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

HEADlines

Welcome to this edition of *Read All About It!* at the end of the first Summer half term. It has been fantastic to be able to enjoy some of the better weather and we really hope this continues into Summer 2. With this in mind, please make sure that children continue to come to school in their correct uniform and remember to name any new purchases (ties, summer dresses, shorts etc.) as this makes it much easier to rehome lost items and saves confusion after PE, particularly in Reception and KS1.

In the very sunny weather, please remember to help children to apply sun cream before they come to school. If you want them to re-apply before lunch, please send this into school in a bottle with their name on. They will need to be able to apply themselves, as we are not able to do this, nor will children be allowed to use another child's sun cream.

It has been a really exciting half term in school, with lots of visits and visitors, amazing learning and fantastic opportunities for the children to deepen and embed their learning. Hopefully, inside you will get a small taste of everything that has been going on and what is coming up in after the holiday.

As an advance warning, the very final day of the school year is Friday 19th July when the children will be finishing after lunch at 1:00pm. **All** children will need to be collected from the playground and no one will be allowed to walk home on that day.

I would like to thank everyone for all of their hard work and wish everyone a wonderful Bank Holiday and Half Term. We look forward to seeing everyone return safe and well on **Monday 3rd June**.

STAFFING NEWS

At the end of this half term, we are going to be incredibly sad to say 'another' goodbye to Mr Shepherd. Mr Shepherd has been a great support to the children across the school, but particularly in Year 3 and SOS Club. We have said goodbye to him previously, but have always managed to entice him back to SPA when we needed him the most. We would like to wish him all the very best on his next adventure and know that he will remain a good friend to the school and come back to visit us all.

In other staffing news, we would like to congratulate both Mrs Hopkirk and Mr Barron, who will be sharing the role of Interim Assistant Head Teacher, starting on 1st June to support Mrs Elwis and Mrs Maybury to ensure the school continues to go from strength to strength.

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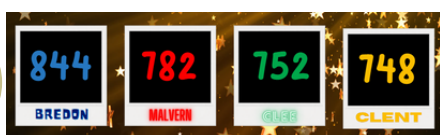
HOUSE POINTS

The leader board has been constantly changing over the last few weeks as we drew nearer to the end of the first half term of our new houses: **Clee, Clent, Mavlern, and Brendon.**

This half term, each house has held House Assemblies, voted for their Captains and Vice Captains, and nominated the reward they were collectively working towards.

Children earn marbles for their houses by going above and beyond to demonstrate one of our school values- **Kindness, Respect, Honesty and Teamwork.** The totals are shared each week in celebration assembly, and at the end of each half term, the winning House receives the reward they have voted for.

The final marbles have been counted, and here are the results from this half term:



Congratulations to **Brendon** who voted for a Games afternoon as their reward. *Who's going to win next half term?*



Over the last half term, we have been working incredibly hard to update our website. On the [School Curriculum](#) page you will now find detailed information about what we teach in each subject and year group. Hopefully this will help you to see what's coming up each half term for your children.

Under the News and Events Menu there is now access to recent [Letters and Communications](#) we have sent out, not forgetting the calendar of events, social media links, term dates and newsletters.

Curriculum Corner

Reception



Next half term we will be exploring pirates and we may even dress up as one! We will continue to grow and look after our plants in the garden and hopefully see some flowers. Next we will be visiting 'Little Owl Farm Park' to conclude our 'How Things Grow' topic from last term. We will be looking at the different animals and how they change as they grow. We will be attending the music festival that we have been practising our songs for and also participating in our first school Sports' Day.

Year 1

Our topic for next half term is 'Changes - All about me!' We will be reading *The Koala Who Could* by Rachel Bright, which tells the story of a koala who overcomes his worries. In Art, we will be studying the work of Pablo Picasso and creating self portraits based on our emotions. In History, we will be sequencing photographs of our childhood on a timeline and considering how we have changed. We're also busy preparing for the Y1 Superhero Stampede Music Festival and are looking forward to showing the Trust schools our very own song.

