

A message from your Headteacher: Mrs Atherton

Welcome back after the summer holidays, we hope you all had a wonderful time. We would also like to welcome all our new starters who have settled in fantastically! So much has happened in our first weeks back and we work together with you to offer the best educational experience for our children. We have a successful playgroup running. We now have a welly shed for each class, it would be great if you could leave a pair of wellies at school permanently so we can go outdoors more!

Our classroom renovation is on the way and will be completed ahead of October half term ready for Sapling class to enjoy. This will mean that we have an amazing intervention/nurture room to develop for our pupils. Our whole school open day is taking place on Thursday 8th October. We would appreciate it if you could please share this information along with our stay and play sessions (please see dates of these in the EYFS section of the newsletter) with others.

Thank you to families for completing the school survey. 30 families have responded so far. This will be reviewed with governors at the next meeting. On the survey you said:

- You wanted more off site trips, we already have this planned - called Beyond Biddulph Moor 😊. Please see in the Education Visits section of the newsletter.
- In terms of quality of education, you said that you wanted more focussed reading interventions and also stretch and challenge. We have already been delivering Little Wandle lessons, rapid catch up interventions and all year 3 and 4 have targeted fluency reading lessons with our fantastic HLTAs pitched at their academic level 3 x a week additional to English lessons. The English Hub continue to audit our phonics and reading and we are doing really well. We also embed challenges in our daily lessons across all subjects.

Many families have been worried about their child's transition into new classes...it is important to us and we continue to support them with changes since moving class/having new teachers- this week Julie Clarke our Mental Health Support Team worker, has completed surveys with classes to find out more about how they manage emotions. Then she will be back to help deliver some whole class/small group wellbeing sessions. Thank you to families for attending the welcome sessions - if you were unable to attend, the teachers can send the details if requested.

As always, we thank you for all your support and co-operation!



Stars of the Week

For our new parents/carers, each week we focus on one of our school values which are: **#honesty #respect #confidence #responsibility #independence #ambition**. The teachers from each class then pick a child who has clearly demonstrated the particular value, these are then our 'Stars of the week'.

Our value of the week for this week has been **#confidence**. The children who have clearly demonstrated this are:

- Little Acorns/Seedlings – Elias
- Sapling Year 1 – Evie Cottrell-Stennings
- Sapling Year 2 – Ivy
- Oak Year 3 – Mia
- Oak Year 4 - Hudson

Well done to you all 😊
Parents/carers are invited
to a celebration assembly
on 25.10.2024



Attendance

As you are probably already aware, there is a big drive on attendance within schools. Each week we monitor all class attendance, the class with the highest percentage of attendance all receive extra play time as a reward. This week we have 2 out of our 3 classes with 100% attendance. Massive well done to Little Acorns/Seedlings and Sapling class.



The celebration assembly will also include the Parents/Carers of the children who were Stars of the Week before we closed for summer. For a reminder these were Daniel J, Lydia and Hudson.

Honesty **Respect** **Confidence** **Responsibility** **Independence** **Ambition**

Educational Visits

	Autumn	Christmas Pantomime/Theatre	Spring	Summer	Other
EYFS YEAR A	Peak Wildlife	To be confirmed each Year	Manchester Airport	Hanley Museum	All of these are subject to change as it also depends on venue availability
EYFS YEAR B	Role play – Ashbourne/Newcastle		Jodrell Bank	Sprinks farm A	
KS1 YEAR A	Biddulph Grange CP and National Trust		Emma Bridgewater	Entrust Base camp residential	
KS1 YEAR B	Sudbury Childhood Museum		Ford Green Hall	Entrust Base camp residential – Stanley head?	
KS2 YEAR A	World of Wedgewood		Laches Wood 2 nights and 3 days Young Voices	Y4 Leavers event TBC Other event	
KS2 YEAR B	Chester - Romans		Standon Bowers or Stanley Head 2 nights and 3 days Roaches?	Y4 Leavers event TBC Sprinks Farm B	

This is our draft 2 year cycle. . Please note that this may change in terms of the term we attend in line with our curriculum topic order. We will always try and give as much notice as possible for the trips.

