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Diary Dates

Sunday 27th March	Mothering Sunday Service, St. Marys Church Stottesdon @ 10.30am
Monday 28th March	Esther Leverett Williams — Private Music Lessons. Mrs McKay's After School Club. Gardening After School Club.
Tuesday 29th March	Esther Leverett Williams — Private Music Lessons / Mr Ashford — Guitar Lessons. Mrs McKay's After School Club.
Wednesday 30th March	Severn Class Gymnastics at Lacon Childe School — within the school day. Netball After School Club. Outdoor Explorers After School Club.
Thursday 31st March	Lenny's Lifestyle Workshop. Choir After School Club.
Friday 1st April	Nursery N2 Cohort — Pre-writing Skills Workshop @ 1.30pm Basketball After School Club. Mini Kickers After School Club.



Benefits of Reading

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



WELL DONE TO SEVERN AND TEME FOR FANTASTIC REGULAR READING— 100% IN EACH CLASS



Daily Reflection or Prayer

This week we have:

- Reflected using our picture news resource. Children thought about whether there is still a place for letters. We gave thanks for all the different ways we have to communicate and keep in touch—letters, cards, email, text, zoom/teams, calling. Well done Bea who was inspired to write the school a letter!
- Open the book retold the story of Jonah and the whale and we reflected on how it is important to not avoid the things that need doing.
- We have also been working on the School Council 'kindness rocks' project. Children have created fantastic painted messages of kindness; positivity; happiness and respect to place in key places around the school to remind us to spread love and care.



Is there still a place for letters in today's world?



COVID ADVICE

We will all be aware of the increase of cases within the community and nationally. When we are aware of positive cases we will notify classes by email to keep you updated.

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.

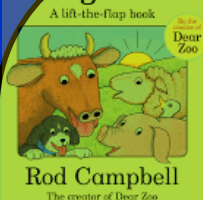
Information for parents and carers on COVID-19 vaccination for at risk 5 to 11 year olds

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#).

Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions.

Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by UKHSA. We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

Noisy Farm



EYFS News

Nursery's Talk for Writing: Noisy Farm

Nursery's Rhyme of the Week: Jumping up and down on a tractor

Reception News:

On Tuesday, we went on a 'Spring Sensory Walk'. We had to use four of our senses to find signs of Spring in order to help us write a poem. We **saw** lots of different signs - blue sky, fluffy clouds, pretty blossom, even our own shadows. We **heard** many different sounds - birds singing, bees buzzing and a lawn mower cutting the grass. We **felt** the breeze on our face, short, spiky grass and soft, smooth feathers. We **smelt** freshly cut grass, and the daffodils in the churchyard.

Maybe over the weekend, you too could enjoy a 'Sensory Springtime Walk' in the sunshine, and share with us at school on Monday what you **saw, heard, felt and smelt**.

Friday 1st April 2022: Nursery Pre-Writing Skills Workshop - Children starting school in September 2022. 1:30pm -2:30pm

Ages for wrap around: We have recently had queries about Nursery children using the wrap around care. Please

note that this service is available to school age and the pre-school year. Apologies but it isn't appropriate for younger than this (and the pre-school year may also find it difficult) as it is a mixed age setting (up to 11) with larger numbers than the nursery setting. Staffing ratios and the environment aren't appropriate for the very young. We appreciate finding childcare in rural areas is challenging, but we aren't able to cater for any younger. The holiday club does cater for younger (as numbers are lower and the nursery setting is used.)



Jumping up and down on a big red tractor,
Jumping up and down on a big red tractor,
Jumping up and down on a big red tractor,
All the way to the harvest.

For additional verses, let the children think of a colour and a destination for the tractor, e.g.

Jumping up and down on a big yellow tractor...all the way to the seaside.

Jumping up and down on a big blue tractor...all the way to the funfair.

Easter Holiday Club

Please find attached the Easter Holiday Club booking form. The Holiday Club will be open on the following dates:

- Monday 11th/Tuesday 12th/Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th April operating under the normal format – activities as specified on the booking form – children will be required to bring a packed lunch.
- Tuesday 19th/Wednesday 20th/Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd – HAF is funding children eligible for benefit related FSM. All children will be preparing and cooking their own food, therefore lunch is provided.
- Please return completed booking forms to the office as soon as possible.



