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The latest news and information from the staff and children at Stourport Primary Academy.

Welcome Back



Welcome to our revamped newsletter! What a great first week back we've had, with so many firsts. The first whole-school assembly for Year 1 at SPA. The first singing in school since February 2020 - *Thank You*

Lord for This New day and *The School Prayer*. The first time Year 1 parents have been able to come into school and listen to story time. Rainbow's first day in school and first lunch.

It has been an honour to meet you all at the gate each morning and evening and, as always, we thank you for supporting your child and us.

We are really looking forward to an exciting year ahead and in this newsletter is a sneak preview of some of the great things coming up this term.

Mrs. Elwis



Contact Details

WELCOME RAINBOW CLASS

We are all very proud of how well our new Rainbow children have settled into their new classes this week. They have started with half days, stayed for lunch and then stayed all day on Friday.



Miss Bragg, Mr Buckley, Mrs Parker and Ms Hingley have really enjoyed this week and all the fun activities everyone has taken part in.

Kindness Award

At the end of the summer term, the school was given the privilege of becoming a 52 Lives Kind School, because of the amount we have participated in the 52 Lives events over the last year. Thank you to Miss Carbines for helping us achieve this!



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Children's Council

We are delighted to welcome our new SAET Council School reps - William and Lily-Rose from Year 6.

At the end of the summer term, they had their first meeting with all of the other reps across our Academy Trust and have their first Council Meeting of the year, shortly.

They are looking forward to taking part in some exciting projects this academic year and we know they will represent our school incredibly well. We wish them both the best of luck - look out for their next update.

Reading Diaries



Very soon we will be launching a new reading app called GoRead to replace our old paper reading diaries.

Until then, please continue to read a variety of books, stories, texts, comics and magazines with your child at home.

Watch this space for more information.

Curriculum Corner:

Location, Location, Location



This half term, the school topic is Location, Location, Location and this is all about our wonderful town Stourport!

Year 1-2

The younger children will be learning about the geography of the local area and the older children will be exploring Stourport's rich history.



Year 3-4

Year 3 are focusing on the incredible engineering work of James Brindley - the canal. His pioneering work led to the building of the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal which opened in

1771. Year 4 children are moving forward in time to the Victorian era and the invention of the railways. It is hard to imagine Stourport with a railway and its own station!

Year 5-6

In Years 5 and 6, they will be fast-forwarding in time a little further to the First World War, finding out how the men of Stourport fought, who was left behind and how the Memorial Park got its name.



If you wish to support your child with this topic there is lots you can do. The children will benefit from visiting areas of interest in Stourport and talking about them with you.

We recommend the Canal Basin and Tontine, Burlish Top Nature Reserve, the High Street, The Memorial Park and Hartlebury Nature Reserve (the common). For more information about Stourport the following website is very useful www.stourporttown.co.uk



If you wish to find out in more detail what your child is learning about the local area so you can support at home, please feel free to talk to your child's class teacher and they will make relevant suggestions.

Kindness

Respect

SPA Recycle Shop

We have had a lot of support to open our SPA Recycle Shop and are now ready to launch it. Thank you to all the families who have donated uniform and thank you to everyone who has helped wash and iron the clothes so they look like new. Also we have been kindly donated a new rail and hangers.

This coincides with Zero Waste Week which encourages us to do our bit to reduce waste. Recycling uniform will help reduce the amount of waste reaching landfill and damaging the environment.

"We have enough clothing on the planet right now to clothe the next 6 generations of the human race," (Patrick Grant from Great British Sewing Bee).

We can really make a difference at home and at school and live more sustainably so please support our shop and hopefully your children will be proud to wear recycled clothes.

The shop will be on the playground every Friday at the end of the day and each item will be sold for £1 which will go towards buying playtime activities.



This is a new venture and with everyone's support we hope it will be successful. If anyone would like to get involved, please contact Miss Newton.

PE Post

As PE Lead at Stourport Primary, I am really proud of what we have achieved during these difficult times by adapting lesson, home challenges, virtual events, daily miles and yoga sessions. We continued to achieve external recognition and maintain our Gold School Games Mark.



During this year we are looking forward to our active participation in the Wyre Forest

School Sports Partnership events and festivals, giving the pupils experience of competitive and non-competitive activities and sports.

