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

HEADlines

I am delighted to welcome everyone back safe and well to the Autumn term. The start of term is always an exciting time as children settle into their new classes, many with a new teacher and they embark on new topics together. It is amazing how quickly the children have settled back into the routines of school life and are rising to the expectations of their new year groups. It is always a pleasure to see everyone at the gate each morning and afternoon, and to have welcomed so many parents to our Phonics information sessions. We are thrilled that our Thursday Enrichment Programme has started already, enabling children to work with pupils from other year groups and learn lots of new skills including learning Spanish, Drama and being Eco Warriors to name just a few opportunities. The children have 4 weeks on each activity, before moving on to the next—just enough to give them a taste of something they may want to develop more in the future.

We have an action-packed year ahead with lots of great topics to explore, sporting events, visits and visitors already planned. In fact, many children have already been to Stourport Library this term, as well as trips to the Canal Basin—and it's only the end of Week 2! We are also looking forward to being able to welcome parents into school even more this year, starting with our Harvest Festivals on 30th September (*See the back page for more details*).

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.

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We express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and to the Commonwealth is unparalleled, and we thank her for her service.

At school we have planted a commemorative rose during a special assembly which we will be able to see grow and blossom each year. The staff and children have tied a purple remembrance ribbon to our school gates and we are all working on a memory book and special wall mural.

The children have also been thinking back to the amazing Platinum Jubilee celebrations that we were so lucky to have been part of in the summer.



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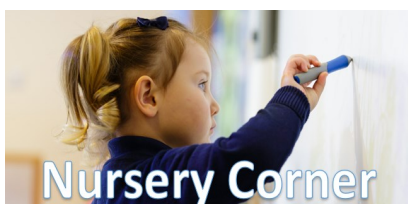
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Having the opportunity to make music together is always a wonderful experience. Severn Arts are continuing their **FREE** Lift Off! music groups at St Catherine's Primary School in Kidderminster—for beginners up to Grade 1. For more information see Miss Carbines or to register, visit <https://bit.ly/3dhHmDv>



Nursery have had a wonderful couple of weeks getting to know each other, especially while playing in the playdough and role playing doctors. This term is all about building relationships with each other and generally settling into the nursery.

We are focussing our books this half term on the theme 'all about me'. This will include learning about themselves, their homes and their families.

We are in the process of introducing a new online learning journey for parents to access (Parent Passport). As soon as we have more information we will let you know. But for now, please stop and look at our floor book of learning which will be outside the nursery for parents to see. You should all be so proud of how well the children have settled so far, we can't wait to see where this half term leads.

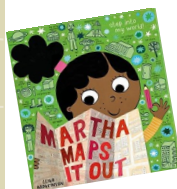
Curriculum Corner

To start the Autumn term, our whole school topic is **Location, Location, Location**—giving the children a real opportunity to discover and explore our town through different lenses.

Reception

In Rainbow we will be taking time to explore the location closest to us—our school, and getting to discover all of the places the children didn't find when they were in Nursery. The children will be learning what it is like to be in Reception and getting used to the rules and their new environment. We will learn lots of new stories and create story maps of them so they can join in and retell them.

Year 1



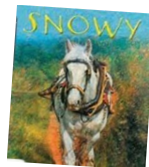
Year 1 have been inspired by the books 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers and 'Martha Maps It Out' by Leigh Hodgkinson to explore our location of Stourport On Severn. We will be becoming geographers to investigate our local surroundings and draw maps to move around the school. During our Art lessons, we will be looking at the work of Gustav Klimt to create our very own 'Tree of Life' inspired masterpiece.

Year 2

For this half term Year 2 will be studying their homes and the local area of Stourport. We are very excited for our trip to the Stourport Basin where we will learn more about canal boats and explore their different artistic designs. In school we will then be creating our own boat patterns. In Science we will focus on the suitability of different materials to make model canal boats that we will test out on our pond.

Year 3

In Year 3 we have already had a lovely day visiting the canals and canal basin, learning how a lock works and visiting a narrowboat. We are reading a lovely book called Snowy, which is all about a little girl and her pet horse, who pulls her canal boat. We will also be looking at the history of the town, including the Georgian Age and the development of the canals; we will use mapping skills in geography.



Year 4



This term in Year 4 we are focusing on Victorian Stourport and how the town changed during that period; developing skills in History and Geography. Next week we are off to Wilden Church where we will study the work of the Baldwins and their contribution to the development of the town; and the art of Edward Burne Jones. We are reading Street Child by Berlie Doherty.

Year 5

This half term Year 5 will be learning about The Great War (1914-1918) and the impact it has had on the local community and land use in and around Stourport. We will be exploring a range of texts in Focus Reading related to WW1 and comparing popular music and songs from that era. Year 5 will also be finishing the half term with a theatre workshop based on The Great War.

Year 6

In Year 6 we will be learning about Stourport during World War 2. This will involve not only learning about the key events and geography of WW2, but also how it affected the daily lives of adults and children from our area. We will be investigating how the local area has changed since 1945, and why those changes have happened. We are very lucky to be going on a trip to Burlish Top, and will also be exploring the effects of rationing of food in our D.T. work.



Kindness

Respect

Phonics Focus

This term we are all really excited to have launched Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised phonics, which is a scheme developed for schools by schools. Little Wandle will be taught to children from Reception to Year Two instead of our old phonics scheme. Phonics is taught daily with three practice reading sessions a week, where your child will read to an adult in small groups.



How can you support your child with reading?

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home.

