around £1200.
- Funding for Hoodies for our leavers
- Funding for bouncy castle for our Nursery Graduation

The school would REALLY MISS the above support as well as the community feel when we arrange activities.

The group has arranged another AGM on Thursday 25th November 8pm (virtual meeting). If new members and people willing/able to take up roles are still not available the group will need to be dissolved. WE REALLY HOPE THIS CAN BE AVOIDED. Attached to the school news is the FOSPS code of conduct which includes details of the chair and treasurer roles. If anyone feels they can support (even sharing the role) or would like to join the group please email our school office and we will make sure you get information ready for the 25th November. In order for the group to continue the role does not need to be onerous. Work could be slimmed down to just keep the essentials 'ticking over'. Overall we need:

- Someone who has the time and confidence to bring a simple agenda together and chair meetings
 - Someone who can oversee the finances and banking

PLEASE HELP KEEP THIS ORGANISATION GOING

Severn and Teme Class

On Wednesday Severn Class enjoyed the 'Jumping Jaxx' training with Lisa Stokes from Lacon Childe. The session equipped the children with the skills they need to be a playtime leaders, organising games and activities for other younger children. Teme Class also enjoyed a story telling session to explore the purple planet.



Road Closure

We have had notification that the road from Stottesdon to the Hardwicke Forge junction will be closed from 25th October 2021 to 5th November 2021.

Please see details on letter attached to the newsletter.



Child Car Seats

We have had a telephone call from a resident of Chorley who has a couple of 'hardly used' car seats which she is happy to give 'free of charge' to a good home.

She has said they are in extremely good condition, as they have only been used by their grandchildren on a few occasions.

Please contact the office if you, or anyone you know, would be interested — first come / first serve.

EYFS News



Nursery and Reception's Talk for Writing: The Skeleton Dance Poem
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pbl4BNkAq_U

Our Rhyme of the Week: If you're happy, happy, happy, clap your hands
<https://youtu.be/l4WNrvVjiTw>

Half Term Home Learning: Autumn Treasure Hunt

Please can Nursery and Reception children complete an 'Autumn Treasure Hunt' in your garden or at a park or on a walk in your local area over half term. Look out for items that are crunchy; crispy; shiny; orange or smooth. Gather a small collection, it's entirely up to you, what you collect.

Autumn Scavenger Hunt

<input type="checkbox"/> A Red Leaf 	<input type="checkbox"/> A Twig 
<input type="checkbox"/> A Yellow Leaf 	<input type="checkbox"/> A Flower 
<input type="checkbox"/> An Orange Leaf 	<input type="checkbox"/> A Blade of Grass 
<input type="checkbox"/> A Green Leaf 	<input type="checkbox"/> A Stone 
<input type="checkbox"/> An Acorn 	<input type="checkbox"/> A Winged Seed 
<input type="checkbox"/> A Pinecone 	<input type="checkbox"/> A Piece of Bark 

Nursery children, your challenge is to talk about your autumn treasures you've found with an adult. Talk about what can you hear? feel? see? and smell? Can you use your autumn treasures to make an autumnal collage picture? Take a photo to upload to class dojo or bring in your collage after half term.

Reception children, your challenge is to see if you can make labels for the autumn things you find, you might find you can write the initial sound independently e.g. 'c' for conker. You might be able to hear more letter sounds and write c-o-n-k-er or as phonetically close to the correct spelling. You might find you can write a short caption e.g. It is red. Take a photo to upload to class dojo or bring in your collection and labels after half term. You will find labels in your book bag.

Have fun hunting, we can't wait to see your Autumn Treasure Collections!

An extra reading book has been packed in your child's reading wallet to continue with reading four times or more over the half term.

Nursery Concept Cat:

Concept Cat asks can you find things around the house that are little and not little

Reception Concept Cat:

Concept cat says talk about the last thing that you do e.g. the last thing before bed, the last thing to go in the lunch box, the last time you throw the ball.

Rea Class



Meet our Associate Teacher Miss Dalton

I am extremely looking forward to be working with your child's class from 11th October - 26th November. I am a year 3 student currently studying for my BA (Hons) in Primary Education with a QTS degree at the University of Chester.

