Newsletter 21.01.22

Severndale Star

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this weeks newsletter and I must start by thanking parents again for your support in continuing to administer LFD tests to your children. We have to give a particular thanks to parents of P6 and also S7 who have just returned to school due to all members of staff in the class testing positive. Your support in the remote learning programme is appreciated immensely and I sincerely hope that the government information suggesting that the peak of Omnicom has passed is a reality.

Unfortunately due to the increase in numbers of pupils testing in school we have used up our allocation of tests that we have been sent by the government. Despite chasing this up earlier this week the earliest that a delivery can arrive is in 2 weeks time. Please can we ask that parents and carers source testing kits from a local pharmacy or supermarket until we have our new delivery. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Forthcoming dates

I just wanted to make parents aware of some forthcoming dates that will involve Severndale pupils.
Our first date is the week beginning 7th – 11th March where we will be holding our whole academy careers week. During this week we will be looking at all aspects of careers including finding out about people who help us, looking at what options are available for our pupils when they leave Severndale and also what skills and qualities do we need to support our journey through the academy and into life.

Our second date is also during this week and involves Severndale pupils performing a dance at the Theatre Severn in the evening. This is part of the 'Shrewsbury's Gotta Dance' festival and the pupils involved have worked so hard to produce their dance for this event. The event will be held on the 8th March and tickets are available for parents and carers who wish to support. Please contact the academy for more information about this.

Wellbeing Hub

You will see in the newsletter that we have set up our own wellbeing hub at Severndale. This is a classroom space in the school where pupils can attend to support their understanding of emotional regulation. Pupils can be referred to access the wellbeing hub where they will participate in specific activities designed to support them. Please contact Lorna Matley for more information on 01743 563333.

Curriculum Update

The Pre-formal and Semi-formal curriculum has been redesigned and class teams have been delivering the new model for the past two weeks. Our aim is to make the curriculum more pupil friendly and engaging and classes in Primary are working on the theme of 'Once upon a time' and Secondary are working towards outcomes based on Roald Dahl books. Please contact your class teacher for more information about these changes if you have any questions but at present the feedback from both pupils and staff is positive.

It only leaves me now to wish you all a pleasant weekend and look forward to seeing our pupils back on Monday morning.

Brian

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F3 From PE to Bookfest

F3 have been visited this week by Jo Prosser from Bookfest to launch the child-led reading initiative at Severndale. The students are enjoying reading their new books and were very interested in meeting Jo as well. If you want to know more about bookfest then please go to the below link: https://www.shropshirebookfest.co.uk/

They have also been exercising to keep fit and were using the benches showing how well they could balance. There was a lot of concentration and effort to make sure they stayed balanced! Well done to F3.

Mary Webb Success

One of our students at Severndale at Mary Webb started joining main stream for History lessons in year 7. During his time in inclusion, he has learnt about the battle of Hastings, Weimar Republic, Medicine Through Time and various world wars. His favourite topic has been the Weimar Republic.

Before Christmas Thomas sat his year 11 GCSE mock exam where he scored a grade 4! Thomas alongside Heather who has supported him since year 7 and throughout lockdown and both should be incredibly proud of this achievement. They will continue to work through to his final GCSE exam in the Summer.

Thomas said " I am very overwhelmed and proud of my grade. I'd like to thank my Mum and Dad, Grandad, Heather and Miss Weston for giving up their time and helping me."

We are all extremely proud of this wonderful achievement and wish Thomas the very best for his exam in the summer.

Futures Focus

Students at Futures have been learning about Health & Safety and last week 18 students passed the Level 1 Award in Health & Safety in the Workplace. They have all engaged and enjoyed this course and we are all very proud of their achievements. They have shown a great understanding of many aspects of Health & Safety which will benefit them not only when they access a workplace environment but also in everyday life.

