



Shustoke Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Summer 1: Week ending 26th April 2024

Our assembly theme this half term is: Wisdom



Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Autumn 1	4 th September – 27 th October	Autumn 2	6 th November – 22 nd December
Spring 1	9 th January – 9 th February	Spring 2	19 th February – 22 nd March
Summer 1	8 th April – 24 th May	Summer 2	3 rd June – 18 th July
Training Days	21 st June, 19 th July	Next Year	2 nd September 2024, 6 th January 2025

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 29th April 2024

Day	During the School Day	After School
Monday	P.E. Year 1 and Year 2	Dance Cirque
Tuesday	P.E. Year 5 and Year 6 Reception to come in PE kit 16th, 23rd and 30th April 2024 for dance sessions	Evolution multi-sports for children in Years 1 and 2 Children will need to bring a sports kit. Year 4, 5, 6 Cricket Club Year 4/5 Oakfield Shield Final
Wednesday	P.E. Year 3 and 4	Evolution multi-sports for children in Years 3 and 4
Thursday	P.E. Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Year 4 Swimming Special Dinner Menu	Year 3 Tennis Club
Friday	P.E. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Dance Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Competition

Reminder

Please could parents have a good look at home for any school reading books. We have lots of books missing. Please return them to school.

Thank you for your help.

Reminder

Reception need to come in P.E. kit on Tuesday for dance session and Friday for P.E.

There are no wrong answers, only learning opportunities - Anon



Dates for your diary

May 2024	
11 th April – 9 th May	Year 4 Swimming
9 th May	Y3/4 Football
13 th – 17 th May	KS2 SATs Week
14 th May	Year 3 Trip to Compton Verney
16 th May – 20 th June	Year 5 Swimming
23 rd May	Sports Day (attempt 1)
23 rd May	KS1 Football (after school)
23 rd May	House Teams Raffle (Donations in House Team colour)
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May Half Term	
June 2024	
3 rd -5 th June	Years 5 and 6 Residential Visit
7 th June	Class Group Photographs
10 th June	Multiplication Check- Y4
14 th June	Sports Day (attempt 2)
18 th June	Y6 Leavers' Service (St Phillips)
27 th June	Year 2,3,4,5,6 SCARF day
27 th June	Sports Day (final attempt)
July 2024	
5 th July – New date	INSET Day
10 th July	Secondary School Induction New Reception Stay and Play Meet the Teacher Transition Session for children
15 th July	Warwickshire Sings- Y5
16 th July	Summer Show- Y5 and Y6
17 th July	Tamworth Athletics- KS2
18 th July	2pm Y6 Leavers' Service for parents Children break up
19 th July	INSET Day

Times of the Day

Morning	The gates will be opened just before 8.40am each morning so that lessons can begin promptly at 8.45am.
Afternoon	The gates will be opened at 3.10pm ready for dismissal from classroom doors at 3.15pm



Collective Worship

Reverend Mark came in for Collective Worship and talked about knowledge and wisdom. He explained that one of the wisest people in the Old Testament part of the Bible was King Solomon. We heard how Solomon was known as a wise king and ruled Israel for many years. In fact, Solomon also wrote the Book of Proverbs, which is in the Old Testament. It is a book of wise sayings that still apply today.

Three of these proverbs are. You could consider together what they might mean.

- 'A cheerful heart is good medicine.' (Proverbs 17.22)
- 'Pride comes before a fall.' (Proverbs 16.18)
- 'Look at the ant, you slacker! Observe its ways and become wise.' (Proverbs 6.6)

Dear God,

Thank you for Solomon's wisdom and his wise words in the Book of Proverbs.

