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Stottesdon C. of E. Primary School



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Diary Dates

Monday 22nd November	Hockey After School Club
Tuesday 23rd November	
Wednesday 24th November	Esther Leverett Williams – Music Lessons
	Christmas Crafts After School Club
Thursday 25th November	Esther Leverett Williams – Music Lessons
	Choir After School Club
	FOSPS AGM 8pm
Friday 26th November	Lego/board games After School Club

A love of reading.....

Messages each week are trying to reinforce the importance and POWER of enjoying books. Thank you to all parents who regularly support their child and share books/read their regular reading book with them.

This is SO IMPORTANT and we reward children weekly with stickers which lead to book tokens to buy books for their class. If anyone wants support with reading with their child please look at our website page [here](#). There are even videos of staff reading with children!



Daily Reflection or Prayer

This week we have:

- Revisited anti-bullying, through the One Kind Word initiative (video here: <https://youtu.be/oJQg2JyQ3mM>). Children revisited what bullying is (repeated unkindness) and what we do to stop it.
- Our updated policy is on our website here: <http://stottesdon-school.co.uk/overview/policies>

Anti-Bullying Week 2021
Primary School Assembly

ONE KIND WORD

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



- Reverend Daborn came in and delivered the story of the Centurion's servant where there the Roman centurion helps his servant.
- Open the Book helped us reflect on the importance of friendship and trusting our friends to helps us. Children reflected that God can be a friend to trust in too.
 - Put our service into practice by thinking of others for Children in Need



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 raised £230.50 which would help at least five seriously ill children have a day out with family and others in the same situation.

Children really enjoyed the biscuit challenge; thank you to everyone for their donations.

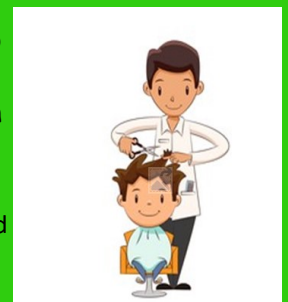
Hair Styles

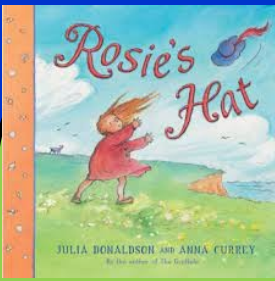
A reminder that long hair should be tied up for school with a simple school colour bobble so that the hair accessories don't become too competitive, excessive and a distraction!

Could we also ask that hair cuts do not go shorter than a grade 2. Secondary schools often have the following advice and it is good for children to get used to this.

Extreme hairstyles, cut and colour are not allowed on any occasion. Examples of these include close shaved or braided hair, colouring and highlights. Hair ribbons, bands and slides should be unobtrusive and dark in colour, if worn.

If you want your child to have something special as a treat please chose a long enough holiday where it has time to wash or grow out. It is really important the point of uniform—(all equal; not distracted by fashions; reducing peer pressure to have the popular thing) is optimised.





EYFS News

Nursery Talk for Writing: Rosie's Hat

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

Our Rhyme of the Week: The sun has got his hat on!



Nursery Concept Cat word: Slow

Concept cat asks you to challenge your family to running races. Talk about who was slow and who was not slow.

Here are some more photographs of 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!



WEST MIDLAND
**SAFARI
& LEISURE
PARK**

SANTA
Safari

Nursery / Teme Class

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

The trip will consist of:

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.

Thank you to everyone for their prompt payment.



WATERPROOF All-in-Ones 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.



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.



thinktank
Birmingham science museum



Rea Class

Year one is o-e phone home, u-e huge brute, alternative spellings for igh and using phoneme spotter stories. We will be setting spellings from tricky word lists in the back of reading records. Words to learn will have a star next to them.

Year two will be focusing on strategies for choosing the right vowel sound and using our phonic journals. Spellings will be set from the tricky word lists in the back of reading records. Words to learn will have a star next to them.

Mathletics homework will be set to practise learning from this week. Year twos will have some multiplication work and year ones will have teens numbers.

Covid update

It has been lovely to run as a whole school for another 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**.





School council.



Votes have been counted and verified — results are:

Teme : Reception — Esther Casswell-Saleh

Rea Class: Yr 1 — Cash Donnelly

Rea Class: Yr 2 — Tommy Jordan

Corve Class: Yr 3 — Bella Lewis

Corve Class: Yr 4 — Noah Phillips-Davies

Severn Class: Yr 5 — Mia Heeley

Severn Class: Yr 6 — Henry Griffin / Lottie Clayden

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.



**FESTIVE
HOLIDAY
CLUB**

Christmas Holiday Club

Attached to this weeks school news is the Christmas Holiday Club program. If you would like your child to attend any of the sessions, please complete and return the booking form to the office.



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.



Class Reading Information:

Teme: 93% Rea: 79% Corve: 79% Severn: 96%

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:

Phoebe for designing a 'thoughtful and positive' class rules poster this week in PSHE.

Scarlett for her fantastic maths times tables.

Lillie for her focus and hard work in all of her lessons.

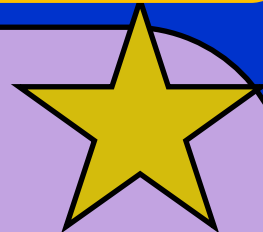
Archie T for his excellent effort in French lessons.

William G and Lottie-Boo for their progress in their handwriting.

Henry, Ana, Lottie G and Billy for their artwork based on designs by William Morris

Bronze Spelling Bee:

Book Token:



Sports stars of the week:

Teme Class: James for his combination of travelling and shape making during gymnastics.

Rea Class: Esme for her great hand eye co-ordination in our ball skills session.

Corve Class: Payton for her PE session with Steve Adams on Monday.

Severn Class: Lottie G for her PE session with Steve Adams on Monday.



After tea we made a paper squirrel. Frankie

He looked very serious as he marched away. Lorelei

The freight train sounded like a conflict between two armies. Ronnie

Being an extrovert meant he loved being cheered on. Henley

Using words of the week