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

HEADlines

Where does the time go? I can't believe we are nearly halfway through November. In school, this can only mean one thing - time to start thinking about Christmas Performances, Church Services, Breakfast with Santa and Christmas @ SPA.

We are working on a range of events and performances for the children to be involved in—details will be shared with you shortly. We are aware for some of our children, this will be their first Christmas at Stourport Primary, and for others, the first proper Christmas since 2019.

At this current moment, we are planning for all eventualities, but we will do everything we possibly can to invite you in to school to watch the performances at the end of term, depending on the local COVID situation at the time - sadly, plans may have to change at short notice. We appreciate how frustrating and upsetting this can be.

With this in mind, next week, we will be putting a Video consent on Parent Pay, so we can collect these in plenty of time should we need to video the performances instead.



Volunteers



We are currently looking for volunteers to help run our School Library and support our Outdoor Learning and Forest School Sessions. If you have a regular time you can commit to helping our children and would like to be involved in our school, please pop in and see us, or email office@stourportprimary.worcs.sch.uk

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Attendance Counts

We are delighted to be joined by Mrs Haydon—our new attendance officer; following the retirement of Mr Williams. She will be working closely with Miss Newton to help everyone have the best attendance they possibly can and be on time everyday.



Hello! My name is Mrs Lucy Haydon and I'm the Attendance Officer here at Stourport Primary Academy. Some of you may already have seen or met me at the school gates in the morning.

I have worked for the Severn Academies Educational Trust for roughly a year in various Administrative roles in Primary schools.

I am a mum of 2 boys who are 9 and 10 and have two dogs, an Airedale and a Welsh Terrier. This means our weekends are usually spent outside, in all weathers, watching my boys play football and walking our dogs.

I am really excited to join the Stourport Primary Academy team and am looking forward to getting to know all our children and their families.



Our Year 5's and 6's have had an exciting 1/2 term as part of a Trust project about World War 1 with two other primary schools - Wilden All Saints and St Bartholomew's .

Our children have learnt about the soldiers from Stourport on Severn who went to fight as well as researching how WW1 started, who it involved, what it was like and how it ended.

The children have produced some amazing fact files about the war showing just how much they have learnt and some of these can currently be found in shop windows up and down the High Street. We have collaborated all the three schools' work onto a website which can be accessed following the following link: <https://sites.google.com/stourportprimary.worcs.sch.uk/saetprimaryschoolsw1project/home>



On Friday 5th of November this project came to an end with the official opening of our new Memorial Board in our front entrance. Over the last few weeks children across the school have made poppies to decorate around the board. Year 6 pupils, Stourport's Mayor and Mayoress, our local MP Mark Garnier and Trust members Chris King and Marcus Hayes joined us for a special service where children shared their work and talked about the project. Our Trust Councillors, Lily and William, opened our Memorial which will be used every November with our pupils to help them remember the men from Stourport who died in the wars for us.

A special thank you to Mrs Maybury for organising this amazing project and opportunity for our children.

Kindness

Respect

Year 3 and 4 Residential Trip To Ribbesford

We all had a fantastic time on the Year 3 & 4 residential to the Frank Chapman Centre, Ribbesford before half term. The children took part in a number of activities such as: team work challenges, night line, tree climb and abseiling, orienteering, midnight walk and the midnight feast. For some of our children it was their first time away from home and they did incredibly well and rose to all the challenges they faced. The children pushed themselves outside of their comfort zones and responded really well, developing new skills on a personal and social level.



From a teacher's perspective, it is my favourite event as we get to build relationships with our classes and new children to our phase. Over the three days, we get to help and see your children build life skills which are taken into school (and hopefully home) that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Thank you to all of the staff who gave up their time to make this residential possible.



Mr Barron

PE Post

During October and November, we have been really well represented by our football teams at the Schools Football League—playing against lots of other schools in the Wyre Forest Area. After playing all the other 'large schools' in the league we have come in fourth place. Well done everyone! Thank you to Mrs Hopkirk for organising the children and taking them to matches each week.

Sporting events coming up this term include the Kho-Kho Festival—giving the children chance to play a traditional Indian sport and the Boccia Festival—which is a Paralympic Sport similar to bowls, as well as the Santa Run for all children at the end of term.

Extra-Curricular clubs are going well and include a wide-range of activities including Chess, Football, Scrabble, Drama, Eco, Rugby and, most recently, Happiness Club.

We are busy planning the extra-curricular clubs for the Spring Term—if you have any ideas, please email us at pedept@stourportprimary.worcs.sch.uk and we will see what we can add to our offer.

Exercise of the Month



Honesty

Teamwork

Anti-Bullying Week 15th-19th November

To raise understanding of anti-bullying we are taking part in anti-bullying week from 15th to 19th November and will be having assemblies and activities all week.

On Friday, 19th November, we will be having 'Odd Socks Day' where children and staff are invited to wear odd socks for the day. It is an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their uniqueness.

Please talk to your children about what they have learned during this week. Thank you for your support.



In Year 2, the children have been kindly donating their unwanted things from home. In their RE lessons, they put them all together to fill shoe boxes for the 'Operation Christmas Child' shoe-box appeal.

If anyone else would like to donate a Christmas Shoe Box, they will be collected from school on 29th November.



Christmas Jumpers

As we approach Christmas, we will be running a children's Christmas Jumper Recycling Shop. If you have any unwanted Christmas jumpers in need of a new home, please bring them into school so we can give them a new lease of life.



End of Term Reminder

School will be closing for the Christmas holiday at **12:30** on **Friday 17th December**.



Harvest Thanks

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate produce for our Harvest Festival before half term. The children celebrated Harvest with a remote assembly where each year group was able to perform the songs, poems and readings they had been practising.



All of the produce was donated to the Elizabeth Mills Centre, who were incredibly thankful for your generosity. Thank you!

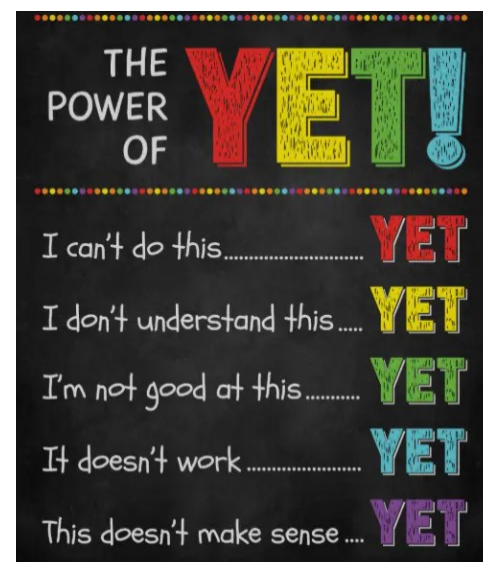
10 Minute Brain Challenge



How many different words can you make out these letters?

C H I L D R E N

Give yourself one point for each word!



Upcoming Events

November

World Kindness Day - 12th November
Anti-Bullying Week 15th-19th November
Last Day for Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes—20th November

December

Rainbow Nativity - 1st and 2nd December
KS1 Christingle Service - 7th and 8th December *please note change of date*
KS2 Breakfast with Santa - 9th December
KS1 Breakfast with Santa, Santa Dash and Christmas Jumper Day - 10th December
Year 3-5 Christmas Performance 13th-14th December
Year 6 Christmas Service - 15th December at St Michael's Church
Christmas @ SPA and Christmas Lunch - 16th December
School Closes for Christmas at 12:30 - 17th December

January

School reopens - 5th January