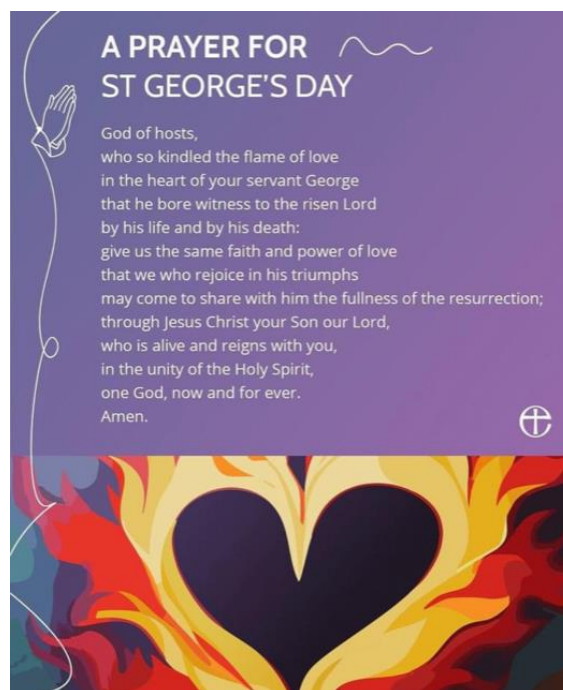
Thank you for the wisdom that we learn inside and outside school.

Thank you for the people who help us and teach us to be wise.

We pray that we might all have the wisdom to make the right choices every day. Amen.



With St George's Day being celebrated this week we wanted to share a prayer with you.





Year 3 News

Young Year 3 explorers, embarked on an exciting adventure into mysterious caves. Inside, they discovered something truly amazing: ancient cave paintings! These special artworks showed how people long ago lived and what they thought was important. With wide eyes and curious minds, the students carefully examined the paintings, imagining the stories they told. They saw pictures of animals, people, and strange symbols, all drawn with simple but powerful lines.

Inspired by what they found, the children decided to create their own cave paintings in their family caves. Armed with brushes and pots of paint in all colours of the rainbow, they let their imaginations run wild, painting pictures of their favourite animals, scenes from their everyday lives, and symbols that felt important to them.





We were delighted with the attitude and perseverance demonstrated by all of the children across the school who participated in the Spelling Bee.

The words selected are key year group specific words, as well as words which are commonly misspelled. The benefits of automatically learning to recall these words by heart will outlive the Spelling Bee competition. Well done to all pupils! Our second place finalists were Barla-Rai, Sophie, Arabella, Cole, Casey H and Lola. Our first place finalists were Evangeline, Jessica, William, Rebecca, Jessica and Casey F.



Well done to our Reception finalists, who were scored with a selection of 10 written spellings. 3 children came joint second: Oscar, Reuben and Heston. Eva and Teddy N came in joint first place.





Year 1 - Tamworth Castle Trip

Year One had a fantastic day out at Tamworth Castle on Tuesday. Linking in with our history topic the children spent time exploring some of the different features of castles, and learning about why they were built on top of hills. The children attended squire school, and learnt how to dress a Knight, and how to do a 'bill drill'. Afterwards the children met the Lady of the Castle, and helped her to prepare for a banquet. They all had great fun learning about the past, and what it might have been like living in a castle. They were all impeccably behaved, and superb representatives of the school. Well done Year One!





Reception News

Over the last few weeks Reception have been looking at the book 'The Extraordinary Gardner'. During this time we have been looking at how plants grow and their life cycles. The children have planted seeds in the classroom and have made seed bombs to go home. We are hoping that some of these can be planted in gardens and offer numerous benefits for bees and butterflies.



Attendance Matters – Week starting 5th April

Year 5 achieved 100% attendance, fantastic! Year 6 achieved 99.4% attendance, fabulous. Closely followed by Year 2 with 98.8%. Well done.

The attendance target for each class is 97%.



Every day missed is a missed learning opportunity.



Volunteers

We would be very thankful if parents or grandparents were able to volunteer in school this year.

We are always grateful for any extra support that parents can give. It may be that you could listen to children read, or support on local walks/class trips. Or it may be that you work within an industry or have a hobby that lends itself to supporting with classroom sessions, e.g. yoga, gardening, artistic talents, cookery, construction etc.

Please can you complete the online form (link below) if you are interested in helping in school. As with all members of staff and visiting professionals, parent volunteers will need an enhanced DBS certificate which can be completed via school.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-hEVTLM6ekOhnanlPyn9sCf_ku7SuEJAp-0JZGo6CmRUN1hETTVZN0g2QjJVU041WENTR1JVU042Wi4u

**Please send your child in with a
Warm Water proof coat EVERY DAY.
The weather is changing please send in
a sun hat and sun cream.**

Please can all uniform, coats, shoes, lunch boxes and water bottle be **clearly labelled
with your child's name.**

School Debt

School currently has a significant level of debt, at £3541.32.

