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# Stottesdon C. of E. Primary School



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## Diary Dates

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| Monday 7th March    | Esther Leverett Williams – Private Music Lessons.  |
|                     | Mrs McKay's After School Club.   |
|                     | Gardening After School Club.   |
| Tuesday 8th March   | Esther Leverett Williams – Private Music Lessons / Mr Ashford – Guitar Lessons.                                  |
|                     | Mrs McKay's After School Club.   |
| Wednesday 9th March | Severn Class girls football competition @ Lacon (within school day) Packed lunch / drink and warm coat required. |
|                     | Netball After School Club.   |
|                     | Outdoor Explorers After School Club.   |
| Thursday 10th March | Lenny's Lifestyle Workshop.  |
|                     | Choir After School Club.   |
| Friday 11th March   | Basketball After School Club.  |
|                     | Mini Kickers After School Club.  |

It is fantastic that around 80% of the school read regularly—thank you to everyone. This is 4 out of 5 children let's make it 5 out of 5....100%.



### Benefits of Reading

- Sharpens the mind
- Increases vocabulary
- Improves memory
- ... and focus!
- Better sleep
- Better creativity and imagination



## Daily Reflection or Prayer

It has been lovely to see everyone back. This week we have enjoyed reflecting on:

- The start of a new season; what we value about spring; being thankful and inspired by our seasons and our world
- The celebration of Shrove Tuesday: a chance to eat up all the lovely things in the cupboard before a period of lent.
- The celebration of Ash Wednesday at church. Children considered the story of Jesus in the desert for 40 days and nights and the temptations of the devil. They learnt about the palm crosses (from last Easter) being burnt to make ash which can be used when thinking about mistakes we make. Children chose whether they wanted to receive the cross as a sign of being sorry for mistakes and being forgiven (a crucial value in daily life). **Attached to the school news are optional ideas for 40 acts of kindness in lent. Please have a look: print and tick off—make a copy on paper to put in a hat—pick one each day to do positive acts between now and Easter.**



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### A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
 we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
 We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
 We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
 that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
 We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
 for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
 to guide their decisions.  
 Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
 that you would hold and protect them.  
 We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
 Amen.

- Key Stage 2 children have also sensitively considered the awful situation in the Ukraine. We have focussed on compassion and praying for peace and wisdom to resolve the problem. **Whilst, as adults, we will want to keep informed of the situation we would advise parents to be mindful of how much children (especially at KS1 and EYFS) are exposed to this (e.g. news/radio on in background).**



## COVID ADVICE

With the removal of measures, points below summarise advice for our education setting:

- Regular testing for pupils and staff is no longer recommended (if people want to continue that is a personal choice). LFT's should be used if symptoms develop.
- If you have Covid symptoms or a positive test result you should stay at home and avoid contact with others.
- If you have Covid you are advised to isolate for at least 5 days and then until you have 2 negative LFT results on consecutive days.
- If we have an outbreak, local public health may advise regular LFD tests to help manage the outbreak and we may use some of our step-up measures (as previously).
- Staff, children and young people who are contacts should attend their education settings as usual.
- We continue to encourage vaccine take up and are persevering with hygiene/ventilation measures.



## EYFS News

### Spring 2 Topic: On the Farm

We are delighted to welcome everyone back for another half term filled with fun and learning. Our topic is 'On the Farm' and we will be looking closely at the seasonal changes of Spring, the farm and the animals that live there. Our indoor and outdoor role play areas are based on a Farm Shop. We are hoping to plan a trip to a farm and a 'question time' with a visit from a farmer with their tractor.

**Reception:** Please take a look at our Spring 2 Curriculum Map.

## PANCAKE FUN!



**Nursery and Reception's Talk for Writing:** Rosie's Walk

**Our Rhyme of the Week:** Old MacDonal had a Farm



### Nursery Children

Nursery children dressed up as a book character for Word Book Day on Thursday.



## 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 (some of these have crept in at Y3/4 and it is not appropriate for school). 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.

Beam

Shropshire  
Telford and Wrekin

Shropshire Beam are pleased to provide the next Timetable of Virtual workshops for Parents & Professionals, starting in April which includes a workshop on understanding & responding to self-harm this has been requested by popular demand.

