News from Shottery St Andrew's CofE Primary School

Week 16— Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well, and that you enjoyed a peaceful and joyful Christmas break. It has been wonderful to welcome our children back to school and to hear their excited stories of Christmas adventures as they've caught up with their friends.

The children returned to us on a rather wet and challenging start to the new year, with many of our families and staff grappling with the effects of local flooding. We know it's been a difficult time for many, and our thoughts remain with those affected. As we face this week's cold blast, we're thankful to have a warm and welcoming school environment where the children have settled back into their routines and are already embracing the new term of learning.

Our week began with a special whole-school collective worship where we talked about new year's resolutions and watched a short film about the Snowdrop – a flower symbolising hope and the promise of good things to come. It was a lovely way to reflect on fresh starts and brighter days ahead. Later in the week, our classes explored the reflective question: **'What hopes do you have for the new year?'** The children's responses were incredibly thoughtful, with heartfelt hopes for themselves, their friends, and people across the world. It was inspiring to hear their ideas and dreams for the future.

We're also thrilled to share some fantastic news. Over the break, we received our official **Ofsted report**, which we are so proud to share with you. It is a wonderful reflection of the hard work and dedication of our staff, pupils, and community. To celebrate, we've put up a banner outside the school and are excited to welcome the Stratford Herald on Monday to help us share this news with the wider community.

This week, we've also welcomed two new members to our school team. **Mrs Worrall** joins us as a teaching assistant in Hedgehogs class and will also deliver interventions across the school, and **Mr Stotesbury** will be teaching across the school, supporting teachers as they focus on their subject leadership work. It's an exciting time for our school, and we are delighted to have them on board.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We're looking forward to a fantastic term ahead full of learning, growth, and hope.

Kind regards,

Mrs L Withers

NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE!

Please be reminded not to park over neighbour's driveways, on the zig-zags or across the road on the pavement!

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16

Spring term dates – 2025

***FSSA dates to follow!**

Monday 6th January - Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 7th January – Children return

Friday 17th January - Charity Committee Film Night

Friday 24th January – FSSA Dress Down Day (please see poster for further details)

Monday 3rd February – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 4th February – SEND Coffee morning

Friday 7th February – NSPCC Number Day – Dress up for digits (Charity Committee event)

Friday 7th February – FSSA Disco (more information to follow)

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 13th February - NSPCC Assembly and workshops: Year 2 – Year 6

Friday 14th February – Parent Coffee morning (in the school hall from 9:00am)

Break up for half term

Half term – Monday 17th February 2024 – Friday 21st February 2024

Saturday 1st March – Rock and Roll Bingo (FSSA – more information to follow)

Tuesday 4th March – Pancake races in the playground

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day – Dress as a Word!

Friday 7th March – World Day of Prayer (more details to follow)

Monday 10-14th March – British Science Week – Change and Adapt!

Friday 14th March – Parents and children Science exploration afternoon, from 2:00pm

Friday 14th March – Holi festival of Spring and Love (Hindu festival of colour)

Friday 21st March – Comic Relief

Monday 24th March – Shakespeare Week

Tuesday 25th March – KS2 trip to Tudor World

Wednesday 26th March – Scholastic Book Fair in school

Friday 28th March – Shakespeare Topic Sharing event for families

Monday 31st March – Parent Consultations

Tuesday 1st April – Parent Consultations

Wednesday 2nd April – Easter Service at St Andrew's Church (9:00am start)

Friday 4th April – Rock Steady Concert

Monday 7th – 9th April – Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip (Boundless Outdoors)

Thursday 10th April - FSSA Easter Raffle/Easter Egg Hunt around Shottery (more information to follow)

Thursday 10th April – Break up for the Easter holidays

Friday 11th April – Teaching Training Day (school closed to pupils)

Break up for Easter holidays

Easter holidays – Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April 2025

Saturday 26th April – Shakespeare Birthday Celebrations (in Stratford town centre)

Monday 28th April – Children return for the start of the Summer term

Friday 16th May – Family Prosecco, puddings and games night (FSSA – more information to follow)

CAR BOOT COLLECTION

DRESS DOWN DAY

FRIDAY JANUARY 24TH

Please donate any unwanted Christmas presents or declutter your home. We will accept items in good condition suitable for resale. FSSA will sell these goods at a local car boot sale to raise money for the school. In exchange for these donations please wear non-school uniform.