Year 2

Year 2 are looking forward to starting their topic 'Changes - All about me!' We will be reading some incredible books such as 'Super Duper You!', thinking about what makes us unique. We will be creating clay tile self-portraits in Art, thinking about what makes us 'us'! In Geography, we will be conducting fieldwork around school, looking at how our classrooms change as we move up from Nursery all the way to Year 6!



Year 3

Year 3 will be looking at 'Changes - All about me!' next half term. We will be taking part in lots of activities relating to transition into Y4. Children will also join with the whole school in taking part in Safety Week, where they will learn how to keep safe around water, roads, strangers and The Internet. Year 3 will be studying the book, *The Secret Garden*, and will consolidate their writing by writing predictions, setting and character descriptions and a story. In DT we will be taking part in a Biscuit Bake-Off - designing, baking and evaluating biscuits. In Science we will be learning about skeletons and in line with their transition to Year 4, we will be looking at how to look after our mental and physical health.

Year 4



Summer term in Year 4 is all about 'Changes - All about me!' We are thinking about the ways people can change, including Artwork based on sculptures of the human form and how it can alter with movement. Science is planning and carrying out exciting experiments such as: Which is the best biscuit to dunk? We will also be experimenting with cornflour slime. Our Reading texts are short stories about portals and 'The Chronicles of Narnia'. Using these texts as our inspiration, we will be writing stories of our own.

Year 5

We are excited for our next topic: 'Changes - All About Me!' Our class reader will be 'Kid Normal' by Greg James and Chris Smith which is an extraordinary tale about an ordinary boy in a world of heroes. We have an exciting DT project where we will be designing and building frame structures. We also have lots of amazing trips to look forward to, such as the Big Sing and a Geography Fieldwork project about St Michael's Church.

Year 6

Next half term's topic will be 'Changes - All about me!'. It's a very exciting half term for the children, as we will be putting on our end of year production! Alongside that, tying into our topic, we will be doing a fantastic portraiture project in Art. We will have a look at gears, pulleys and mechanical systems in DT. All this while continuing to develop their Reading, Writing and Maths skills to make sure we're all 'high-school ready'. We are looking forward to our trips to a synagogue, Young Citizen's Challenge and visit our new High Schools for transition.



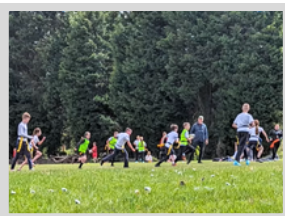
Kindness

Respect

PE POST

This half term has been incredibly busy with sporting events and festivals, as well as some super PE lessons. A small team of Year 4s participated in a the **Hockey Festival**. They developed their hockey skills in small group-based activities. The Year 4s then took part in small team-based hockey matches towards the end of the activities, where they played two matches and won them all! They all played very well and showed great teamwork in the hockey tournaments. Well done Year 4. Year 4 have also just come second in this week's **Cricket Festival!**

Over the last half term, Year 6 have been taking part in weekly **Tag-Rugby** coaching. We are very proud of our team of 10 children who went on to represent the school at the recent Police Tag Rugby tournament. Out of a pool of 23 schools, our Stourport Primary Academy team came 5th overall. Throughout the day, the team showed brilliant teamwork in working together, as well as great respect and sportsmanship for the other teams they played. A big well done to everyone involved.



The whole of Reception had great fun at our cluster school meet and demonstrated their physical attributes at the **Multi Skills Festival**. The children enjoyed throwing, catching, running, balancing and they were all particularly good at jumping over various hurdles. The children worked well in their teams and represented the school well. Well done to Reception for their first sporting trip.

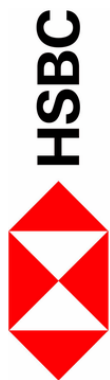


A huge well done to the 10 golfers from Year 3 who took part in the Worcestershire **Tri-golf Festival** at Bewdley Leisure Centre. The children showcased exceptional manners and sportsmanship during the event and worked together to build a high score. Although we weren't victorious, we gave it our best shot and are now hungry to return next year for another chance to win!