There are two types of reading book that your child may bring home while they are still learning phonics:

A reading practice book. This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.



A love of reading book. This has a red love heart in the corner. Your child may not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

You can find more information and videos on how to say the sounds correctly at: www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/ or speak to your child's class teacher.



All children can now access the school library and will be able to choose 2 books each week to take home. Please enjoy the books with them and encourage them to return the books each week. In addition, children will visit the local library and be able to join the library, so that they can access a wide range of both fiction and non-fiction books.

By the end of September, all children from Rainbow to Year 6 will also have visited Stourport Library, where they will have enjoyed exploring the books, listening to stories and getting their own library card—so they can borrow books when ever they like.

Go Read has now changed its name to Boom Reader, please use the app to let us know that you have heard your child read at home. Ask your child's teacher if you do not have their log-in. All children, who have had a parent's comment on the app will be entered into a monthly draw to win a super reading hamper. This month's draw was won by Clara in Rainbow, who takes home a hamper full of reading goodies.



Last week, children in Years 1-6 voted for their new Class Representatives on the School Council. We will find out more about them in the next edition—but in the meantime, congratulations to: Savana and Liam in Year 1; Lilly and William in Year 2; Poppy and Justin from Year 3; Alex and Olivia B in Year 4; James and Evie from Year 5; and Amelia and Maisie in Year 6. *Mrs Bennett is really looking forward to working with you all this year.*

Honesty

Teamwork



A new school-year always brings new faces to Stourport Primary. As well as our new children in Rainbow and Nursery we have had lots of new children join us in other year groups as well. We would like to say a special welcome to all of our new pupils who have all settled in well. Everyone is enjoying making new friends.

We had to say a fond-farewell to some of our teachers at the end of the summer term, but we are delighted to welcome back Mrs Turford in Nursery, and Mrs Serrell and Miss Holmes who are joining us in KS1. We would also like to say a huge welcome to Mrs Ellerton who has joined the Year 3 team, as well as our Trainee Teachers: Miss Jones, Miss Haycock and Miss Middleton. We hope you all feel very welcome at Stourport Primary, and we are thrilled you have all come to join us.



Thank you to everyone who has donated spare and hardly used uniforms. The shop will go out after school in the playground but if that is not convenient just ask in the office.

We are making a big effort to help the children not to lose their jumpers, cardigans and ties! We have put names in all their current uniforms and would be grateful if you can add names to any new uniform.

We have introduced uniform crates for each class. They go to the playground every lunch time for the children to store jumpers and cardigans.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

After England's successes at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games, we are looking forward to all of the sporting and PE activities planned for this year.

This half term's focuses are

- Reception—stability, movement and control
- Year 1—Gymnastics and multi-skills
- Year 2—Gymnastics and Kho Kho
- Years 3 & 4 —Gymnastics and Tag Rugby/Football
- Year 5 & 6—Invasion Games

Please help us by making sure your child has their PE kit in school ready for their lessons.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are delighted that over 100 children have signed up for extra-curricular clubs this half term—more than ever before. We are hoping by the end of the year that all children will have been to at least one activity after school.

This year, clubs will run for a block of six-weeks and every member of staff will take part in running activities, so there will be lots of different things to have a go at.

This half term we have Drama, Lego, Tag Rugby, Board Games, Keyboard, Mindfulness, Football and Graphic Design clubs going on and really look forward to seeing how they all get on. *The final day for clubs this half term will be 20th October.*

The extra-curricular options for after half term will be published soon, so you can sign up ready—can we make it to 100% by the end of the year?

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Currently, we have **258** children with 100% attendance. Will your child's name be on the September 100% attendance board? *Did you know—if a child's attendance falls to 95% - that equates to 9 days off a year—that's nearly 50 hours of learning a year lost. 95% attendance every year of primary school equates to nearly 350 hours of lost learning.*

Attendance Reminders:

Please call before 9.30am if your child is unable to attend school on that day.

We need to see proof of **medical appointment** eg. a text message or appointment card/letter before the absence can be authorised.

Mrs Haydon is available for a chat if you need any help, advice or support regarding your child's attendance and punctuality.

Upcoming Events

September

Bank Holiday Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II—19th
 Year 6 World War II Trip to Burlish Top—20th
 Year 2 Trip to Stourport Library—20th
 Year 3/4 Ribbesford Parents' Meeting—20th
 2:45pm
 Year 1 Trip to Stourport Library—23rd
 Year 2 Art Trip to Stourport Canal Basin—26th
 Year 3 Trip to Stourport Library—26th
 Rainbow Trip to Stourport Library—27th
 School Book Fair 27th—4th Oct
 Parents' Evening—27th and 29th 3:30-6:00pm
 School Photos—29th
 Harvest Festivals—30th *EYFS & KS1—9:00;*
KS2—10:00

October

Year 5/6 Football League Starts—3rd
 KS2 Sports Crew and Wellbeing Champ Training—
 4th
 Year 3/4 Ribbesford Residential Trip—5th-7th
 Elderberry Stay and Play Session—6th 2:00-3:00pm
 Mrs Elwis' Spotty Shop Afternoon Tea Party—7th
 Year 5/6 Malvern Residential Trip—12th-15th
 Year 5 Hobgoblin Theatre Visit—19th
 Year 4/5 Volleyball Festival—19th
 TED Day—School Closed—21st
 Half Term—24th-28th
 School Reopens—31st
 Year 5 Mini Medics Starts—31st

We will send out details about each event nearer the time—or check out *News and Events* section of the school website