The details were emailed to all parents on Wednesday, all you need to do is click on Link at the appropriate time of chosen Workshop. All workshop will be done via M S Teams Video call, we are unable to record sessions. The Workshops are derived to be informative and engaging sessions, please be willing to participate during the sessions.

There are four Workshops which will be rolled out to the end of May 2022 at various different times to enable more people to attend, please see the following details of content:-

**Supporting Children & Young People with Anxiety** - aims & objectives are to pass over psycho - education within the topic followed by practical suggestions of methods & techniques to help support the youth experience issues with anxiety.

**Wellbeing Planning** - a workshop which explains & provides a tool for children & young people to support their general Emotional Health & Wellbeing, it recognises triggers and promotes self-awareness, this can also be used as a relapse tool to support resilience.

**Sleep Support** - aims to pass over psycho - education within the topic followed by practical suggestions & advice of methods & techniques to help support the children & young people having difficulties with getting to sleep and staying asleep.

**Understanding & responding to Self-Harm** - - aims & objectives are to pass over psycho - education within the topic followed by practical suggestions of methods & techniques to help support the youth experience issues with self-harm.

Thank you for your continued support from all at Shropshire Beam

**The Children's Society**

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## Parenting Team at Shropshire Council

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



S O L I H U L L A P P R O A C H

The Parenting Team will be delivering face to face as well as virtual **Understanding Your Child** and **Understanding Your Child SEND** groups from May 2022. Please find attached posters with further details.

We are also very excited to offer **SLEEP TIGHT workshops** (poster attached). These 5 week workshops are face to face in Shrewsbury and cover:

- Recognising the role of sleep hygiene to improve sleep
- Identifying causes of sleep issues and appropriate practical strategies to try
- Completing sleep diaries and identifying potential sleep issues

Please do not hesitate to contact us directly if you have any questions: [parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or give us a call on 01743 250950



### Notice from Reverend Daborn.

This Sunday, 6th March 2022, the Rt. Revd Richard Jackson, Bishop of Hereford, will be leading the service of Holy communion at 10.30am at St. Mary's Church, Stottesdon.

Everyone is welcome.



To support FoSPS, as I am motivated by their dedication to fund raising, I have decided (unfit as I am) to run a charity 10k to help them raise money. So I have signed up to do the Welshpool 10k on the 27th March 2022.

It is also a great opportunity to show the children how to take small steps towards a goal without it being overwhelming. I started the journey in October 2021 and my first run consisted of: 30 seconds run followed by 90 seconds walk, repeated 8 times (so a total of 4 minutes running and 12 minutes walking, with a five minute walk warm up and cool down). Since then all I've done is consistently put my trainers on 3 to 5 times per week and followed the programme. Each run, I have

taken one small step at a time (just like we ask the children to do to achieve their goals). Being honest, I have surprised myself how far I have come and this gives me such joy. Not long ago someone said to me: you just have to have faith that you will get there. So true!!

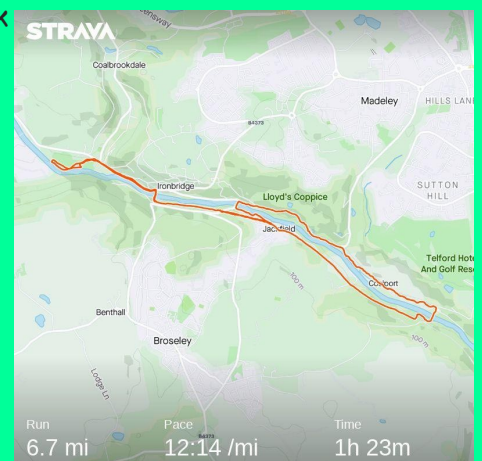
So in just over a month I will do my first race one step at a time and I ask for your donations (one small bit at a time) to help me raise funds.

Thank you for reading my ramblings and for your support.

Jane Jones

If you would like to support Jane please go to her just giving page:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jane-jones-812?utm\\_term=xNNqWqq28](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jane-jones-812?utm_term=xNNqWqq28)



# World Book Day



## Severn Class

On Wednesday Severn Class went to RAF Cosford, they enjoyed their day exploring the museum and taking part in a 'Spirit of the Blitz' workshop.