As you know, we are a small school, and it is difficult for us to continue to carry this level of debt.

Please could any outstanding payments to School be settled as soon as possible.

We will be need to send letters for outstanding debts, and these will need to be escalated should they not be settled. Should you have difficulty with paying any of your outstanding amounts, please contact School and we can look to arrange a payment plan for this debt.



The Coleshill Grammar School Trust

To qualify from our individual grant funding applicants must be **aged 25 or younger**, **attend one of the schools in the Coleshill Cluster** (or have attended The Coleshill School), and **be in financial need**. All applications will be considered on their 'educational merit' and impact against the long term aspirations and goals. As a charity we are required to carefully consider each application to ensure that it meets its objectives, but also to apply the available funds in a way that makes the biggest impact.

If you are struggling to pay for uniform or school trips please look on The Coleshill Grammar School Trust website and you can apply for a grant.

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to contact school with a confidential or sensitive matter, or a hometime arrangement please use the shustokeparents@welearn365.com email address.

The shustokelearning@welearn365.com email address should be used to submit examples of work to teachers or for general communication directly with the class teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Drop Off/Parking

Please do not park across driveways or block access/entrances, do not park on the zig zags, illegally or dangerously. Please **do not** use residents drive ways to turn around. Please use the Wilkinson Way carpark at the back of school. Please cross your child safely across the road.

Please slow down.

If your child is late please do not block the school gates when dropping them off.

Thank you for your co-operation.



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PFA

The PFA is currently operating on very few volunteers and we would love to have more. We would really appreciate any time you could offer from year-round planning preparations to helping out at odd events. Any time you could spare would help. We worked hard to produce a magical Christmas Fair and would like to do more event throughout the year so if you could help in anyway please contact the school office and they will pass on your details.

Many thanks the PFA.



We are on week 1 dinner menu

Thursday is Special Menu Red – Hot dog, Green – Pizza and Blue – Ham Bap
Dinners cost £2.65 per day.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Due to the current situation many families are finding themselves in a difficult situation financially. Please see the link below which will direct you to information regarding eligibility for free school meals.

You may apply, even if your child already receives a free school meal through the Government universal scheme for children in Early Years and KS1.

Any application will be dealt with sensitively and confidentially.

Free School Meals Free School Meals give you extra money in your pocket, extra money for your child's school and a healthy balanced meal for you child! What's not to like! Applying for one is quick and easy.....Check it out - What have you got to lose?!

[Apply here for Free School Meals](#)

Website - www.northwarks.gov.uk

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How can I help improve my child's literacy?

1

Turn On The Subtitles

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When children watch TV or a device with the subtitles switched on, they can double their chance of leaving school a great reader.

2

Don't stop reading to your child.

Reading to your child til the age of 13/14 still has huge benefits as it allows them to focus on the complex vocabulary and ideas in the story.

3

For the reluctant reader - read anything!

Any form of reading in a topic they are interested in and in any format counts!

Did you know you can download lots of old comics for free at www.digitalcomicmuseum.com?

4

Try free electronic books from your Library service

Reading online can also offer you options to increase font size, change background colours - all of which can impact readability.

www.oxfordowl.co.uk also has lots of free eBooks for children age 3 - 11.

5

How about turning reading into a game?

NightZooKeeper.com keeps children interested using fun, engaging games and provides parents personalised reports on how it's going. Note; there's a monthly fee with this one though.



Find out more at www.turnonthesubtitles.org
Email us at hello@turnonthesubtitles.org



Did you know that watching TV with the subtitles turned on can double the chance of a child leaving school a proficient reader?

Turn over for more top tips on helping your child's literacy

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Orders are placed in a queue until 15th and 30th of each month and delivered into School up to 14 days after.



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IMPORTANT SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDER INFORMATION

Last order date for free delivery into school is **14th June** then service switches to home delivery until **13th September**

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