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Principal's Message

Hello parents and carers

What an amazing week we have had this week in Severndale. It has been an absolute delight to see parents and carers back in the building making Severndale feel like a true community again. Over the course of the week we hosted over 35 events and welcomed over 150 families into the academy. The pictures on this weeks newsletters just highlight the enjoyment and fun that that everybody involved gained from these events. As with previous terms I would be grateful if parents and carers could take five minutes to complete our termly survey that charts our progress in working with parents. Please be aware that at the end of the survey there is a question specifically about the Easter parent event that on this occasion includes some questions about the parent event. Please click on the link below to access the survey…

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LQR3Q3K

In addition I was hoping that our inspection report would have been officially published by today and we could have shared it with you. Unfortunately, it has not been released yet but as soon as I receive it I will ensure all parents receive a copy.

We are pleased to announce that we are already planning our next parents and carers event which will be a celebration of the Queens Jubilee and this will take place on the afternoon of Thursday, May 26. We are also hosting a Jubilee May Fair in conjunction with FOS (Friends of Severndale) on Saturday 21st May.

Developing parent and carer relationships

I have met with PACC and another parent today about how we can develop parent relationships further and am pleased to say that after Easter we will be sharing more opportunities for parents and carers to come in and attend coffee mornings, workshops and support sessions related to SEND. We are committed to developing our parent and carer relationships and for Severndale to become a key parent hub in Shropshire for parents and carers of young people with SEND.

COVID

I have attached a letter from the Learning Community Trust explaining about our approach to Covid from after Easter. All of the government guidance has been removed for educational establishments, including special schools although we are still encouraging staff to be COVID safe in all that they do within the academy.

It now only leaves me to wish you all a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 25th April

Brian

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F3 Sponsored car wash for Ukraine Fundraising Presentation

Brian was invited to F3 who were giving a presentation about their Fundraising idea to do a sponsored car wash to raise money for the Ukraine. Freddie said " We are fundraising to support the families in the Ukraine" and Sam stated that class needed enough donations to feed 2 families for a month. Oscar said," Our goal is to raise £100 to be able to feed 2 families for 1 month". Grace said "We will carry a donation bucket around school for people to sponsor us", we will do this on the first week back after Easter. David and Connor asked for staff to bring in any spare change they have lying around for donations. Charlie, who was behind the idea said he was "happy and excited and mum is very proud of my idea".
Brian was most impressed with the detail F3 put into the presentation and also the phenomenal illustrations and passion that they displayed when sharing their ideas.

P14 Kitchen Skills

This week we introduced a breakfast session in P14. Pupils have made independent choices, and practised their chopping, pouring and spreading skills!

Easter Events

We hope you enjoy our montage of pictures taken during our Easter activities as much as we enjoyed sharing these afternoons with you all.

EASTER PARENT EVENTS

S2 Crafting

S2 had a fantastic time painting Easter bunnies and painting golden daffodils.

P3 Easter activities

P3 enjoyed some fun family activities. Some pupils were looking for Easter eggs and easter chicks in their sensory tray and others were Easter biscuit decorating. The afternoon was a big hit with the children and parents, especially when it came to eating the biscuits!

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EASTER PARENT EVENTS

EYFS Egg Hunt

Early Years had great fun in the sand finding Eggs!

S4 Easter activities

S4 were showing their egg painting skills and sharing their Easter stories with their parents.

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EASTER PARENT EVENTS

P13/14 Easter Workshop

S5 Easter activities

S5 Made some Beautiful collage eggs.

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F4 Easter celebration

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S4 Biscuit Decorating

S10 Easter Afternoon Tea

S10 shared an afternoon Tea with their Parents, carers and friends making choices about what they would like to eat.

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S8 Easter Cooking

F5 Easter Bingo

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F7 Stagecoach Dance session

F7 Put Fred Astaire to shame on the dance floor with their moves.

EYFS Easter Egg Hunt

Early Years shared time with their parents and carers searching for eggs.

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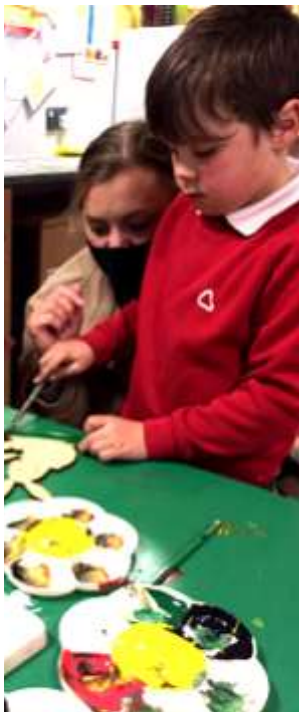
EASTER PARENT EVENTS

S1 Carousel of easter Activities

S1 Enjoyed painting, crafting and reading stories .



P11 Easter Art

P11 tried out their artistic skills with their family, painting and potato stamping.

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EASTER PARENT EVENTS

P9 &10 Received a visit from the Easter Bunny.

P11 Also had a visit from the Easter Bunnies Cousin!

