

The Stotty School News 13.12.2024



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Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week	
Monday 16 th December	
Tuesday 17 th December	
Wednesday 18 th December	Nursery Christmas 'Stay & Play' @ 1.30pm Lego After School Club – to replace session that Mrs Wood was unable to do on 4 th December.
Thursday 19 th December	Reception / KS1 Christmas Celebration @ St. Marys Church, Stottesdon at 1.30pm
Friday 20 th December	KS2 Christmas Celebration @ St. Marys Church, Stottesdon at 1.30pm
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Upcoming Diary Dates	
Monday 23 rd December	SGN Holiday Club Open - subject to bookings
Monday 30 th December	SGN holiday Club Open - subject to bookings
Tuesday 31st December	SGN Holiday Club Open - subject to bookings
Happy Happy Networkersen	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Monday 6 th January 2025	PD Day – SGN Holiday Club Open – subject to bookings
Tuesday 7 th January	1 st Day of Spring 2025 Term – Welcome back!

Late arrivals



Attendance Team | Education, Quality Assurance and Intervention Service

Unfortunately we have noticed a big increase in the number of children frequently arriving late into school.

It may only be a matter of minutes but, it has been proven to have a negative impact on *learning.*

We do realise that circumstances can happen outside your control but, we would be grateful if you would do your utmost to ensure children arrive at 8.40am when the school opens, ready for registration at 8.45am and our first lesson at 8.50am

Christmas Post Box



The post box for children to send Christmas cards to each other within the school is open for the last week of term. Children are welcome to 'post' any cards they may have for their friends / teachers in school.

Arbor Tax Free Top Ups



Please may we remind parents that if you wish to book Wrap Around Care sessions etc using your Tax Free Childcare Accounts for the first week of the Spring Term, you will need to request the payment as soon as possible to allow the Finance Team to get it credited to the Arbor system.

The Finance Team are not in over the Christmas holidays to credit the Arbor accounts.

Parking



If parking in the bus stop by the school at the end of the school day, could we please ask parents not to park in there for longer than necessary as it is needed for the Secondary school bus for it's drop off.

A parent of a secondary school pupil has raised concerns as the bus driver struggles to find space to drop off in the village and be able to turn around due to vehicles parking there.

FoSPS



The annual FoSPS Christmas Raffle is here!

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 16th December in school for children and from the school office for adults.

- Early Years and KS1 children have 4 wonderful gift selections to be won tickets will be drawn in church on Thursday 19th.
- KS2 also has 4 gift selections to be won tickets will be drawn in church on Friday 20th.
 - The adult raffle will also be drawn in church on Friday 20th.

Children's tickets are 50p each or 3 for £1.

Adult tickets are £1 each - £5 for a strip of 5.

On behalf of all of FoSPS we would like to thank you for your support in 2024 and wish you a very happy Christmas.

Developing Interoception

Interoception & Communication



Following on from staff training as part of our PINS project (Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) we have started doing exercises that help children learn to identify internal changes in their own body linked to emotion, temperature, toileting, feelings of hunger/thirst/sickness necessary for self-regulation. This 'reading of our internal signs' is crucial for everyone. Take a look at the exercises below. We are doing 4 a week - can your children tell you about them? Have a go at them at home and develop a language to talk about 'body sensing'. A link to the activities is here (scroll down): <u>Interoception Activities</u> twice a day (just 30 seconds of doing and talking)



Celebrating Reading





Reading

Reading with children is one of the most powerful gift parents can give. The development of language, creativity and cultural understanding from reading, discussing and sharing is HUGE so if you are giving this gift thank you for helping to keep this powerful, essential activity 'alive'. Reading is also very powerful as it reducing stress (for the child and the adult!).

Teme: 70%

Rea: 72%

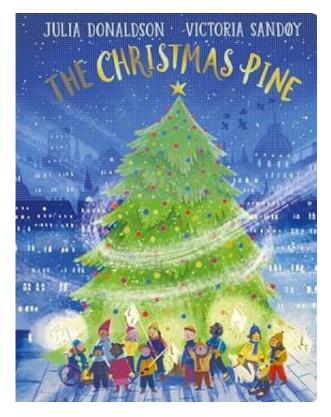
Corve: 77%

Our Worship / Reflections this week:



Monday: Using a poem we assembled our nativity scene in the hall and reflected on that Christmas is a time of different people coming together to celebrate something really important and special - the birth of Jesus, God's son.

