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29th April 2022.

Diary Dates

Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday — School closed
Tues 3rd May	Kidderminster Harriers After School Club (Y3—6)
Wed 4th May	Mrs Leverett Williams Private Music Lessons
	Gardening Club (R-Y2)
	Netball Club (Y3—6)
	Mrs McKay's After School Club (Yr 6)
Thurs 5th May	Choir Club (Y2—6)
	Mrs McKay's After School Club (Yr 6)
Friday 6th May	Mrs Leverett Williams Private Music Lessons
	Reception / Nursery 2 Forest Schools
	Mini Kickers Club (R-Y2)

Diary Dates

Please note the following date change: Sports morning will be 13th July 2022 (due to Severn Class Residential).

Please note change of time: Leavers Service will be 1.30pm on 20th July.
Date to be added to your diary: School Photographer Monday 6th June.



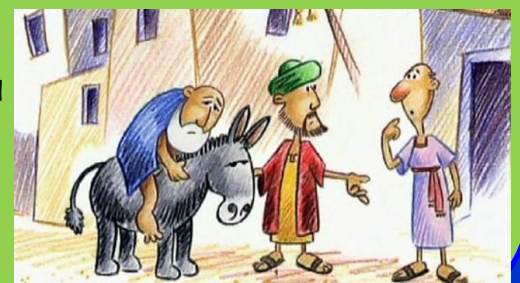
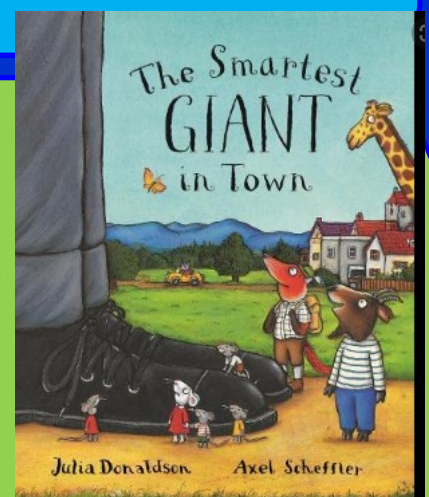
Compassion is...

- Costly caring
- Offering help
- Making a difference
- Putting others first
- Always listening
- Sensitive to suffering
- Service in action
- Interested in others
- Offering care and concern
- Noticing a need.

Daily Reflection or Worship:

This week we have begun to think about our new theme of compassion:

- Severn class shared the acrostic poem to help us think about what this 10 letter word means.
- We have learnt a new song to link to our theme ('My prayer tonight')
- We read 'The Smartest Giant in Town' to help us realise what it means to be compassionate to other's needs.
- We welcomed parents, grandparents and members of the community to our worship and coffee morning where children thought about the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25) which teaches us to show all our 'neighbours' compassion.



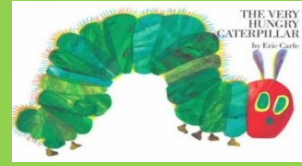
- Phase assembly launched our new PSHE theme of Relationships.

EYFS News

Summer 1 Topic: Minibeasts

We hope you all had a lovely Easter. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for the final term of this year. Our Topic for the first half of the Summer Term is 'Minibeasts'. Learning will be based around minibeasts and the children will have opportunities to: go on a minibeast hunt, explore minibeasts habitats, watch caterpillars hatch into butterflies, and lots more that can be found on our Reception Summer 1 Curriculum Map.

Nursery's Talk for Writing: The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Reception Talk for Writing: Five Little Woodlice



Outdoor Clothing (Summer Sun !)

As usual we will be outdoors every day. Children will need a waterproof coat every day and if we are lucky enough to see the sun we would like all children to bring a sun hat/cap every day. Please apply sun cream at home before each session. Please note that open toe sandals/flips flops or crocs are not suitable for school. PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING!