Finally, all of Year 5 have been able to take part in **Bikeability**. The children mastered the basic skills of road and bike safety in the comfort and security of our school playground, before heading out onto the local roads where they had to spot and respond to hazards, understand and obey road markings and signs, and learnt how to negotiate other road users and junctions. All of the children were a fantastic credit to the school, and we would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing Bikeability trainers.



Over the next few weeks, we will all be busy preparing for **Sports' Day** - practising all of the different running, jumping and throwing events. We hope everyone will be able to join us, weather permitting, on Wednesday 19th June - Reception and KS1 9:15-10:30 and KS2: 11:00 - 12:15



At the beginning of this half term, we were delighted to be visited by Ann from HSBC again. She worked with all of the children in each year group from Reception to Year 6 to deliver different workshops to help develop their financial literacy, knowledge, skills and attitudes hopefully leading to a successful financial future. Each time the children work with Ann, they gain a little more knowledge and understanding of how money works 'in the real world' and the skills they need to look after their money. Our Year 5 and 6 children will get to work with HSBC again later in the summer term, at the STEM careers fair.



DOWN ON THE FARM

Our Year 1 children had a fantastic day at Noverton Farm! They enjoyed lots of 'hands-on' encounters to learn all about a farmer's role and the animals that they look after. We were very fortunate to visit during lambing season so we were able to bottle feed a newborn lamb.



The school council have been meeting weekly, to organise some exciting fundraising activities. Firstly, film night- which took place on Thursday 23rd May. The school disco will be Wednesday 19th June, children are discussing a range of ideas and voting on their favourites, including class song requests! Watch this space!



Charlotte from Dogs Trust visited our Y1, Y2 and Y4 classes to talk to the children about how to look after dogs.

The children explored how we should treat dogs in different situations to make sure that they are happy and we are safe.

Honesty

Teamwork

One Big SOLUTION!

On Wednesday 22nd May, 4 children from Year 3 and 4, along with out SAET Pupil Council Reps from Year 6, had a honour of attending SAET's *One Big Solution* event, along with children from across our other Trust schools. The purpose of the day was to create a solution to a world problem. They worked incredibly well in their team to research, plan and design a solution to support your mental health. They designed a mobile phone app which gives you suggestions of how to improve your mental health. *For example, suggesting you go for a walk, or make friends with the person next to you.* At the end of the day, it asks you to rate how your day has been. In the afternoon they presented their idea to a panel of distinguished judges from the Trust and represented the school incredibly well.



To help deepen their learning and understanding of how tourism boosts our local economy in Stourport, Year 3

took a field trip down to the river, where they identified the physical and human geographical features of our town. They had a busy morning surveying what they saw, recoding the data in tally charts so that they could use back in school afterwards.



In the afternoon, they found time to develop their art skills with a little sketching of the canals, basin and riverside.



What a performance! Year 3 and 4 had an amazing time when The Hobgoblin Theatre Company came to school. As part of our History studies they performed two dramas based on The Romans and Ancient Greeks.

Year 4 watched *The Wall*, which explores what life must have been like as a Roman Legionary, having travelled from sunny Italy, to the cold North of England. The play took the children on a journey to discover and complete the secret mission the lead character, Gaius, had been sent on.

Year 3 headed to the warmer climes of Ancient Greece to join Perseus on his perilous journey, taking him from home to the land of the Gorgons, where he had to use his cunning to defeat Medusa!

The children were able to share and enjoy these amazing interactive plays with their friends from St Bartholomew's, all while seeing the history they were learning about, come to life before their eyes!



Last week, **Year 6** took their end of Key Stage 2 SATs - the tests that give them the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learnt during their time at Primary School. We are so incredibly proud of all of the hard work they have put into preparing for them, and the level of determination they showed last week during the tests. We all know that these tests are only a tiny part of their journey with us, and we are really looking forward to their continued hard work on new projects up to the end of term.

After half term (3rd-14th June), Year 4 will be taking their online Multiplication Tables check. This is a series of 25 quick-fire questions on the computer covering the 2 - 12 times tables. Mr Yeomans and Miss Tomlinson have been practising with them all year on Times Table Rockstars to help them prepare.