Tuesday: We enjoyed the poem 'The Christmas Pine' by Julia Donaldson which was commissioned to decorate the annual Trafalgar Square Christmas Tree which has been an annual gift from Norway since 1947. Children reflected on how, like the nativity, people gather round to celebrate and the importance of traditions and the focus point of our capital city.



Wednesday: Open the book bought us the story of the angels being told the news of God's son through a host of heavenly angels. We reflected on how great it was that God told different people (Shepherds and Kings, poor and rich) about the birth of his son.



Online Safety Blog by Severn Class



Severn Class have been learning about blogs and continue to build on their understanding of online safety. There is some great information and advice - just click <u>here</u>.

Winter HAF (Holiday & Food) Programme 2024



Bookings for the Winter / Christmas HAF programme are now open.

Please see attached booklet for more information regarding available activities and booking information.

SGN Christmas Holiday Club



SGN Christmas Holiday Club will be available on the following dates:

Monday 23rd December - 8am to 5.30pm - Baking mince pies

Monday 30th December - 8am to 5.30pm - Bike and scooter

Tuesday 31st December - 8am to 5.30pm - Tye Dye

Monday 6th January - 8am to 5.30pm - Baking cakes

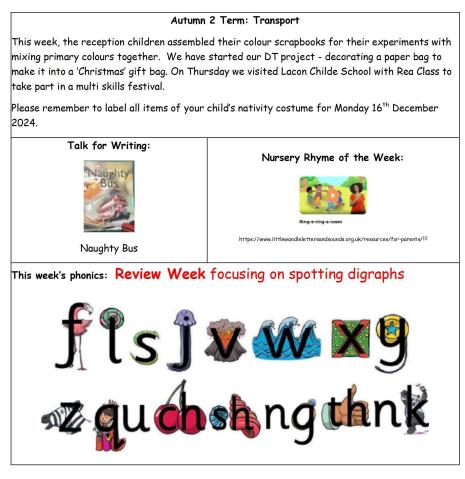
Sessions are available to book via Arbor as per the attached booking form (this form only needs to be filled in for children who do not attend Stottesdon Gateway Nursery or Stottesdon CofE Primary School).

Please be aware that if there is not sufficient uptake to make the service viable, we may need to reduce opening - we will keep you informed should this be the case.

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News



1 - [1] <u>https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/</u>



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School Nurse Visit

On Wednesday the school nurse visited Reception class to deliver the 'Healthy Heroes' Healthy Child Programme.

Key messages were:

- Eat a well balanced healthy diet
- Drink 6-8 glasses of water per day
- Keep Active
- Limit screentime before bed and get a good night's sleep
- Be kind to yourself and others



KS1 Multi Skills Festival

On Thursday this week Teme and Rea class went to Lacon Childe School to take part in a multi skills festival.







Postponed - Reception Class Vision Screening



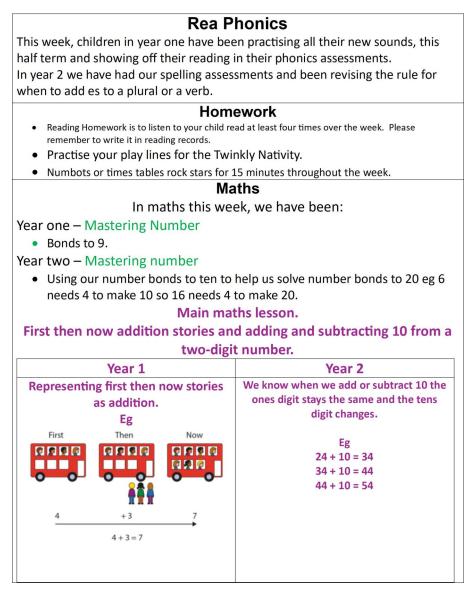
We have had a call from the school Orthoptist to say they will not be visiting on Thursday 18th December to carry out routine eye test on the children who are in Reception Class.

They will be in touch in the New Year to arrange another date - we will update you when we receive this date.

If you agree to your child being screened you do not need to take any action.

If you wish to 'opt out' please complete the attached form and return it to the school office as soon as possible please.

Rea Class



MicroBit Training

Today children in Rea / Corve & Severn Class enjoyed a Microbit workshop with Mr Paul Gerrie. Children in Rea learnt to use the LEDs to do alternating emojis on a loop. Children in

Corve also did repeat programming but with musical notes. Severn class used variables so the microbit would use the sensors of temperature, sound and light.