Please also note that new reading books, that are used for guided reading, will be sent home with some children next week, along with a sharing book. Children will have the reading book for a week in order to practise reading it. Children's sharing book (which they won't be able to read on their own) will be changed regularly throughout the week. This marks our move towards our Little Wandle Reading Programme. More information will follow but you may like to take a look here: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

The resources on this page will help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos so you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home.

www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk



Reception & Pre-School Summer Term Friday Forest Fun

As detailed previously, during the Summer term your child will be participating in 10 weekly Forest Fun sessions. The sessions will be run by our trained Early Years Team and take place on a Friday afternoon at Pool Meadow, Stottesdon, a natural woodland area the Muggleton family have kindly volunteered for the school to enhance our outdoor learning opportunities.

A voluntary contribution of £25 (£2.50) per session will cover resources to support our outdoor learning, hot chocolate, and marshmallows, along with extra staffing to support lower ratios. Please make payment via our online Squid system.

Please ensure that your child has the following clothing to change into each Friday:

- Outdoor shoes - walking boots or wellingtons
- Warm socks
- A warm coat - preferably waterproof
- A jumper or fleece
- A t-shirt
- Trousers
- Waterproof over-trousers if possible
- An extra layer of clothing depending on the weather

Please write your child's name on their clothing.

Your child will come home in their Forest Fun clothing unless they are attending an after school club.

To help with the running of Friday Forest Fun, we would like to ask for a parent volunteer to attend each session. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Martin or the school office, where there will be a sign-up sheet. Adult volunteers who attend Forest Fun need to make sure that they are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions, including a waterproof jacket and sensible footwear.

Preschool Children (Cohort 2022 starting school September 2022)

If Fridays are not your child's normal nursery day, you can still join us by either swapping one of your funded sessions or booking an extra afternoon session 12:30pm - 3pm.

FRIDAY FOREST FUN



Friday 29th April - Friday 8th July 2022
1pm - 3pm @ Pool Meadow
For Reception and Pre-school children
£2.50 per session (10 sessions in total)

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

This term, Y4 pupils will be taking part in the Multiplication Tables Check. This is a computer based times table check for their facts up to 12 x 12 to assess how well they can recall these facts. The children will have 25 questions. Most of these questions will focus on the trickier times tables (6, 7, 8, 9 and 12). There is more information about the MTC on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents-text-version--2>. To help support pupils for this, it would be beneficial for pupils to do 10 minutes of Time Table Rock Stars at home 4 times a week to help them with practicing their facts and with typing their answers at speed.

School House Parking

We have a really good relationship with the neighbours to the parish car park. Our immediate neighbours, in the school house, are really supportive of the school and very patient with returning balls! They have asked if people could PLEASE not park on the entrance to their property -this tends to be at pick up or drop off for wrap around.
Many thanks



Snap chat

It has come to our attention that some of our pupils have snap chat. **THIS IS NOT RECOMMENDED** as it has an age requirement of 13. This photo and video sharing app deletes messages after they have been opened. This means that messages and communications become secret or unknown to parents. This is where the danger lies as children at primary and into the early years of secondary are still learning how to use these technologies safely and appropriately. **Children's use of messaging on technology should be out in the open and shared with adults.** If you want anymore advice please do not hesitate to ask. Internet matters is also a great, accessible source of practical information: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/snapchat-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

Rea Class News

Year 2 will be focusing on spelling words with the 'a' making an 'o' sound after a w or qu (e.g. quarrel, want, squash). They will also be practising adding suffixes and attempting to conquer our tricky word lists.

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Training on offer in May for prospective childminders

Shropshire Council and University Centre Shrewsbury are offering an online training course next month for people interested in a new career as a registered childminder.

The 'Introduction to Childminding' training will run on 23 and 24 May 2022

The total cost of the course is £40.

