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Stottesdon C. of E. Primary School



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Diary Dates

Monday 15th November	Hockey After School Club
Tuesday 16th November	
Wednesday 17th November	Esther Leverett Williams – Music Lessons
	Christmas Crafts After School Club
Thursday 18th November	Esther Leverett Williams – Music Lessons
	Choir After School Club
Friday 19th November	Children in Need – Non Uniform Day – Minimum £2 donation on the door
	Lego/board games After School Club

Message from Katie Jones:

Executive Head Teacher Post Shropshire Gateway Educational Trust

Attached to the school news is a letter from Alex Gurney, the Chair of Directors for the Shropshire Gateway Educational Trust, informing everyone that I will be taking up the post of Executive Headteacher of the Trust from January 2022. I will remain Headteacher for Stottesdon CofE Primary School and Nursery, but will have some of my teaching timetable back filled so that I can fulfil the post across the Trust. This is an exciting time and I look forward to supporting all schools in doing the best for children in South Shropshire as well as continuing to make sure this is the case at Stottesdon. I will keep parents informed of any changes or developments as we move forward.



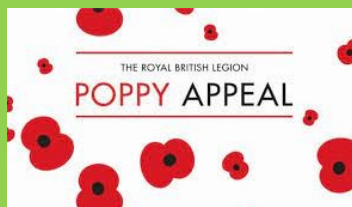
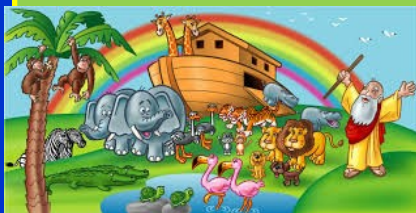
Daily Reflection or Prayer

This week we have:

- Begun our new theme on service and humility. Children have thought about how we all have talents and we can use them to help others e.g. using our sporting talents to organise games for others; using our singing talent to join the choir and entertain others; using our being funny talent to cheer others up if they are down
- Reflected on the importance of promises at COP26 and what we do to look after our planet.

Opened the Book and thought about fresh starts with the story of Noah and the flood. Children reflected how sometimes we all need to make fresh starts.

- Stopped and remembered people affected by war and hoped for a peaceful future. Thank you for everyone's donations for the Royal British Legion.



Service is....

- Spending time on others
- Enjoying giving help
- Responsibility in action
- Volunteering willingly
- I second, you first
- Committing to a task
- Everyone offering their talents and gifts



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 recently. **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.**

The school would REALLY MISS their 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.** 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

Ocarina

During curriculum music lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams, children have begun to learn how to play an instrument called an Ocarina. It is an excellent beginner instrument. It is easy to learn, difficult to master, and relatively inexpensive to purchase. Because of its simple structure and form, the ocarina is a good starting point for anyone who wants to learn to play and read music.

We are able to offer parents the opportunity to purchase the following items (at a discounted rate):

- Ocarina (choice of red/yellow/green/blue/purple or orange) £9.14
 - Play your Ocarina Book 1 £3.25
 - Play your Ocarina Book with CD £ 8.32
 - Ocarina Sock £ 2.28

If you would like to purchase any of the above (ideal Christmas gift?!), please order via the online payment system by 26th November latest.



Children in Need: Friday 19th November

We will be having a non-uniform day and asking for a minimum **£2 donation on the door.**

Children will get to choose a biscuit/person for the biscuit build. If they get the person who places the final successful biscuit in the tower they will win a packet of biscuits and we could help 4-5 children suffering from cancer have a day out.



E-Safety Policy Agreement

As requested in the email sent out yesterday please complete the form in the link below:

In our ongoing work to support e-safety we require all parents to read, complete and sign the e-safety agreement in the link below. We continually support children in their understanding of being safe online and would like to update our understanding with parents too.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch — otherwise we would welcome the return of the digital form by the end of next week.

Parents only need to complete one per family.

<https://forms.office.com/r/O6pKTHVdxH>



Rea Class



On Monday 6th December Rea Class children will be visiting the Thinktank at the Birmingham Science Museum.