Brilliant Bodies Workshop

On Wednesday the school nurse delivered a presentation called 'Brilliant Bodies' to children in Severn Class.

They discussed the following in relation to this:

- Body positivity
- Why looking after our bodies is important
- Ways to improve looking after our bodies by making smart swaps
- Making healthier choices and building a routine



Board Games



Do any of you have any unwanted complete board games that you would be willing to donate to the school?

We are thinking of running a board games after school club next half term, it would be good to have a bigger selection of games for the children to choose from.

We would welcome any unwanted games if you want to clear out space in a cupboard.

Shropshire SEND



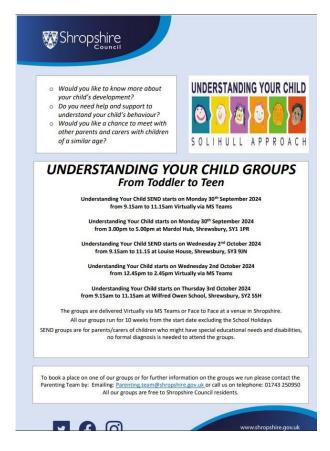
Please take a look at <u>Shropshire's SEND Newsletter (Issue 31 - November 2024)</u> which is coproduced by Shropshire Council, Shropshire Integrated Care Board and PACC. The newsletter aims to provide easy access to key information for SEND families, as well as an opportunity for parent carers to hear from each other about their experiences.

Shropshire SEND Local Offer.

The <u>Shropshire SEND Local Offer</u> is a single place for information, services, and resources for children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and / or disabilities, their families, and the practitioners who support them. It's been designed with a family's needs at the heart of the process.

Parenting Signposts

Understanding Your Child Groups - Autumn 2024





Sleep Tight Work Shops

Does your child struggle with their Sleep? Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups which run for 5 weeks and: Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines

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 Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences
 Our next groups start:
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- at Crowmoor Primary School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5JJ Sleep Tight SEND Wednesday 5th March 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm Virtually Via MS Teams
 - Sleep Tight Thursday 6th March 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am

SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups.

To book a place email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01743 250950



Parenting Help & Support Line



Shropshire Family Information Service



What is Shropshire Family Information Service:

The Shropshire Family Information Service (FIS) is a brilliant universal service. The FIS brings together loads of useful, local information for families, to help take the stress out of things like finding:

- Childcare or baby and toddler groups
- Holiday clubs, events and things to do as a family
- Parenting, relationships, and emotional health and wellbeing support
- Cost of Living info and advice

FIS use our social media channels to bring families news, events and handy information, which links through to our <u>Family Information Directory</u>. Families are welcome to contact us directly for help with anything to do with family life. We have created a brand new short video to explain who we are and what we do. You can view it here on YouTube <u>https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJJTl8?si=LeOiNag8_LeSPzX0</u>

What we would love you to do:

1. Follow us on social media. We use social media as a key tool for reaching parents and professionals, so give us a follow and we will follow you back.

Family Info Service Facebook

Family Info Service Instagram

Family Info Service Twitter

2. Subscribe to our newsletter https://orlo.uk/5RvZN

Solihull Approach - Understanding Your Child

Please watch the video in the link below - it explains brilliantly how good the parenting courses are:

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Bridgnorth Community Information Drop In Sessions



Highley Community Drop In Sessions



OneplusOne



Introducing the Separating better app, a **free** self-guided mobile app for separating parents, designed to facilitate a smoother separation journey and promote positive co-parenting. This app is filled with expert advice, video resources, practical parenting, and budgeting plans, as well as co-parenting tips. It offers an easy-to-follow journey where you can track your progress and unlock app sections as you go.

Find out more and download the mobile app, now: <u>https://www.oneplusone.org.uk/separating-</u> <u>better?utm_source=referral&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=sbaffiliate</u>

For face to face support, go to <u>Getting on better | Shropshire Council</u> and select Free Courses and Workshops.

Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. How you deal with disagreements can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

This free online course can help you learn to manage difficult conversations, avoid conflict, and improve things for your whole family.

Create your free account at www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents or scan the QR code To access the course, you will need a good internet connection and a smartphone, tablet, or computer.





Getting it right for children

When separated parents argue, it's common for children to feel like they are caught in the middle. This free online course is designed to help separated parents communicate better with each other and parent cooperatively after parting.

You will learn positive communication skills like staying calm, seeing things differently, and speaking for yourself so that you can sort out disagreements with your child's other parent and find solutions together. You can do the course on your own, at your own pace.



