PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Severndale Academy

17/04/26

THIS WEEK'S UPDATE

Dear Families,

We hope that your Easter break was filled with sunshine and egg hunt fun. We had a successful HAF week, with lots of interesting activities including easter craft, sensory exploration and Rebound sessions, with much fun had by those attending.

We are heading into our final term, and that can mean that families and learners can start to anticipate the upcoming end of year transition, which some can find concerning. We are working on class groupings for next year at the moment, and will make sure these are shared with families in June, ahead of the two transition weeks we have in July, when everyone moves up to their next class ahead of the summer holidays.

Can you help?
We are looking to improve our caterpillar forest school site, making it even more exciting for the students. We are particularly interested in developing opportunities for den building. If any families have contacts, or work in forestry, tree surgery or maintenance, we are looking for tree branches of various sizes which could be used by students when building dens. If you think you can help, please email: jenny.arnold@lct.education or call the school reception and ask for Jenny Arnold, Foundation Assistant Principal.
Thank you in advance.

Don't forget that if you have a question, query, grumble or praise, please contact your child's teacher, Department Co-ordinator, AP, VP or me! We are all here to listen when you need us.

With best wishes, Lucy Lee

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Important Dates for Your Diary

Summer 26

- **23rd April: FoS Bingo at Monkmoor** (see poster below)
- **4th May: May Bank Holiday**
- **18th to 22nd May: Attendance week** - A whole week of fun to inspire and encourage our learners to be in school every day that they can.
- **25th to 29th May: Half Term Break**
- **20th June: Friends of Severndale Fair**
- **22nd to 26th June: Sports Week**
- **1st July: Leavers' Prom**
- **3rd July: INSET Day -** Staff accessing training in preparation for transition weeks.
- **6th to 17th July: Transition Weeks** - Learners move to their new classes
- **17th July: Last day of the Summer term**

Parent Partnership sessions are being planned currently, and a letter will come out about these asap.

All Parent Partnership sessions run from 9.30am to 11.00am in the Communication Outreach Room. Coffee and biscuits will be available. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please email Lorna at lorna.matley@LCT.education. Please arrive at reception and you will be collected from there.

Table Cricket

After proudly winning the Shropshire Table Cricket Competition, our incredible Futures team took their place on a bigger stage, representing the county at the West Midlands regional finals. Competing with determination, resilience, and true team spirit, they rose to the challenge against some of the strongest teams in the region.

In a hard-fought semi-final, they narrowly missed out on a place in the final against the eventual champions, but their performance was nothing short of inspiring. Every member of the team showed courage and unwavering support for one another, embodying everything that makes a team. They have represented themselves and our academy incredibly well and they should be immensely proud of their accomplishments

Student Council

Our student council have started a very exciting project! Just before Easter, the student council on our Monkmoor site met with an Educational Psychologist to discuss their intrinsic motivators for coming to school. We are hoping that by finding out why our students want to come to school and what makes them happy about coming to school, we can create a reward system that will be fully inclusive and will encourage our students to be their best selves everyday.

Watch this space for updates from the Mary Webb and Futures members of student council who will have their meetings with in the coming weeks.

Following on from their discussions, the members of our student council then looked at all our Easter Egg entries to select their favourites in each department.

Friends of Severndale Bingo Afternoon

Thursday 23rd April,

4:00pm - 5:00pm,

For Staff, Students and Families with 5-6 games of bingo

£1 per game with prizes every game!

Including a raffle and refreshments.

Parking available on the bus bay - Hearne Way

For more information or to confirm your place, please email:
Laurence.Riley@LCT.Education

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TUE 21 APR - FRI 12 JUN
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OUR ENDANGERED WORLD
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Shropshire Council

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LITTLE RAINBOWS

SEN SESSIONS

Previous attachment

SAFE, SUPPORTIVE SEN STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS FOR 0-8S

MONKMOOR SCOUT HUT

10-11:30AM

SATURDAYS

Calm, inclusive play environment
Sensory friendly activities
Gentle structure with space to explore
Signed Makaton songs
Story massage
Opportunity to chat and connect with other parents and carers

CONTACT US

Little Rainbows SEN Sessions

@littlerainbowssen

Where to get help and support

Meet and Chat SEND

There are two Meet and Chat SEND sessions coming up for parent carers of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Meet n Chat SEND

Parent Carers can join us for an informal drop-in session where they can ask questions, get advice, and explore the support available to them within Shropshire. Speak to a range of professionals who can help with:

- Education, health, and Care Plans (EHCPs)
- School support and advocacy
- Health and Wellbeing for children with SEND
- Social care and family support
- Mental health and emotional wellbeing
- Advice for navigating SEND challenges

Each session will have different professionals available, but parent carers are encouraged to come along, have a chat, and find the help they need!

Visit the Family Information Service (FIS) directory for information on dates and venues.

Early Help Coffee and Chat Drop Ins

It's fair to say that all parents from time to time need some help and support with issues that impact on family life. There is help and support available in Shropshire through our Early Help coffee and chat drop ins – some of which are also stay and play sessions.

You can get free Information, advice and support on all aspects of family life, at our Family Drop-Ins. You can chat, have a cuppa and see how we can help you with:

- Family life
- Parenting support
- Domestic abuse support
- Money worries
- Housing support
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- and much more

To find your local drop in please visit the Shropshire Family Information Service Directory.