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

HEADlines

Welcome to the October edition of Read All About It. What a fantastic half term we have had - this newsletter will give you a snapshot of what has been going on. We are so proud of how well the children have returned to school. We are currently focussing on uniform and the children are looking really smart, and ready for learning. *Please make sure that all of their uniform and PE kit is named.* As we approach the colder months, please can I take this opportunity to ask that children come to school with their coats so that they can continue enjoy break and lunchtimes outside.

We have had lots of educational visits out into our local area and visitors in to school already this term - all focussing on Stourport and helping the children to explore the Geography and History of our amazing town. As I write this, we have had one residential trip to Ribbesford for Year 3 and 4 and currently, Year 5 and 6 are on their residential in Malvern. I am extremely grateful to all of the staff involved for supporting these amazing opportunities.

It was fantastic to see so many of you at Parents' Evening at the end of September and again at our Harvest Festivals - we know how much the children enjoy performing for you and sharing the work that they have been doing.

Finally, we have a number of children and staff in school with nut allergies. Please can we request that you consider this when packing lunch boxes.

Thank you to everyone for their support so far this half term!



Thank you to everyone who came and joined us for our Harvest Festivals on Friday 29th September. Both celebrations were a lot of fun and the children did us proud with their singing. Children from Year 6 need a particular mention as they attended both Harvests as support for KS1, as well as enjoying their own Key Stage celebration.

Can we also say a huge thank you to everyone who donated to our harvest table - these donations have been shared with families who are finding times hard at the moment and therefore will have made a big difference.

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HSBC Workshops

Anne from HSBC came and joined us on September 26th and 27th to work with children in Years 1 - 6 about the importance of understanding money.

Each year group had a one hour workshop where Anne discussed the importance of looking after our money and how to do this. At the end of the two days, Anne shared with us what a pleasure our children had been to work with, She is hoping to come back in the Summer Term to do some follow up sessions.



We have had a great start to the year in Nursery and are very proud of the children. They have been learning 'All about me'. This has included: learning about themselves, their friends, their families and their homes. We've enjoyed some lovely stories including The Little Things by Emma Dodd and Owl Babies by Martin Waddell. We've also been doing some cooking and the children have made cookies, pizza and muffins.

At the end of September, the children in Key Stage 2 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: Megan and Fred in Year 3, Arlo and Amelia O in Year 4, Hallie and Grace in Year 5, and Kiah, Poppy and Evie in Year 6. Our Year 6 Councillors will also represent the whole school at the SAET children's Council, where they will meet with their fellow Councillors from all of our other schools.



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 are 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 are 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 have become geographers to investigate our local surroundings and draw maps to move around the school. During our Art lessons, we are creating a tree using natural materials and rubbings created at Forest School.

Year 2

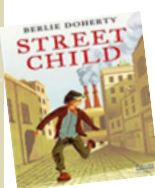
For this half term Year 2 have been studying their homes and the local area of Stourport. We started our topic by visiting the Stourport Basin where we learnt more about canal boats and explored their different artistic designs. Following on from this, in our Art lessons, we are creating our own roses and castle style prints. In Science we are focussing 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 had a lovely day visiting the canals and canal basin, learning how a lock works and visiting a narrowboat. We are reading a great book called Snowy by Berlie Doherty, 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 work of James Brindley and the development of the canals; we will use mapping skills in geography to find out more about the location in which we live.

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. We have looked at the work of the Baldwins and their contribution to the development of the town as well as the art of Edward Burne Jones, who designed the stained glass windows in Wilden church. We are reading Street Child by Berlie Doherty.

Year 5

This half term Year 5 have been 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 have been 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 are 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 are investigating how the local area has changed since 1945, and why those changes have happened. We are very lucky to have gone on a trip to Burlish Top to learn about how the land there was used during the war. Additionally, we will also be exploring the effects of food rationing in our D.T. work when we design and make soup.

Kindness

Respect

Out and About in Stourport

Stourport is fortunate to have such an interesting history and at Stourport Primary, in the Autumn term, the children explore its development from Mitton Village, through the industrial revolution and two World Wars up to the present day. To bring this to life, the children have been out and about exploring their town.

Burlish Top Army Hospital

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Burlish Top where they were accompanied by 'Sergeant' Jeff, Gill and Shirley who shared a wealth of knowledge about the use of Burlish Top during WWII and afterwards. The children learned about the training camp that was stationed there, the pioneering surgery that took place there



for wounded soldiers and the families that lived on the site post war due to being refugees in the area. It is now a beautiful woodland habitat that has huge amounts of local history linked to it from the last 80 years.