We are pleased to be restarting swimming with the pupils in Year 4 this term and our extra-curricular programme will be starting again soon.

Please help us support your child to participate fully in PE/ Games lessons, by providing them with the appropriate PE/ Games kit. If you are unsure of our PE kit, speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mr Yarranton

Meet The New Team



We are delighted to welcome lots of new staff to the team this year. We have Miss Bullock in Rainbow; Miss Ghattan, Miss Williams and Mr Yeomans in Year 1; and Miss Blackburn in Year 2.

We are also thrilled to be part of the SAET Initial Teacher Training Programme. This term we are joined by Mr Wall in Year 2; Mr Owen in Year 4 and Miss Watts in Year 5. We know that they will make their first placement with us a huge success.

In other staff news: in the summer term Mrs Maybury was appointed as our Assistant Head Teacher and will be supporting Mrs Elwis, Miss Newton and Mr Webb as part of the Senior Leadership Team—congratulations Mrs Maybury!

Last, but by no means least, we are thrilled to have Miss Wilkins back from her maternity leave. We know how hard it has been to leave little Annie at home this term, but know the children in Nursery have loved every minute of the first week back with you.

Honesty

Teamwork

Attendance Matters

At Stourport Primary, we know that attendance and punctuality is incredibly important and that it has a direct impact on children's learning.

Children who are regularly absent from school and are regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class.

Please support them by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time at 8.40am.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please inform us as soon as possible by calling 01299 822120.

Applying to High School for September 2022



All Year 6 pupils will be coming home this week with an admission guide for applying for a Secondary School place. The deadline for applying is **31st October 2021**.

Each of the high schools will be offering a range of open events in the coming weeks—so please look out for them.

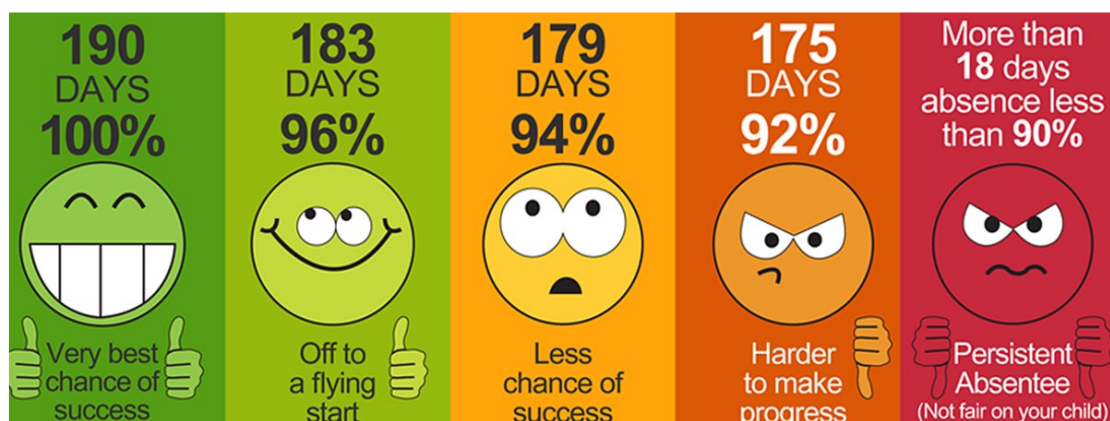
Sunflower Competition

"I will be announcing the winner of the sunflower competition during assembly on Friday 17th September 2021.

If you would like to enter your sunflower you have grown from your seed, then you will need to take a photograph of you standing with your sunflower and measure the height (cm and mm from the ground to the top of the sunflower).

Next, email the photograph and height to the school office before Thursday 16th September 2021.

Thank you, Mrs Collins "



Upcoming Events

Ribbesford Residential Parents' Meeting - 22nd September
Parents' Evening - 28th & 30th September
Class Photographs - 29th September
Grandparents' Event (TBC) - 1st October
Malvern Residential Parents' Meeting - 5th October
Harvest Festival - 7th and 8th October
October Newsletter - 8th October
Ribbesford Residential - 13th-15th October
Malvern Residential - 18th-20th October
Teacher Training Day (School Closed) - 22nd October
Half Term - 25th-29th October
Deadline for High School Applications—31st October
School Reopens after half term - 1st November

We will send out more details about each event nearer the time

