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

HEADlines

As we approach the middle of the school year, it seems a great time to reflect on the year so far. We are thrilled that the children have been able to mix between different classes and that you have been able to join us in school too. The children have been on school visits, residential trips and had visitors into school to work with them. Hopefully as restrictions are lifted, our return to normality will continue over the next half term.

When we return after the holiday, we want to ensure that all of our children are wearing their correct uniform—including black school shoes—not trainers; school tie and their school jumper—not hoodie. School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the school.

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work this half term. The children have produced some fantastic work which we have been able to celebrate in Celebration Assembly each Friday.

I hope you have a safe and happy half term break, and look forward to welcoming everyone back on 28th February.



Chris White

After half term, children across Years 1-4 have an amazing opportunity to attend a workshop with published author Chris White.

He is a hilarious author, poet and cartoon illustrator, Chris's fusion of humour, illustration and the written word takes audiences by storm!

Chris has worked for the BBC and countless festivals, and has written books including *Don't Put Dave in the Microwave*; *Never Give a Duck a Pen* and *Woof Woof the Cat*!

HOT TUCK

After half term, we are delighted to be able to offer hot tuck at playtimes again. Children can bring in a maximum of £1 to spend at playtime on toast (10p per half slice); bagels (40p per half) and fruit juice (40p per cup).

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Number Day 2022

On Friday 4th February, the whole school had great fun on the 4th February when we supported the NSPCC Number Day. KS1 and KS2 loved joining with other SAET Primary Schools for a virtual Maths quiz and we all enjoyed getting dressed up in digits!

Thank you to everyone who donated. In total, we have raised £193 for the NSPCC which is brilliant.



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Curriculum Corner:

Spring Term Topics

We have had a fantastic start to the Spring Term and have lots of exciting things planned after the Half Term Holiday.

Rainbow

Next half term we will be looking at how things grow. This will include life cycles, plants and animals. We will learn how to take care of some animals within the classroom as well as some plants that we are going to grow. We will be turning our role play area into a vegetable shop and hopefully grow our own vegetables to taste too! We will also be learning how to brush our teeth correctly and how to be a safe pedestrian.

Year 1

Next half term Year 1 will be exploring 'Food Glorious Food'! We are very excited to prepare, make and taste a variety of delicious food and learn to create simple dishes safely and hygienically. We will explore how to use techniques such as cutting, peeling and grating. To enrich our topic we will be visiting Ray's Farm. Our topic will provide us with a variety of fantastic writing opportunities from instructions on how to make a sandwich, to recounts of our trip to Ray's Farm!

Year 2

After half term Year 2 will be exploring the topic 'Up above and down below.' We will blast off to the moon and stars, then dive down to the depths of the deepest oceans.

Year 3

After half term, Year 3 will be reading the Greek myth 'Pandora's Box' with props including the beautiful box and all the contents that are revealed when the box is opened. This will be our stimulus for our creative writing and our art project. We will also learn about Ancient Greece and how we know so much about it. We will compare the ancient and modern Olympics.

Year 4

Year 4 will be travelling back in time to Ancient Rome next half term. The children will be learning about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain, Roman architecture and the art produced in the era. We will have a focus on writing; imagining we are a Roman soldier as well as writing from different points of view.

Year 5

Next half term, Year 5 will be taking a South American road trip! Our travels will take us along the Amazon River, to the snowy peaks of the Andes, to the Atacama desert - the driest desert in the world. We will be taking pit stops along the way to learn about the local cultures geography, myths and cuisine. All aboard!

Year 6

Year 6 are going to be studying the history of the ancient city of Baghdad. We are going to explore the stories of The Arabian Nights, including Aladdin, Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves and Sinbad the Sailor. We will be writing stories based on these adventures. In addition, we will be learning about Islamic Art and completing our own patterns using the art as a stimulus.

Kindness

Respect

Art Gallery

Here is a small selection of the Art work from this half term. There are some action shots from Art Club, Year 2 have been looking at The Great Fire of London, while Year 5 have made their own clay Benin masks.



PE Post

We have had another active term at Stourport Primary. Pupils in Year 6 have taken part in a dodgeball festival at the Netball Dome at Stourport High School organised by the Wyre Forest Sports Partnership. Unfortunately, Year 2 were unable to attend a multi-skills festival, but that didn't stop us participating. We took part in all the activities on our own playground. Great work Year 2!

To mark the end of Year 4's topic on the countries in the Commonwealth, they have participated in their own 'Commonwealth Games'. Pupils worked collaboratively, in different country teams, to write their own athletes' oaths and take part in sports inspired by their countries—ultimate frisbee, kho kho, cricket and sprinting.

Honesty

Teamwork



"I made 5,127 prototypes of my vacuum before I got it right. There were 5,126 failures. But I learned from each one. That's how I came up with a solution. So I don't mind failure." James Dyson

We are very excited to be taking part in the Trust 'One Big Idea' event again this year having come 2nd last year.

The children will be challenged to solve a problem. Last year our Year 2's got through to the Trust Grand Final with the idea of trying to make supermarket shopping fun for children without parents having to bribe them! They designed a shopping trolley which had a tablet attached to it so the children could take part in an interactive supermarket game whilst shopping - we were so close to winning!

Over half term we would like to encourage you to work with your children to identify problems which they encounter in everyday life. Maybe trips to the playground are ruined by wet equipment or tidying bedrooms is a weekly argument or maybe your children are worried about the quantity of plastic waste and have ideas to reuse and recycle it.

Can your child think of a solution which might make the world a little bit easier for all in it?

In the first week back after half term each class will collaborate their ideas together, decide which is the best and develop and refine it ready for a whole school assembly on Friday 4th March. The classes will present their ideas and then the whole school will vote to choose their favourite idea to out through to The Trust Grand Final. With a prize of £1000 we're keen to win this year and excited to get going.



Attendance

This half term the children have chosen an 'Aspiration Day' for a good attendance reward.

On **Friday 4th March** we will talk about aspirations in assembly and their future ambitions. Children can dress up as someone they aspire to be.

Parent Voice

Our next Parent Voice meeting will take place on **Thursday 3rd March at 9:00**. We will be focusing on Online Safety this time and everyone is welcome to join us. Please let Miss Newton know if you would like to join us.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD

Come along to this relaxed, fun group to explore issues including, developmental needs, having fun, communication, sleep and behaviour difficulties.

The group is suitable for families with children and young people from birth to 19 years.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK INTO A COURSE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FAMILY HUB

www.startingwellwales.nhs.uk

EVERY CONTACT SHAPES A LIFE

Our Next Group Dates Are:

Dates: Monday 25th April—11th July 2022

Time: twilight—6:30-7:30ish

Venue: Zoom Platform

For more information, or to book your place, please call 01562 827207

Upcoming Events

- Half Term—21st-25th February
- School Reopens—28th February
- SAET One Big Idea Cross-School Competition during March
- Year 5 and 6 First Aid Workshop—February and March
- Parents' Evenings—1st and 3rd March
- Year 1 and 2 Author Visit from Chris White—1st March
- Year 3 and 4 Author Visit from Chris White—2nd March
- World Book Day—3rd March
- Science Week— 11th-20th March
- Year 3 and 4 Hobgoblin Theatre Workshops—16th March
- Mothers' Day—25th March
- Year 1 Ray's Farm Trip—30th March
- Easter Film Night—5th April
- Year 1 Music Festival—6th April
- Easter Service—8th April (TBC)
- Last Day of Spring Term 8th April
- Easter Holiday—11th-22nd April
- School Reopens—25th April

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