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04.04.22 LCT Update to Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As you are aware the government, from 1st April, has moved to a position called "Living with Covid" which has seen the removal of all testing and the classification of Covid as a respiratory disease, that is managed in line with similar illnesses. There is a significant amount of Covid in the population currently and infection rates are high. We are struggling in many of our schools with staffing levels as we have lots of staff with Covid. The Easterholiday will hopefully see a break in the infection rate combined with warmer weather when there is a general reduction in these types of illness.

There has been very little guidance published to schools but the information we have is the following:-

For Adults:

If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, and have not taken a COVID-19 test:

Try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and you have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work or carry out normal activities, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until you no longer have a high temperature (if you had one) or until you no longer feel unwell.

What to do if you have a positive COVID-19 test result:

Try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. If you have a positive COVID-19 test result, it is very likely that you have COVID-19 even if you do not have any symptoms. You can pass on the infection to others,even if you have no symptoms. Many people with COVID-19 will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days. If you have a positive COVID-19 test result, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test. Test kits are no longer supplied by school but can be purchased from supermarkets and pharmacists.

The advice for children and young people under 18 is:-

- Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and wherepossible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough.
- If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and wherepossible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.
- Children and young people who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

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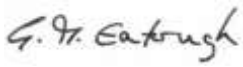
If you are unsure what to do, please contact your school for advice. This new approach to Covid is unlikely to change and the government has removed specific school guidance, schools now follow normal health procedures.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this term, it has been another challenging period of time as we try to operate normally. We are acutely aware that children have not always had their regular teachers, but we have managed to keep the vast majority of children in school and do the very best for them.

My best wishes to you and your family.

Kind regards,



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- Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well- being?
- Does your child struggle with their sleep?
- Would you like to access support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines?
- Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?

Sleep Tight Workshops

Come and Join us for a 5 week workshop

Starting on

Thursday 28th April 2022 in Shrewsbury from 10.00am to 12.00pm

Or

Friday 29th April 2022 in Shrewsbury from 10.00 to 12.00pm

Or

Thursday 16th June 2022 in Shrewsbury from 10.00 to 12.00pm

Or

Friday 17th June 2022 in Shrewsbury from 10.00 to 12.00pm

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:
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Actio
Easter Activities
all in
autism west midlands
Mon 11th April 10.30am - 2.30pm Belle View Youth Club Activity Day
&
Thursday 21st April 10.00am - 12.00pm
Attingham Park Woodland Work & Picnic
ACTIO'S ALL IN SHORT BREAKS & MORE
www.actio.org.uk
LIFE SHED
Mon-Fri
9.00am - 3.00pm
Easter Activity Camp, Condover
Tuesday & Thursday
9.00am - 4.00pm
Bushcraft Holiday Club, Ludlow
Thursdays
10.00am - 12.30pm
Water based activities, Shrewsbury
COUNTRY TREKS EQUESTRIAN
Sundays
10.30am - 12.00pm
Woodland Treks & Riding Skills, Stottesdon
Shropshire Community
Saturdays
10.00am - 11.00am &
11.00am - 12.00pm
SEND Cycling Sessions, Shrewsbury
Cavalier Centre
Multiple opportunities throughout the holidays, Much Wenlock
Shropshire Inclusive Dance
Days to be Confirmed
10.00am - 3.00pm
Dance sessions, Shrewsbury
Saturdays
Times and activities vary, Shrewsbury & Market Drayton
Funded by:
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- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents with children of a similar age?

Understanding Your Child Groups

Delivered Face to Face or Virtually

All you need is an email address and an electronic device for the virtual groups and we'll talk you through the rest)

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

Understanding Your Child on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 Face to Face in Shrewsbury from 10.00am to 12.00pm

Understanding Your Child SEND on Wednesday 4th May 2022 Virtually MS Teams from 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Understanding Your Child on Thursday 5th May 2022 Virtually MS Teams from 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Understanding Your Child SEND on Friday 6th May 2022 Face to Face in Shrewsbury from 10.00am to 12.00pm

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Staff Spotlight

This weeks "Staff Spotlight" section is focusing on and all about Jayne…

Name: Jayne Parry
Job: Lead Teaching Assistant

What does this involve?
I support the teachers and the children within my class on a daily basis. I ensure that they have an enjoyable learning time with lots of fun activities. I am also a first aider and attend and help children and staff around school who have any injuries.

What do I enjoy outside of school?
I have several hobbies; walking, sewing and gardening. I am also the Chair of Friends of Severndale (FoS) and I organise events such as discos and fayres to raise money for the academy and also to bring Severndale families together.

Please tell us something interesting about you?
I have eight grandchildren I love spending time with them and I always make them special birthday cakes.

Here you can meet the staff in our newsletter and this will allow everyone to find out more about the people who work at Severndale.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Next week supermarket vouchers will be sent out to families of students eligible for benefits related Free School Meals to cover the period of the Easter break. These will be sent using Edenred as we have done over previous holidays. Please keep an eye out for their emails and check your junk/spam folder if you haven't received anything. If you have any questions please contact your class teacher.

What's happening this term!

Dates Coming up...

First day back after Easter Monday 25 April 2022
May Day Holiday Monday 2 May 2022
Last day before May Half Term Friday 27 May 2022
First day back after May Half Term Monday 6 June 2022