Corve Class Trip

On Monday 4th April 2022, Corve Class will be visiting the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms, where they will participate in two workshops, one on fossils and the other orienteering. It is vital that children wear **LONG** trousers to enable them to move safely through long grass. Shorts and sandals are **NOT** suitable. A waterproof coat and suitable footwear for muddy conditions is advisable.



We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £7.20 to cover the cost of the workshops.

(If your child is eligible for benefit related FSM, we request a 50% contribution — £3.60). Again we are very grateful to FoSPS, who have contributed towards the cost of the transport for this trip. Please make payment via the online payment system, Squid.

The visit will take place within the school day.

Children will need a warm coat, packed lunch and water bottle.



Teme Class Trip

On Wednesday 6th April 2022, Teme Class and the Nursery 2 cohort (those children starting in Reception in September 2022) will be visiting Home Farm, Attingham.

The children will have a guided tour which links the farms historic connection of food production for Attingham Hall in the 19th century compared to modern times and have the opportunity to see a variety of farm animals.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10.50 to cover the cost of this trip (If your child is eligible for benefit related FSM, we request a 50% contribution — £5.25). FoSPS have very kindly covered the cost of the coach for this trip.

Children will need a waterproof coat, water bottle and a packed lunch.

The trip will take place within the school day.

Rea Class

Year 1 will be learning further ways of spelling oa - o-e and o. They will also be considering when oo, ue and ew make the oo sound and the y(oo) sound. They will be reading and spelling every, everyone and everybody for tricky words.

Year 2 will be focusing on making accurate vowel sound choices in their writing and a making the 'o' sound after 'qu' and 'w' eg wanted and squash.

Phonics

Corve Class STEM Session

This week, Ms Johnston from Lacon Childe ran a STEM workshop for Corve based on buildings withstanding wind and mass. The children were tasked with building a free-standing tower from newspaper that was over 40cm in height, which could withstand wind and a mass being placed on it. There were lots of fantastic ideas and great levels of determination and perseverance to adapt plans. Well done to all the children who participated!



Uniform

A couple of parents have donated the following items of school uniform, which their children have grown out of:

28" school sweatshirts

Girls pinafore dress for age 6/7yrs

They are in very good condition, should anyone like them, please contact the office — first come first served.



The NHS Healthy Start scheme has gone digital - parents need to apply online:

<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

What is Healthy Start?

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk.

If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops. We'll add your benefit onto this card every 4 weeks.

You can use your card to buy:

- plain liquid cow's milk
- fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables
- fresh, dried, and tinned pulses

infant formula milk based on cow's milk



Get help to buy food and milk (Healthy Start)

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Using your card or vouchers

Getting vitamins

Retailers

Healthcare professionals

Contact us

Get help to buy food and milk

(the Healthy Start scheme)

What is Healthy Start?

You'll get money added onto your card every 4 weeks to spend on certain food and milk.

You'll get:

- £4.25 each week of your pregnancy from the 10th week
- £8.50 each week for children from birth to 1
- £4.25 each week for children between 1 and 4

Your money will stop when your child is 4, or if you no longer receive benefits.

You can also [get free vitamins with your card](#).

Eligibility

You'll qualify for the Healthy Start scheme if you're at least 10 weeks pregnant or you have at least one child that's under 4.

In addition, you must be receiving any of the following:

- Child Tax Credit (only if your family's annual income is £16,190 or less)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Pension Credit (which includes the child addition)
- Universal Credit (only if your family's take-home pay is £408 or less per month from employment)

Job Vacancies

Please see the link below for an opportunity for an IT apprentice to join the Trust IT team. This is an externally funded position with the Trust working with Senso, Primary Goal and Telford and Wrekin local authority to support the apprenticeship. The apprentice will be based at Lacon but will support all Trust schools.

<https://primarygoal.applytojob.com/apply/FmmWQ2w88i/IT-Apprentice-Level-3-Information-Communications-Technician>

The Trust also has vacancies for a mini bus driver and for a clerk to the governors (Governance Professional) – please see the adverts attached.

FoSPS Dates for the diary:

Friday 8th April – Children's Easter Raffle (at Easter Celebration)

We would really appreciate it if parents would donate some prizes for the children's raffle; easter eggs, sweets, chocolates, easter cakes (any of these would be amazing) - all donations need to be handed into reception by the end of March.