Year 1 and some of Year 2 will then be taking their Phonics Screening test (10th-14th June) to show how well they can decode familiar and unfamiliar words as they come towards the end of the Little Wandle Phonics Programme.

It is really important that the children are in school everyday up to and during these tests so that they are able participate.



Over the past few weeks, Mrs Collins and Mrs Maybury have been working hard with a group of children after school to design and paint our penguin for 'The Great Worcester Waddle'.

Our penguin, who we have named 'Pebbles', looked fantastic painted in bright colours, in a design to represent Stourport-on-Severn. Once the children had had a sneak preview in assembly, she was carefully wrapped up and Mr Webb had the dubious task of delivering her safely to Worcester to meet the other 79 penguins.



We would love to share the final design, but it is strictly under-wraps until the the launch of the Great Waddle of Worcester in the summer holiday. The festival runs from 26th July to 15th September 2024. It will feature painted penguin sculptures; 40 big and 40 small, as St Richard's Hospice celebrate 40 years of hospice care in Worcester.

Kindness

Respect



Safety Week

We are having our annual Safety Week Monday, 3rd June to Friday 7th June.

We will be teaching children about different types of safety including:

- Internet safety
- Sun safety
- Water safety
- Road safety

We are also participating in the NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* This is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline

Also each class will be discussing the NSPCC's *Talk PANTS* rules in our PSHE lessons. During these discussions we will aim to teach our children the following important safety skills without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. You can also share this message with your children, using the information on this website www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

Parent/Carer support

Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.

www.nspcc.org.uk/parents

Activities to extend learning at home

Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.

www.nspcc.org.uk/activities

Online Safety Hub

For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.

www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety

Childline – under 12's

Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.

www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)

www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)

Attendance Matters



SWell done to the **159** children who achieved 100% Attendance in April

How many will we have at the end of May?

The Top 3 classes for Attendance for April were:

1st Beech 98.8%

2nd Pine 98.5%

3rd Rainbow B 96.4%

The top three classes so far this year are

1st Ash 95.9%

2nd Rainbow 94.8%

3rd Willow 94.4%

You can see the weekly updates on [Facebook](#), or the [attendance page of our website](#).

Upcoming Events

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/

May

27th-31st May - Half Term - School Closed

June

3rd - First Day of Summer 2

3rd-7th - Safety Week

3rd - Steel Band Workshops

3rd-14th - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

5th - Year 5 Trip to Bishop's Wood

6th - Relationships and Sex Education - Year 5 & 6
Parents' Meeting (2:45pm)

7th - Year 3/4 Tennis Festival

10th - Year 6 Young Citizen Challenge

10th-14th - Year 1 & 2 Phonics Screening Checks

11th - Miss Miles from Stourport High visiting Year 6

11th - SAET Reception Music Festival

11th - Year 5 Cricket Festival

12th - Year 5/6 Girls' Cricket Festival

14th - Fathers' Day Donuts with Dad

17th-28th - Geography Festival of Fieldwork Events

17th - Miss Miles from Stourport High visiting Year 6

18th - SAET Year 1 Music Festival

19th - Sports Day (Reception & KS1 9:15; KS2 11:00)

19th - School Discos

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20th - Rising 5's Parents' Evening

21st - SAET children's Council Meeting

21st - KS2 Athletics Festival

21st - Year 5 Big Sing

21st - Deadline for uniform orders (*for delivery before the summer*)

24th - Year 6 Trip to Singers Hill Synagogue

25th - Year 6 STAR Workshop

28th - Year 5/6 STEM Careers Fair

July

2nd - Year 6 STAR Workshop

3rd - The Bewdley School Transition Day

4th - Nursery Graduation and Picnic

4th - Year 5/6 Rounders Festival

5th - SAET Children's Council Meeting

8th-9th - SPA and SHS Transition Days

10th - Year 6 Performance to Parents
(*afternoon and evening*)

12th - Summer Fayre

18th - Y4 Cornet Performance

18th - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

19th - Last Day of Term - *finish after lunch at 1:00pm all children must be collected - no one will be allowed to walk home.*