Phonics

## Rea Class

Phonics next week is alternative spellings for air for year 1 and adding suffixes to words ending in a y.

Maths homework is to do ten minutes of numbots in short sessions spread over the week.



## Bags to School

FoSPS have organised a 'bags 2 school' collection for Wednesday 16th March 2022.

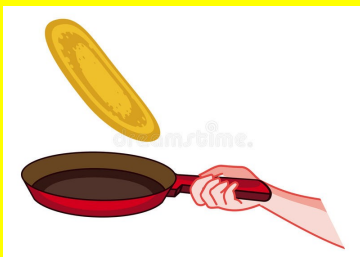
In the past the company have provided bags but they are now requesting you use your own bags to send in any men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories you no longer require.

The more bags we collect, the more money we raise.

Please leave bags under the shelter, ready for collection at 9am on Wednesday 16th March. Thank you.



## Chorley Village Hall Pancake Race

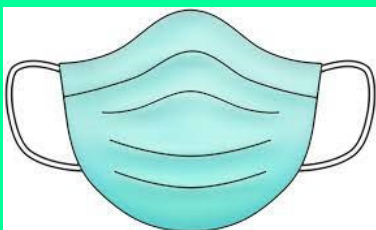


Chorley Village Hall are holding a pancake race on Saturday 5th March — 1pm to 2pm registration with pancake brunch and refreshments on sale at the village hall. At 2.15pm, competitors will walk around to the races at the top of Bakehouse Lane, for pancake races (bring your own pan), flipathon and Lemon Shotput. Pancakes will be supplied. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The races are weather dependent, the brunch will go ahead whatever the weather.

For further details contact Joe on 07808 162891 and Claire on 01746 718022 or Sue via the Chorley Village Facebook page.



## Face Masks



We have a huge number of face masks in school, if anyone would like a box of them, please let the office know.

## Class Reading Information:

Teme: 84% Rea: 81% Corve: 72% Severn: 96%

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

### Achievers

#### Well done this week to:

Francesca for her sentence writing about her half term.

Elia for her excellent sorting shapes.

Spencer for perseverance with his shape puzzle.

Ruby S for brilliant work on the weather in French. Formidable!!

Corve Class for their excellent group work to design a garden for someone with accessibility issues. They did a wonderful job of working co-operatively as a team and they all presented their ideas to the class.

Felicity for showing compassion and kindness to others.

Noah W and Lottie G for actively developing their knowledge of WW2 when visiting R.A.F. Cosford.

All of Severn class for making great progress in learning their key words/phrases in French.

**Book Vouchers:** Theo, James, Hugo R., Monty, Leon, Hugo D., Evan, Eliza and Bella L.

**Bronze Spelling Bee:** Billy M, Spencer and Jasmin.

**Silver Spelling Bee:** Payton and Lottie C.

**Children invited to Mrs Jones' restaurant.** These are children (1 from each year group each week) who are spotted for: their table manners; use of knife and fork (if they are hot dinners) and who eat all their food in their lunch box or hot dinner (so have a healthy, balanced diet). Children who are chosen will dine with Mrs Jones at 12 noon on a Wednesday! Children invited this week are:

R: Phoebe Y1: Harry Y2: Bea Y3: Samuel Y4: Ronnie Y5: Jack J Y6: Billy G

### Sports stars of the week:

**Teme Class:** Skyler & Phoebe for their effort and determination when practising a 'log' and 'egg' roll in our gymnastics.

**Rea Class:** Izzy P for good control whilst using bench in gym.

**Corve Class:** Jay, Evan and Bella L for thinking carefully about how to incorporate different levels into their Egyptian dance routine.

**Severn Class:** Felicity, Noah & Lottie C for their skill and sportsmanship in volleyball at Lacon.



Worms live below the ground. Monty

In a gloomy, gloomy hill, by a cold, cold river and by a hot, hot hillside, there lived a dragon. Tabby

When I went to Buckingham Palace, I met the queen and said, "Salutations your Majesty." Willow

The boy was a liability when the worker was fixing the roof. Charlie

Using words of the week