Headteacher Awards

As well as our Stars of the Week, we also have Headteacher Awards. These are given out by class teachers for those children who have come to their attention in a positive way.

This week we have:

Little Acorns/Seedlings – George F for how much he is loving nursery, he has settled in so well, link to our **#confidence** value.

Sapling – Daniel J, Nancy W and Ivy O for excellent computing. They have all shown **#ambition**.

Oak – Lucas D for being a great helper **#responsibility**, Jake H for settling in so well on his induction **#confidence** and Harry B for showing a new pupil around **#responsibility**. The Star of the Week picture includes these children.



Afterschool Clubs

Thank you to all those who have let the office know which clubs their child/ren are attending. Just a reminder that **teacher led** clubs can be booked weekly by emailing the office, if you do wish your child to attend up until half term, please state this in your email. There is a link on Parent Pay for the £1 film club fee. You are also able, should you wish, to donate extra as some Parents have asked.

Bee active run a gymnastic club every Monday, please book directly through them, block booking only.

Little Athletes run a multi-skills sports club on Tuesdays and dance on Thursday. Please bear in mind this also needs to be booked as a full block, for safeguarding and finance reasons they cannot accept bookings on an ad-hoc basis. If you have paid for a couple of sessions please ensure you complete payment for up until October half-term. You can email info@littleathletes.co.uk and tag in the school office email to book/pay.

ALL clubs run until 16:15.



Space Cadets

Thank you to all that have used this before/after school provision. Space cadets can provide care for your child/ren up until 18:00. Please ensure you call or email Space Cadets directly to book your child/ren on no later than Wednesday of each week for the following week. This is necessary for them to work out their numbers for transport etc. We have heard lots of positive feedback from the children and parents!



EYFS Open Days

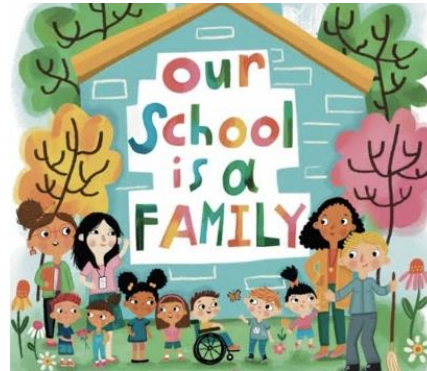
Soon applications for Reception 2025 will be open. We are holding several open days in which Parents/Carers and their child/ren can come and visit our lovely school. We have the following open days:

- Friday 27th September 1:30-2:30pm.
- Monday 21st October 10:30-11:30am.
- Thursday 7th November 10:30-11:30am
- Thursday 5th December 5:00-6:00pm

We would greatly appreciate it if you could share this information with as many people as possible.

We also have a nursery intake in

January and April, limited spaces remain at present, therefore if you know anyone looking to send their child to our nursery, ask them to get in touch as soon as possible.



Diary Dates for Week

Commencing

16.09.2024

Monday 16th – 3:30pm, come and join our PTFA meeting, new members more than welcome.

Tuesday 17th – Sapling class trip to Biddulph Grange Gardens.

Wednesday 18th – 03:20-04:00pm EYFS phonics workshop for parents.

Save the Dates

30th September - Sapling class arts and crafts parent sessions 2.30-3.15

1st October - Sapling class assembly

3rd October Oak class parents can attend arts and craft sessions 02.30-03.15pm

8th October; 04:00-6:00pm open day

14th October Orienteering afternoon - parents welcome

- Y1/2 01:00pm-01:45pm
- Y3/4 02:00pm-03:00pm

18th October - Oak class assembly - families welcome

23rd Oct -EYFS maths workshop 03:20pm

24th October – Halloween disco 05:00-06.30pm

5th and 7th November – Parents evenings - 03.30-06.30pm

14th November - Oak class parent maths workshop 03.20pm

20th November – Sapling class parent maths workshop 03.20pm

6th December – Christmas Fayre 03:15pm

12th December - EYFS arts and craft workshop

Christmas Plays: Little Acorns/Seedlings and **Sapling class: Tue 17th Dec 09:00am** and **Wednesday 18th Dec 09:00am** (two dates as two classes performing together)

Oak class - Friday 13th Dec 09:00am



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