During the day children will explore the Destination Space Show in which the UK Space Agency and the European Space Agency's first British astronaut, Tim Peake, provide a unique opportunity to learn about human space flight and follow life on the international space station. They will also watch the Planetarium show which will take them on a magical journey through the night sky.

FoSPS have very kindly covered the cost of the transport for this trip. We do ask for a voluntary contribution for your child's entry and the cost of the two shows, which amounts to £ 14.72.

Payment to be made via the online payment system as soon as possible please.

Rea Class information

Year one phonics this week will be recapping ue blue glue and au launch the astronaut, and introducing new split digraph sounds a-e bake a cake, e-e Pete the athlete and i-e nice smile. Spellings to learn will be words from phonics lessons this week. We will be spelling there, here and where.

Year two spellings this week will be practising all of our phase five sounds so far, and beginning to look at the rules for adding ed to words.

Nursery / Teme Class

On Tuesday 7th December we are proposing to take Nursery & Reception children on a visit to West Midlands Safari Park.

During the trip children will:

- Winter Safari Drive through trail by coach
- Walking safari in Land of the Living Dinosaurs
- Meet Father Christmas with their Christmas letter
- Visit Mrs Claus's kitchen for a cookie and drink
- Visit the Elves workshop to pick out a gift
- Extend our gross motor skills at Boj Adventure Park
- Watch the Sea Lion show
- Walking Safari to see the parrots, reptiles and Dinosaurs

This will all take place within the school day. Children will need a waterproof coat, full water bottle and a packed lunch.

FoSPS have kindly covered the cost of the coach — a voluntary contribution of £21 will cover the above activities for your child.

Payment to be made via the onlin payment system, before 19th November 2021 please.



WATERPROOF All-in-One's Donations

Unfortunately, the sets of waterproofs for Nursery & Reception have now come to the end of their waterproofing life and need replacing.

Before, we purchase new sets, we wondered if any children have recently grown out of theirs and would be prepared to kindly donate them for our Forest Fun sessions.

Thank you in advance.

Sizing as small as 2 years old up to 6 years old.





EYFS News

Nursery Talk for Writing: Rosie's Hat

Reception Talk for Writing: Tree: Seasons Come and Seasons Go

Our Rhyme of the Week: I see the wind



Nursery Concept Cat word: Quiet

Concept cat asks you to challenge your family members to talk in quiet voices for a minute.

Here are our Nursery and Reception Team, who completed their Level 2 Forest School Training.

This is an exciting step forward as our EYFS team is passionate about using the outside environment to support children's learning. More exciting news to follow soon!



Covid update

It has been lovely to run as a whole school again this week ('stepped down' measures). However, we will all be aware of cases in the community, so please keep up the advice below to avoid as much disruption as possible:

If anyone is a close contact of a positive case they are advised/requested to take a PCR test (please support as there could be cases with no symptoms). Postal takes longer and so you are advised to use drive in or walk in centres. If children need to go for tests in school time this will be an authorised absence. Below is the link to get a PCR test: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

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 (link above).

If families are able to do regular LFD's as a way of screening (like the secondary model—especially with our older pupils who may not find the process such an ordeal), it could be a useful tool to prevent disruption.

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 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**.





Would you like to represent your class views and ideas at the school council?



Each class will vote for someone to represent their year group so someone can:

- pass on the ideas of their year group
- meet with the headteacher and other organisations to review and plan ways forward. You might be talking about safety, behaviour, being healthy, raising money for good causes, looking after the environment, learning, clubs, community activities.....

What do I do if I'd like to give it a go?

- Let your teacher know you would like to be a School Council member.
 - Talk to class and find out ideas and views.
- Come up with a 1 minute speech to explain 1 practical idea to improve our school and why you would be good at representing the class.
 - Respect everyone's right to have a voice and have a vote.

Speeches and Elections by Friday 19th November

Corve Class visit to Blakesley Hall

On Friday 10th December Corve Class will be visiting Blakesley Hall, Birmingham.

Children can step back in time to discover what life was like for a wealthy family during the Tudor time; when Elizabeth I was on the throne and Shakespeare was writing his plays.

The cost of transport for this trip will kindly be covered by FoSPS; we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £6.10 to cover the cost of admission to the museum. Payment to be made via the online system, Squid.