There is also an adult hamper so donations to that would also be welcome.



- Saturday 23rd April – Craft Fair at Chorley Village Hall

Emma Giles and France Pioger are going to run a plant and craft stall at the fair to raise money for FoSPS. On their stall they would also like to offer sweets in a jar. If anyone is able to donate some treats in recycled jars, they would be very thankful.

We are aware that we are frequently requesting donations, and that with rising prices, it is not always possible to support, please do not feel overwhelmed or obliged. We are grateful for any support, be it a chocolate bar, a few coins or the offer of help as a volunteer. We are constantly amazed at your generosity, every little bit helps towards the enrichment of your child's education.



Mothering Sunday

Reverend Daborn will be leading the Mothering Day Service at St. Marys Church, Stottesdon this Sunday, 27th March 2022 @ 10.30am
Everyone welcome!

Mothering Sunday Service



DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee) Ukraine Appeal

If you would like to support this appeal, we have a number of the badges, as shown here, which are available for a £1 donation.

All proceeds will go to DEC.

The badges have been made by Isabelle & Lottie Crann who live in Bridgnorth.



School Site

With the lovely weather we are having, we have noticed that parents are allowing children to stay and play on the school field / playground. When the site is being used for after school clubs, we would ask that people make their way home as soon as possible please.



Labelling of Uniform



We have got quite a collection of school jumpers without names on (especially from Rea & Corve Classes).

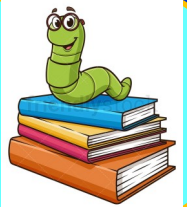
Would parents please ensure uniform is clearly labelled with their child's name. At the end of yesterday we had 8 unlabelled jumpers not claimed in Rea class and no way of telling whose was whose!

Thank you.

Class Reading Information:

Time: 100% Rea: 88% Corve: 86% Severn: 100%

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:

Isla for her knowledge and understanding when sorting where a variety of foods come from - an animal or plant.

Hugo for his brilliant writing on his Spring Sensory poem.

Ellie for focusing on rules to add suffixes in her writing.

Teddy for focusing on his next steps to make him successful in his writing.

Bella, Billy and Sofia for their phonics sessions with Mrs J Jones.

Holly G for her leadership and teamwork skills during the STEM session - your creative contributions were an asset to your group.

Bella L for her excellent work on the Ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses.

Eliza for her fantastic 2DIY game made on Purple Mash.

Billy C., Samuel, Lottie B and Cameron for their progress writing.

Charlie for independently constructing a fantastic French sentence.

Ruby and Georgia for great progress in Ninja maths.

Book Vouchers: Ruby B, Lorelei, Freddie, William, Marnie and Ruby S

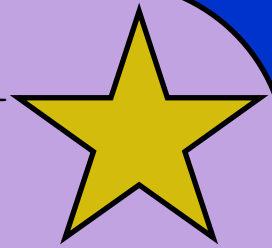
Bronze Spelling Bee: Maxwell, Samuel G, Billy C, Archie T, Aaron and Evan.

Silver Spelling Bee: Esme, Henley and Georgia

Gold Spelling Bee: Lottie G, Nils and Billy G

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 Friday! Children invited this week are:

R: Francesca Y1: Oliver DG Y2: Tommy Y3: Harriet Y4: Eliza Y5: Noah W Y6: Georgia



This week's winners for highest improvement in accuracy are:

Time Class: Phoebe Strong

Rea Class: Lorelei Tomanek

Corve Class: Billy Cook

Severn Class: Nancy Green



Sports stars of the week:

Time Class: Hugo for his listening skills and team spirit.

Rea Class: Maxwell for his PE session with Steve Adams.

Corve Class: Cameron for his PE session with Steve Adams.

Severn Class: Zach for challenging himself in gymnastics.

Caleb for encouraging others and for great sportsmanship.



Me and Tommy both have our own bed. Maia

The frog is amphibian because it can breathe in and out of water. Esme

The nauseating smell of my brother's cologne is unbearable, but he thinks it's intoxicating! Noah PD

While the truck is confined to the roads and has to drive slowly, I can run, jump and parkour my way across the streets to catch up with it; I know that as soon as we get outside town, the truck will lose me. Henry

Using words of the week