To book a place contact the University Centre Shrewsbury CPD Team on 01743 297168

or visit <https://cpd.ucshrewsbury.ac.uk/>

Swimming

All classes will be attending swimming lessons at Severn Centre, Highley — children will be going once a week for a total of 8 weeks. The school covers a good part of the costs but we ask for a voluntary contribution of £28 per child (which equates to £ 3.50 per lesson and for the transport). Please make payment via the online payment system as soon as possible. Children eligible for FSM will be at a reduced rate of £14.

Lessons will take place every Thursday morning commencing on Thursday 19th May 2022 / last session will be 14th July 2022.

Please ensure children arrive at 8.45—8.50am each Thursday as the coach will need to leave before 9am in order to accommodate all the lessons in the time frame we have.

Due to time constraints, we are requesting that parents either:



- provide their child / ren with a packed lunch each Thursday
- Email Mrs Meredith your packed lunch choice (white/brown bread; cheese/ham/tuna) if you are eligible for the Universal Free School Meals (all pupils in YR, Y1, Y2) or if you are eligible for Benefit Related Free School Meals. PLEASE NOTE EMAILING MRS MEREDITH WILL MEAN THE PACKED LUNCH CHOICE IS PROVIDED EVERY THURSDAY THE SAME (apologies for this but the administration will get too complicated!)

Severn Class Residential

We are delighted to confirm that Severn Class will be attending a residential stay on Monday 18th July / Tuesday 19th July 2022. They will be staying at the Red Ridge Holiday Centre, Cefn Coch, Welshpool and participating in activities such as caving, kayaking, high and low ropes, and archery.

We cannot confirm the actual cost as yet as the travel arrangements have not been finalised. We will inform you of this, and give you more detailed information as soon as we are able.



Job Vacancies

The Trust has vacancies for a number of positions.

Please see the adverts on the following web page: <http://www.sget.org.uk/vacancies-within-the-trust>

Class Reading Information:

Teme: 88% Rea: 83% Corve: 83% 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:

Phoebe for her effort and concentration with her letter formation.

Monty for being a magnificent minibeast detective.

Tabby, Gabby, Scarlett, Lillie and Ellie for their focus on mental calculation strategies.

Cash and Isabelle for their enthusiasm for their writing.

Handwriting star of the week is Bella C.

Willow for her work multiplying 3 numbers together.

William and Evan for their excellent team work when setting up and investigating their own scientific enquiry about the strength of magnets.

Lottie-Boo for her effort in her writing this week.

Henry and Nancy for great teamwork in maths.

Nils and Archie M, Charlie and Lottie C for their paired work in Geography when researching the threats to the health of our planet.

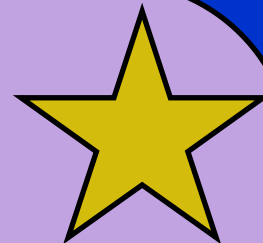
Book Tokens: Lincoln, Rosie, Phoebe, Spencer, Oliver, Tabitha, Fletcher, Gabriel, JJ, Jasmin, Harriet

Bronze Spelling Bee: Theo, Lincoln

Silver Spelling Bee: Lottie D

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: William M Y1: Lucas Y2: Tabitha Y3: Freddie Y4: Marnie Y5: Mia Y6: Ruby W



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

Teme Class: Monty Barklam

Rea Class: Isabelle Butler

Corve Class: Ronnie Mai Walter

Severn Class: Billy George



Sports stars of the week:

Teme Class: Esther for balancing a bean bag successfully and steadily on different body parts whilst travelling.

Rea Class: Lillie & Tabitha for good sending and receiving ball skills.

Corve Class: Nate for being an encouraging, supportive sportsman during our rounders lesson.

Severn Class: Lottie C and Archie M for their focus and engagement with the Kidderminster Harriers health kick programme.



I have had enough of playing football. Reggie

Smoothly, the possum swung from tree to tree. Lorelei

My brother was befuddled when I asked him to get the stripy paint. Cameron

The police officer put a spell on Joe to make him stay upside down in Topsy Turvy Land at the top of the magic Faraway Tree which is in the enchanted forest. Lilly May

Using words of the week