Children will need a waterproof coat, drink and packed lunch.



Corve Class

On Thursday, Corve Class enjoyed an afternoon at Lacon Childe School, Cleobury Mortimer attending the quick sticks hockey festival.



Severn Class Trip to Blists Hill

Children in Severn Class thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Ironbridge on Wednesday this week. They experienced a Victorian school workshop, as well as a tour of Blists Hill Museum.





Head Lice

Unfortunately we have become aware that a few children have got / had these unwelcome visitors. To avoid the spread would children please:

- refrain from sharing / swapping hats.
- keep long hair tied back in pony tail.

We would appreciate your support in trying to eradicate these critters — please be vigilant and treat as necessary. Please note children should not be absent from school for head lice. This is not an authorised absence and regular treatment (head lice comb and treatment shampoo) should happen outside of school hours.

SELF-CARE

Important:
You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing:
Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first.

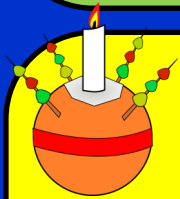
You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.



Diary Date Changes:

Please note the following date changes to the 'Dates for the Year 2021 / 2022' which was sent out in September:

Christingle Service — 5th December 4.40pm (not 28th November as previously advised)

We have also made a change to our Christmas Celebrations. For a number of reasons we have decided to revert to a whole school celebration on two days:

Thursday 16th December 1.30pm

Friday 17th December 1.30pm

We hope to create a celebration that combines a tableau/song/poetry from each of the classes in different places in church. We hope that parents will be able to join us but if not we will be able to video the tableau/song/poetry to share.



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 are profiling a different governor each week in School News.

This week we are profiling: Reverend Mark Daborn

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

How long have you been a School Governor? Six and a half years, since arriving at the Rectory in Stottesdon

What do you do in your day job? Rector of the Stottesdon parishes - including Farlow, Cleeton St Mary, Silvington, Middleton Scriven and Sidbury, and Rural Dean of Bridgnorth

What skills do you bring to the governing board? I spent thirty years as a teacher and in school management before moving to Stottesdon

What are you most interested in focussing on in your role as Governor at Stottesdon? Supporting the headteacher and staff in their creating a happy and productive learning environment for the children

What do you think is the most unique feature of Stottesdon Primary School? It's small, so the children all know each other and the staff, so a caring ethos can be developed across the whole school.



Class Reading Information:

Time: 100% Rea: 76% 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.

Achievers

Well done this week to:

Rosie for her concentration and focus creating her colourful 'Kandinsky' inspired ART.

Miss Dalton's achievers are:

Ruby for her independence.

Bella for the fabulous effort she is making in her phonics.

Carys for her understanding of the structure of teens numbers.

Sofia, Billy, Tabby, Lillie, Scarlett and Bella for the extra work they're putting in.

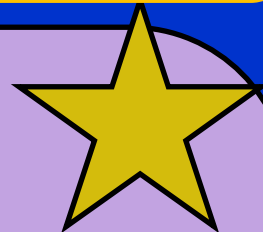
Torrhen for his effort in his history work about Henry VIII's wives.

Samuel for confidently and accurately answering a range of questions using his 4 times table.

All of Severn Class for their exemplary behaviour and great engagement with the activities at Blists Hill.

Bronze Spelling Bee: Lottie G.

Book Token: Billy G, Nils, Ana, Zach, Lottie C, Lottie D and Ruby W.



Sports stars of the week:

Time Class: Maia for her gymnastic shape formation and poise.

Rea Class: Elia for always being ready in gymnastics with Mrs Wood.

Corve Class: Ronnie for her PE session with Steve Adams on Tuesday and Archie T for his fantastic hockey skills at Lacon.

Severn Class: Rhys for his PE session with Steve Adams on Tuesday.



Daddy has the most for tea. Reggie

The rocket towered into the beautiful night sky. Teddy

A huge volcano erupted and caused a gigantic and incredible vibration, which destroyed an immaculate city. Elliot

In summer, my room is humid; in winter my room is fresh. Zach

Using words of the week