Stourport Memorial Park

Year 5 had a wonderful morning at Memorial Park where we explored how the land use has changed. We learnt that the park once belonged to Moor Hall and during World War I it was used as a training ground for new recruits. Today it is known as Memorial Park because it is dedicated to the 135 soldiers that fell in the war from this area.

Stourport's Canals

In Year 3, we all had a wonderful day, learning about the history and geography of the town. We walked to the river and met staff from the Canal Trust, who taught us all about safety around water, the development of the canals, factories and buildings. We visited and learned about the ticket office and the barges and climbed aboard "Bramble" finding out what it was like to live and work on a boat!



Year 2 had a great day at the Canal Basin. The children learnt a lot about how to keep safe near water, especially canals. They loved their experience of going on board the working narrowboat 'Bramble'. It was an eye opener to see the small area in which families used to live on the working boats! We enjoyed exploring artefacts from the past, learning about their important uses and observing their detailed roses and castles artwork.

Key Instant Recall Facts

Each day children spend a few minutes at the start of each lesson practising their KIRFs. KIRFs stands for Key Instant Recall Facts. These are the maths facts that children need to know to automaticity to help them when calculating, reasoning or problem solving. You can see what the KIRFs are for each year group by clicking [here](#).

You can help your child by asking them questions about their KIRFs, playing games to help them memorise the key facts and encouraging them to learn their number bonds and times tables.

Honesty

Teamwork



We had a wonderful two night residential stay at The Frank Chapman Centre and were joined by children and staff from Wolverley Sebright Primary School. We took part in the following activities: geocaching, climbing, mines, wildlife walk, blind challenge, midnight walk to the wishing tree and enjoyed singing around the campfire!



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We were delighted to welcome Usbourne books this year, who ran a very successful book fair at our Parents' Evenings back in September. We are very grateful for the £600 worth of books we have been able to buy to further enhance our reading areas. We continue to promote reading for pleasure in school.



We are delighted with the responses to our Parents' Questionnaire which many of you kindly completed during Parents' Evening.

Between 97 and 100% of you told us:

- Your child is safe and happy at school
- The schools ensures children are well-behaved
- That concerns are dealt with quickly and effectively
- That you know how well your child is doing, and what they are learning

The leadership team will be reviewing your ideas on how we can do even better - so watch this space to find out more as the year progresses.

Firework Safety

- 1 Only buy from licensed sellers
- 2 Store fireworks safely
- 3 Be considerate to others
- 4 Look after pets
- 5 Check your timings and read all the instructions
- 6 Dispose of fireworks properly and safely

Click [Here](#) for more info



Our first half term of Extra-Curricular activities has been a big success, and we are currently planning the activities on offer for Autumn 2.

After half term, our clubs are:

Monday: Crafts; Cookery; Sketching; History and Drama

Wednesday: Squiggle It

Thursday: Harriers and Eco Club



FAMILY & ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL

Romania • Moldova • Ukraine • Bulgaria

After half term, we will be collecting shoeboxes for **Link to Hope** who will share the filled boxes with whole families and the elderly in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria.

Mrs Collins will send leaflets home before half term, full of lots of suggestions of what could be included.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Currently, we have **147** 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

October

- 25th - Year 5 Hobgoblin Theatre performance of *The Last Post* - 25th October
- 26th - Last Day of Term
- 27th - TED Day
- 30th Oct - 3rd Nov Half Term

November

- 6th - HSBC Assembly
- 10th - KS2 Cross Country Event
- 13th - World Kindness Day
- 13th-17th - Anti-bullying Week
- 22nd - Y6 Knife Crime Awareness Workshop

December

- 1st - Rainbow Nativity
- 1st - KS2 Speed Stacking Festival
- 2nd - Christmas Carols in Stourport Town

5th - KS1 Christingle Service

6th - Christmas Film Night

7-8th - Year 6 Pop-Up Egyptian Museum

8th - Santa Dash

12th-13th KS2 Christmas Performance

14th - Year 6 Christmas Service at St Michael's Church

18th-19th - Breakfast with Santa

20th - Christmas Lunch

21st - Last Day of Term - *finish after lunch at 1:00*

January 2024

8th - First Day of Spring Term

We will send out more details about events nearer the time. You can also see all of our events on the calendar on our website.

stourportprimary.worcs.sch.uk/news-and-events/calendar/