As an Associate Teacher, I will be working closely with Mrs J.Jones to plan and deliver lessons in Rea Class and with the excellent TA support, I am hoping to provide your child with a great learning experience. Prior to working in Rea Class, I have gained experience in other schools and nursery settings, working in Early Years, KS1 and KS2.

Previously I have gained experience from working in a nursery setting and still progressing my experience through residential care, ensuring I provide children with safe, learning, holistic experiences. Teaching became a lifelong ambition of mine from such a young age as I believe every child should be given an opportunity for a great learning experience. I am really looking forward to starting my last year in Stottesdon Primary School and I hope to inspire your child and broaden his or her interests, and love of learning.

Closing Date for applications to transfer to secondary school

The closing date for applications to transfer to secondary school is fast approaching on 31 October 2021.

We have received the following message from the admissions team:

Due to a change in our software provider, we do not have the usual list of applicant names to provide to schools. We would therefore be grateful if you could distribute a general reminder to all your year 6 parents, advising them that, if they have not already done so, they need to make application to their home local authority for a secondary school before midnight on Sunday 31 October 2021. If they do not make application by this closing date, their application would be treated as late and that could disadvantage their child when being considered for a place at their preferred school(s).

Paper application forms are not available. Applications must be made online at www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The national closing date inconveniently falls at the end of the half-term holiday and on a Sunday. Obviously, the School Admissions Team will not be available to help after Friday 29 October and schools are unlikely to be available to offer assistance to parents in making their application during half-term week. Parents would be well advised not to leave making their application until the last minute. During office hours, anyone struggling to apply online is advised to contact Shropshire Council customer services or to attend their nearest Customer Service Point details of which are available here. <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/customer-services/find-a-customer-service-point/> Parents should check opening times and availability before visiting these sites.

After School Clubs

Please find attached to school news clubs program for next half term. There are less clubs, we have had to make the tough decision that if, like this term, the school has to step up its covid measures we have to maintain the hall space for wrap around to function in bubbles. As a result, we have less capacity for an indoor space during the inclement winter months.



Mrs Wood has asked if you have any board games, that are in good condition, that you would like to donate, we would be very grateful as we have a limited amount in school.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS



Ironbridge

BIRTHPLACE OF INDUSTRY

Blists Hill

Many thanks to those of you that have made a voluntary contribution of £ 14.30 for the trip Severn Class will be taking on Wednesday 10th November to Blists Hill, as detailed in last week's school news. However, there are still a number of payments outstanding.

We would be grateful if you would ensure payment is made by 5th November 2021.

The cost includes admission and a small amount of spending money, (which will be changed into Victorian money) for children to purchase items in the Victorian Village. The cost of the transport for this trip has kindly been covered by FoSPS.

Payment is to be made via the online payment system (Squid).

Departure will be no later than 9.30am.

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





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, Friday 29th October or Monday 1st November.

All bookings taken up to today's date will be honoured.

Cauliflower Card

We have had an amazing response to this project.
We hope you will be pleased with the results.
Thank you for your support.



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

Harvest Donations

We have had this lovely card from Bridgnorth Food Bank, thanking you all for your generosity.



Bridgnorth Food Bank
Would like to thank
Pupils, Staff, Parents and Friends
of Stottesdon, School and Church
For their generous gift
At harvest time

Bridgnorth Food Bank
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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: *Rachel Datlen*

Type of Governor (e.g. Parent/Staff/Foundation/Community): *I am a Community Governor now, but was previously a Parent Governor.*

How long have you been a School Governor? *Since 2017*

What do you do in your day job? *I manage the Countryside, Gypsy and Traveller and Road Safety Education service areas at Worcestershire County Council.*

What skills do you bring to the governing board? *Knowledge of financial, people and facilities management in a public sector environment and links with the community.*

What are you most interested in focussing on in your role as Governor at Stottesdon? *To see that children gain a well-rounded learning experience, including a good connection with the community and that they have the environment, resources and facilities to bring out the best in them.*



What do you think is the most unique feature of Stottesdon Primary School? *The small scale of the School means that all the children know each other; they learn and play together. The staff team are incredibly committed, work well together, and all believe in the vision for the School.*

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.



Class Reading Information:

Teme: 100% Rea:81% Corve: 83% Severn: 100%

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