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3rd December 2021

Diary Dates

Sunday 5th December	Christingle Service at St Mary's Church 4.30pm
Monday 6th December	Rea Class trip to Thinktank Museum, Birmingham — Coach leaving 8.30am / returning 3.30pm . Children will need a packed lunch, water bottle and coat.
	Hockey After School Club
Tuesday 7th December	Nursery / Teme Santa Safari @ West Midland Safari Park. (within school day) Children will need a warm coat, packed lunch and water bottle.
Wednesday 8th December	Esther Leverett Williams — Music Lessons
	Christmas Crafts After School Club
Thursday 9th December	Esther Leverett Williams — Music Lessons
	Choir After School Club
Friday 10th December	Corve Class trip to Blakesley Hall, Birmingham — Coach leaving 8.30am / returning 3.45pm . Children will need a warm coat, packed lunch and water bottle.
	Lego/board games After School Club

Don't forget to help your child with their vocabulary and a love of reading.....

THIS MAKES THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE



School Council—Desk Top Calendar Fundraiser

For this week's homework, all children, including Nursery, are asked to design a picture or poem for their selected month of the year. **All pictures should be in by Tuesday 7th December:**

Nursery: December Reception: January

Year 1: April, Easter Year 2: November, Fireworks

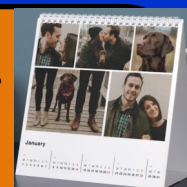
Corve Class: children were assigned - February (valentines); August; October (Halloween); July (School's Out)

Severn Class: children were assigned—June (Queen's Jubilee); March (Spring); May; September (Harvest)

The school council will select the winning pictures for each month. A desktop calendar will be created to be sold.

Money raised will be split between the school and cancer research (more details to follow).

Henry Griffin and Lottie Clayden (School Council Representatives)



Daily Reflection or Prayer

We continued our service and humility theme by:

- Thinking about the importance of 'serving with no strings attached' - children were challenged to think about whether we give presents or help others because we want something back or because that is just what we want to do.
- Welcoming in advent (a period of waiting and expectation) with Reverend Daborn. I know our children will all be eagerly counting down to one of their favourite times of year. It feels, this year, that valuing our connections with others and celebrating with others will be more important than ever.
- Reverend Daborn also helped us remember the messages of the Christingle: a joyful celebration that brings people together to shine the light and celebrate a wide range of messages (love; hope; wonder of the world; friendship; making the world a better place). We also finished the story of Joseph and reflected on the importance of forgiveness.



Understanding your child

Remember: All residents of Shropshire can access a variety of online courses for free (just enter access code DARWIN18), please visit www.inourplace.co.uk



FoSPS

We have three great fund raising activities planned for all pupils in December, before school breaks up for Christmas.

Wednesday 15th December;

- **Non-Uniform/Christmas Outfit Day**, all pupils are asked to donate £1.00, and wear their own clothes, or Christmas outfits for the day.
- **Cake Sale**, this is always a very popular event; cakes will be available for all pupils to purchase at break time, cakes will be priced from 25p to £1.00.

We would kindly ask if all parents could donate a box/packet of cakes shop bought cakes.



Guess How Many Sweets Competition; the chance to win a jar full of yummy treats! There will be one jar per class (Nursery/Teme, Rea, Corve and Severn). £2 to enter (includes 2 guesses). See attached flyer for more details.



Finally, if you have not already joined our School Lottery, please follow the link below to do so.

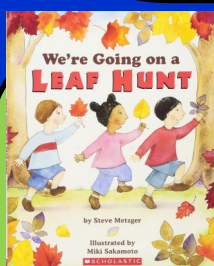
It's really easy to join, you can set up a direct debit for payment, its only £1 per ticket and every Saturday there is a draw where you could win the national prize fund of £25,000

Our school lottery currently raises just over £1,800 a year, which goes directly to the school.

We have 43 supporters, who have all purchased a weekly ticket, if every parent signed up, we could double this amount each year, which would be an amazing contribution to help support our school.

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

Next FoSPS meeting to take place on Thursday 13th January at 8.00pm (via Zoom)

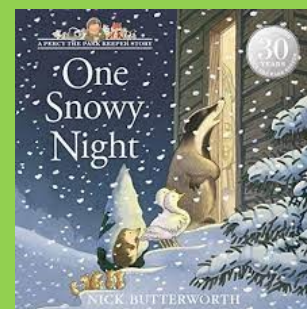


EYFS News

Nursery Talk for Writing: We're going on a Leaf Hunt

Reception Talk for Writing: One Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth

Our Rhyme of the Week: Five Little Snowmen



Nursery Concept Cat word: Full

Reception Concept Cat word: Some

Safari Park Trip Tuesday 7th December 2021

Please arrive no later than 8:50am - Nursery doors will be open earlier, to give enough time for each child to go to the toilet before getting on the coach. We are aiming to leave school before 9:10am.

Please dress your child in warm clothes, a waterproof coat, hat and gloves. Reception children will need to wear their school uniform. This is an outdoor trip and extra layers maybe needed.

Children will need a packed lunch and water bottle that they can carry themselves in a bag or backpack. The children will need to carry this with them for most of the day.

The coach will aim to arrive back at school no later than 2:50pm. Children will be dismissed from their classes as usual.



Sorry you're leaving

Sadly Mrs Walker, who has been with us for many years, working tirelessly to keep the school clean and tidy for everyone, has decided to hand the cleaning challenge on.

We will all miss her greatly, she will certainly be a hard act to follow.