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Health Visiting Information

Every family with children under 5 has access to a health visitor.

Families can access advice and support up until the age of 5 years old by calling **The Single Point of Access on 0333 358 3654.**

If parents don't want to talk to someone, they can send a text and one of the team will get back to them on **07520 635212**

This is a Monday to Friday service 09:30am until 4pm where a Health Visitor is on the line to offer the appropriate advice and support and referrals can be made to the appropriate practitioner.

If parents need extra support or support for potty training, behaviour, sleep, eating we have two Healthy Child practitioner who they can be referred to who will come out to their home or to a clinic to support the family with these issues.

This referral can be completed through the single point of access and sent to the appropriate team.

If it is specialised targeted work the family will be seen by a Health visitor for example low mood or complex development issues, safeguarding or specialised referrals.

All children are seen universally at one years and at two years and they are offered a full health growth and development review via a letter with an appointment.

These are now completed at Cleobury Mortimer Health Centre, Ludlow or Bridgnorth depending on where they live.



Celebrating Children's Achievements

The children representing all the hard work and positive attitudes in our school this week.



Numbots:

Rea: Boyd Dorrell



Times Tables Rock Stars:

Rea: Florence Andrews

Corve: Phoebe Strong

Severn: Florence Giles



Spelling Bee:

Bronze: Joey, Lincoln and Archie T



Sports Stars:

Teme: All of Teme Class for their participation in their first multi skills festival at Lacon.

Rea: All of Rea Class for their participation in the multi skills festival at Lacon.

Corve: Leon for being a sensible and co-operative demonstrator **/ Mason, Sofia and James** for their focus and perseverance to improve on the different skills that they found challenging / tricky.

Severn: Noah for fantastic footwork in netball / Jenson Strong - Mrs Stokes's special mention.



Pride and Presentation: Award for pupil focus on presentation of work across the curriculum.

Teme: Oliver for his careful drawing to create a story map for 'Naughty Bus' story.

Rea: Eva for pride and presentation in her maths work.

Corve: Joey for his Fire & Rescue report.

Severn: Lottie Boo in maths.



Great Sentence using words of the week:

Teme: My birthday is in a different month to my brother Teddy. Kitt

Rea: When I made a mistake with my full stops, I was resilient, and I tried again. Victoria

Corve: My mum kept riding the horse again and again. Frankie

Severn: While Michael was fishing, Stella Artois began to complain **querulously** about what fish he was catching by barking madly. **Lorelei**



Class Achievers:

Teme: Freddie for his progress to adopt a positive attitude to 'have a go'.

Rea: Walt for this amazing story start. "A few years ago there was a boy named Tom. He lived with his Grandma. He lived in an old pizza van. When they went to bed the sky was navy and when they woke up the sky was orange, red, lapis and pink. " / **Boyd** for his independence in his story writing / **Victoria** for focus in her reading assessments / **Libby Grace** for great determination and resilience, trying her absolute best to achieve good results.

Corve: Leo, Esme & Oliver for their attitude to learning and a great build up of an information report about the Fire & Rescue Service / Joey, Frankie, Phoebe St, Ottilie & Cash for fantastic contributions / effort in music preparations for Christmas.

Severn: Tabitha, Charlie, Bea, Aslan, Maxwell and Harrison for making great progress in Maths / Noah for his blog on healthy eating.



Growing Acts of Kindness

Children will be selected each week (up to one per year group) for acts of kindness.

Growing Acts <u>Of</u> Kindness

This is our kindness tree.

It is our symbol to celebrate acts of kindness in our school.

Each week adults will nominate people across the school for acts of kindness.

These acts can be anything from picking up a coat to inviting someone to play your game.

Nominated people will be announced in achievers.

Nominated people will pop their name on a leaf and attach it to our kindness tree.

Help us grow kindness 😊

Help our school be full of kind acts 😇

Thank you to our Chair of Governors for donating our tree.

Reception: **Bella W** for helping a peer get their equipment ready for handwriting.

Year 1: Victoria for stopping letting others go past and waiting patiently and kindly.

Year 2: Harriet for helping other's tidy their things away in the classroom.

Year 3: Esther for helping get the key to open the top gate.

Year 4: Cash helping Mrs Carter with the laptops.

Year 5: Aslan for looking after one of the younger pupils after lunch.

Year 6: Lottie Boo for looking after the younger pupils when they have hurt themselves.