Comments from the students about the course included 'I have learnt about how to keep safe in different places', 'I know more about dangers in the workplace', 'I feel more confident about going into a workplace now I can keep myself safe', 'It has given me confidence in myself, and I will feel safer going into a workplace, 'I want to thank staff for believing that I could achieve this'. Well done Futures!

Getting out in the horticulture garden has also been a part of this weeks tasks, where they have been tidying and planting ready for spring, and working on reception answering the phones.

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Well Being Hub

Our first week in the new well-being hub has been an exciting week! We have all been getting to know each other and using the students interests to develop relationships with them.

We have been doing lots of mixing and tactile activities such as making potions, following instructions to make salt dough, creating a display on dinosaurs, making smoothies and lots more!

Into week two the relationships between staff and students are flourishing, the well-being hub is a positive and calm environment and progress is being seen already.

P1 Activities

P1 looked at a sensory story from Goldilocks and used this to chose items to make porridge. They also role played going to the shops, buying and paying for the ingredients to make the porridge.

SF1 Certificates

Students in SF1 have been given certificates for going over and above their norm and pushing themselves beyond their own limits. Well done to you all in SF1.

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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 SEND Groups (age 0-19)

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

Dates & Times:

Tuesday 25th January 2022 for 10 weeks (excluding school holidays)

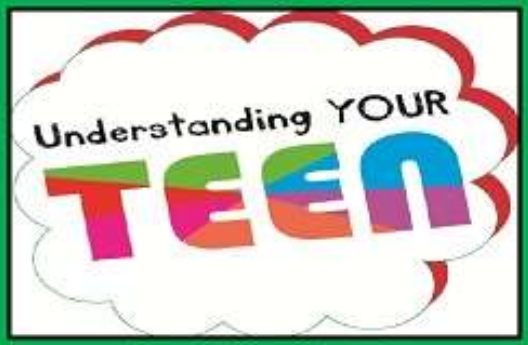
Time 09.30—11.30 Virtually

or

Wednesday 26th January 2022 for 10 weeks (excluding school holidays)

Time 09.30—11.30 Virtually

To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by:
Emailing Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or
Telephone: 01743 250950



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FOS Meet Up and Save the Date

Parents and carers met up as planned on Thursday 19th January and had time to get together and enjoy a coffee and a chat. They are looking forward to arranging the next one! Thank you to everyone who turned up.

SAVE THE DATE! Friends of Severndale ("FOS") is excited to announce the return of the FOS Disco 12th Feb 6-8pm at Bayston Hill Memorial Hall. Further details to follow, but for new parents, it's a brilliant opportunity for students, friends and family in the Severndale community to get together and have a dance!

Join the (private) FOS group on Facebook for more info -

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1510525945944160/

We'll look forward to seeing photos of the meet up and future events that happen. Watch this space for what's coming up next with FOS.

Severndale Food Bank

Our food bank has been very busy this week with donations! Russ from RRT popped in with lots of boxes filled with non perishable foods. We have also had another donation this week from the community champion at Morrisons Chelsea White, we will be adding the items to our boxes. We are so thankful to them for supporting us!

If you would like to access and have a food box sent home to you then contact your child's class teacher or contact reception on 01743 563333 by Wednesday and we send them home with the students on a Friday. Our staff have been busy getting this weeks boxes ready, we send several out every week, please get in touch if you would like to use this service.

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Staff Spotlight

This weeks “Staff Spotlight” section is focusing on and all about Karen …

Name: Karen Jones
Job: Work Experience / Careers Administrator

What does this involve?
Working with parents / carers, students, local employers and staff to seek and implement opportunities for our students.

What do I enjoy outside of school?
Walking with my dog Finley, swimming, Pilates and spending time with my grand children and family.

Please tell us something interesting about you?
I previously worked for 25 years at a dental practice

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.

What’s happening this term!

Dates Coming up...

Last Day of half term Friday 18 February 2022
First Day after half term Monday 28 February 2022

Our New Website

Take a look at our new website at:

www.severndaleacademy.co.uk

We are adding new information every week

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