All profits go to Friends of Shottery St. Andrew's

Shottery's Charity Committee

are running a Film Night

Friday 17th January

5pm -7pm

with all funds raised donated to Action Duchenne

Movie choices will be discussed and chosen with the children.

£5.00

Price includes a drink and popcorn

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CofE Primary School
Shottery St Andrew's
Anchored in faith we shine!

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM
MULTI SPORTS CAMP

FITT 4KIDS

MONDAY 17TH - FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2025

9:00AM-16:00PM - Early booking available from 8:00am

WHATS ON?

Head to our website for more information

MARVEL MULTI SPORTS

SUPERMAN SMOOTHIE BIKES

DARK KNIGHT DODGEBALL

SUPERHERO MOVIE DAY
(FANCY DRESS)
THOR TEAM CHALLENGE

SUPER HERO

WHERE?

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ST JOHNS PRIMARY SCHOOL, KENILWORTH
LEIGH C E ACADEMY, TILE HILL
HARBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL, LEAMINGTON SPA

£18 PER DAY
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AGE 4-11 YEARS

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

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BRICKES 2

Sunday 19th January 2025 12 noon - 3.00pm

KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL
LOWER SCHOOL

supporting

BATTLE BACK CENTRE LILLESHALL

Lots and lots of LEGO® sets on display!

Raising funds for charity!

'Live' build of 6,500 piece LEGO® City display

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Kids build area!

LEGO® City charity raffle

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MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH

- Rice
- Tinned vegetarian meals
- UHT fruit juice
- Instant mash potato
- UHT milk
- Tinned chicken meals
- Tinned pies
- Pasta sauce
- Instant soup

THANK YOU

Stratford-upon-Avon Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Tel: 07736 929 029
Registered charity number: 1153297

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Mental Health in Schools Team

Tips For Wellness

Happy New Year

As we welcome the New Year, many of us will focus on resolutions, which may include to become healthier, more active, or learn a new skill. New Year's resolutions are generally seen as promises we make to ourselves to achieve or improve an aspect of our life. Some people can stick to their goals easily, while others may find it more of a challenge. Setting goals can make us feel motivated and inspired, but if everything does not go to plan, it can leave us feeling disheartened. This can happen if we are unsure about how to get started on our goals, or if they feel too big to achieve.

For that reason, this year, take a moment to create **SMART goals** that focus on small steps. SMART goals are specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time based.

Our top tips:

1. Focus on your **strengths and interests**, perhaps there is something you are already doing that you want to do more of. Setting small, strength-based goals will create hope and build your self-confidence, empowering you to accomplish new things that make you feel happy and healthy.
2. Think about setting a **mentally healthy goal** this year:

- Find new ways to get active. Maybe you could join a new club or after-school activity.
- Make time for self-care and relaxation, such as participating in some mindfulness activities.
- Learn more about something you are interested in. Perhaps you could put more time into a particular skill or hobby you are already doing.
- Practice being kind to yourself. Positive self-talk is a simple way to achieve this – try saying positive statements such as "I am kind" or "I am on the right track".
- Establish a good sleep routine. Try going to bed and waking up at the same time every day, even at the weekend!
- Limit your screen time. By setting boundaries for your usage, you may have more time for other activities.

3. Remember, **goals can change!** Especially if they are not giving us or teaching us what we need, so be kind to yourself.

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.

WORRIED? WE'RE HERE TO LISTEN

Call Childline on 0800 1111

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ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

Whatever your worry, call us and a friendly person will be there to listen. **It's free, you don't have to tell us your name, and we're here all day and night.**

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