We would like to present Mrs Walker with a leaving present, if you would like to contribute would you please hand your donation into the office by the end of next week.

Could parents please help with the circulation of the attached advert to anyone you feel may be interested in this role.

Rea Class — Thinktank Visit

As you all know Rea Class children are travelling to Thinktank, Birmingham Science Museum, on Monday 6th December.

Children need to be in school for 8.30am LATEST, the children will return to school for approximately 3.30pm.

Would you please ensure drop off and collection arrangements are in place. If these timings are awkward, Mrs J Jones has said, on this occasion only, she will be in school from 8am (so children can be dropped off a little earlier), and she is happy to stay until 4pm if parents feel they will struggle to make the 3.30pm pick-up.

Children need to come to school in their school uniform, please ensure they have a packed lunch with drink, a coat and a water bottle. A fruit snack will be provided.



thinktank
Birmingham science museum

Phonics

Phonics for year one next week will be looking at alternative spellings which include o making the oa sound as in open, u making the y(oo) sound as in music, revising ow as in snow and owl and ie making the ee sound as in field.

Year two will be taking an in depth look at spelling words with ge, dge, j and g.

Spellings will be in the back of the reading records. There will be a purple dot next to five spellings to be practised for next week for children in year one and year two.



Job Vacancies across the Shropshire Gateway Educational Trust

Senior Cleaning Assistant & Site Key Holder at Stottesdon CofE Primary School
(Advert & job description attached — please share within the local community)

At present, due to development of specialist areas within the MAT central team, Lacon Childe School have the following vacancies (please see the attached sheet for further details):

- Assistant to the Trust Business Manager
- Office and Administration Manager for Lacon Childe School
- Trust Clerk to the Directors and Governing Boards of all 4 schools
 - Cover Supervisor for Lacon Childe School
- Casual Catering Assistant based at Lacon Childe School
- Minibus Drivers (permanent & relief) for Lacon Childe School
- Teaching Assistants — Level 2 for Lacon Childe School





Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas lunch will take place on **Wednesday 15th December 2021**.

Please note that this will be the only option on that day.

If your child/ren would like Christmas Lunch please ensure payment of £2.30 is made via the online payment system as soon as possible; the kitchens require final numbers by Monday 13th December.

The menu on the Squid system will show as roast chicken but it will actually be:

Roast Turkey, stuffing balls, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, carrots, peas, sprout & gravy.

Vegetarian option is a vegan quorn fillet / quorn sausage

Pudding is a Christmas shaped shortbread.

Allergens: Stuffing balls, pigs in blankets, shortbread contain gluten — pigs in blankets also contain sulphites, quorn sausage contains egg)

If you have already placed your child's order for that date on squid and would like it altered (**jacket potatoes with fillings — not an option**) please contact the office.

Please complete the electronic form, link below, to indicate if you would like your child to have the school Christmas dinner:

<https://forms.office.com/r/DqdTn0ube3>



**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.



Christmas Concerts

As detailed in the newsletter last week, depending on circumstances, we are hoping to arrange Christmas concert attendance as follows:

- Thursday 16th December 2021 Nursery Nativity @ 9:15am - In the school hall.
Audience of 15 people
- Thursday 16th December 2021 School Concert @ 1.30pm — St. Mary's Church, Stottesdon
Parents of Rea & Severn Class Children
- Friday 17th December 2021—School Concert @ 1.30pm — St. Mary's Church, Stottesdon
Parents of Teme & Corve Class Children

We do not want to create an event which runs the risk of increasing Covid infections just before the Christmas period, which could then ruin people's Christmas.

As a result, we additionally request the following:

- Only one adult per family attends (this would create audiences of around 35 people at each concert). Adults would be able to do some distancing, as we are planning to use the whole church and free up as many pews as possible.
- Parents attending to wear masks.
- Parents will be allowed to take videos and photographs but please be reminded that these are for personal use only and under no circumstances are they to be shared on any social media platform.



Class Reading Information:

Time: 100% Rea: 87% Corve: 89% 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:

Esther for her independent caption writing for this week's Rainbow Job.

Reggie for his effort with learning part and whole in Maths this week. Reggie was able to split 3 in different parts.

Lillie, Maxwell, Teddy & Tommy for making their own 2go program.

Noah for his confidence in his mental maths.

Izzy for her athletics work.

Handwriting star of the week — Tommy

Torrhen for happily encouraging and teaching others to play chess in the board games club in a very sensible manner.

Hollie D for writing her own, beautiful grace which could be said each day.

Payton, Eliza, Ronnie and Marnie for their effort in music.

JJ and Samuel for using a range of different sentence starters in their writing.

Georgia & Lottie D for working so well together to hone their counter balancing skills in gymnastics

Nancy for independently working regularly on her focus times tables and making great progress.

Bronze Spelling Bee: Lottie C, Felicity, Henley and Heidi

Book Token: James, Skyler, Leon, William M, Elliot, Hugo D, Bella L, Evan and Eliza

Sports stars of the week:

Time Class: Skyler for good body poise when practicing a 'log roll' and team work when moving a mat!

Rea Class: Carys for concentrating so well when learning the dance for the Christmas performance (even continuing to practise during her breaktime).

Corve Class: Marnie & William G for their PE session with Mr Adams.

Severn Class: Caleb for his PE session with Mr Adams.



Using words of the week

After dinner, I had some sweets to eat in my den. Theo

The wicked witch is terrorizing the town. Harry

The tremendous goliath frog ate some delectable, flavoursome birds with a side of flies. Nate

My partner is immaculately organised with her things, so she always finds everything quicker than me. Heidi