Severndale Star

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello parents and carers,

I trust you are all well and back in the usual school routine after half term. As always, pupils have returned well and have got straight back into working hard and enjoying their day.

I have been contacted by a number of parents who are keen to find out about transition plans ready for September. I am aware that this is always an anxious time for parents particularly when we know many of our young people need a lot of support when it comes to change. I will keep parents and carers updated about our transition plans and we will also be inviting you in as part of our transition process.

Reflections on the Jubilee event

Although it seems like it happened a long time ago I just wanted to say another thank you to parents and carers for your support at the Jubilee event. Staff, parents and carers and of course the pupils are still talking about it. I have been made aware that some parents were taking photographs of the event and it is important that as with all other schools these photographs are of your child only and are kept personal to you, i.e. not shared on social media.

Uniform

As we move towards the end of the year and get ready for September I just wanted to direct parents and carers to our uniform section of the website so that you can be aware of the uniform information. There is some change as you move through the key stages and we would ask that if you are purchasing new uniform you look at the suggested uniform on the website first. Please note that there is no expectation to wear a jumper / blazer with the Severndale logo on but if you do want to purchase a jumper / blazer with a logo then the supplier is listed on the website too. Other than this specific supplier it is fine to purchase uniform from wherever you wish to shop.

Tickwood

Many of our parents and carers have heard of Tickwood care farm and have really positive experiences from being involved with activities at Tickwood. I am pleased to share with parents and carers that from September we will have a designated senior leader based at Tickwood so that we can improve access and opportunities for Severndale pupils in this fabulous site. Over the next few weeks we will be adding a Severndale@Tickwood page onto our website and I will alert you to this so that parents and carers who are not aware of Tickwood will be able to see it ready for September.

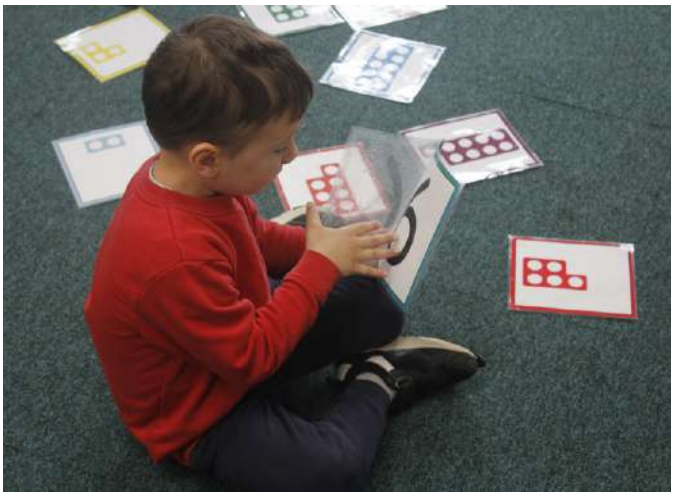
It only leaves me now to wish you all a fantastic weekend

Brian

EY1 - MATHEMATICS

Guitar Hero and EY1 teacher Daniel Ryng supplied the fun when it came to learning Mathematics on Wednesday morning. This is only the beginning for our young pupils, as maths stimulates the brain and improves their problem-solving skills.

EY1 - MATHEMATICS



S9 - SPORTS DAY PREP

S9 pupils started their preparation's for Sports Day with some balancing activities during Thursday's PE lesson. Mark from Shrewsbury in the Community will be teaching pupils the basic skills from Ready, Set, Go! and will be introducing progression activities in the upcoming weeks.

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P5 & P6 - REBOUND

P5 and P6 joined together for a rebound session this week. Both classes took turns and shared the trampoline wonderfully! Lots of smiles, singing and bouncing.

P9 & P10 - REBOUND

The children in classes P9 & P10 have been participating with Rebound Therapy. This enables the children to feel their bodies moving in different ways. The children have lots of fun with the adults singing silly songs to them, while gently bouncing them on the trampoline.

F7 - TRANSITION VISIT TO FUTURES

Students took part in the career pathways and then enjoyed lunch from the Futures Cafe before returning to school. They will be going over to Futures every Wednesday morning until the end of term.

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P13 & P14 - SOFT PLAY

Soft play enhances the pupils motor skills by offering opportunities for climbing, jumping, crawling, rolling and running. These enhanced motor skills transfer easily to day-to-day activities, making children far more confident about their physical abilities.

S5 - QUEEN MEETS PADDINGTON

The pupils of S5 really enjoyed watching Paddington Bear meet the Queen during the Jubilee Celebrations on Television, so they brought them both back to the classroom. Reading books, colouring pictures and producing a lot of smiles.

SF2 - BIKE PARK

Cycling can offer significant health benefits to pupils with complex disabilities by improving fitness and mental wellbeing. It can also mitigate secondary conditions.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT - MONIKA COOPER

Name: Monika Cooper

Job title: Pastoral Lead

What does this involve?

I work in our wellbeing hub and support pupils to develop strategies to regulate their emotions and also support pupil wellbeing. I have recently completed my ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) course.

What do I enjoy outside of school?

I taught myself to crochet, going camping and spending time with family and friends.

Please tell us something interesting about you?

I was born in Germany and came to England in 1984. I still dream in German (*so my husband says*). I have worked at Severndale for 23 years.

What is something people don't know about you?

I used to take part in County Championships in High Jump and set a record 3 years in a row.

FOS AGM MEETING

FOS was pleased to have some new members elected to the Committee at this week's AGM, along with others who have renewed their pledge to help FOS informally this next year. We couldn't do it without the whole team (many of whom escaped before this photo could be taken!)

Pictured: Will Cawood - parent of student in Semi-Formal; Jane Butler - parent of student in Formal; Jayne Parry - staff member (FOS Chair); Mell Hartwright - parent of student in Hub; Lyn Hough - Friend (parent of former student); Robin Cox - Friend (FOS Treasurer and parent of former student); Sarah Cox - Friend (FOS Vice-Chair and parent of former student).

The team are already busy planning the summer fair in July. Do contact us if you can lend a hand. It's a great way to meet us informally and find out if it's something you would like to get more involved in. The team comprises current parent-carers of students across the whole school; parents of former students; staff members and former staff members.

FRIENDS OF SEVERNDALE

SUMMER FAIR

RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, GAMES, BOUNCY CASTLE AND STALLS INCLUDING CAKES AND PLANTS.

SATURDAY 9 JULY - 11:00 - 13:00
SEVERNDALE SPECIALIST ACADEMY

ENTRY TO FAIR THROUGH MAIN SCHOOL ENTRANCE

DONATIONS - DONATIONS OF RAFFLE AND TOMBOLA PRIZES, CAKES AND PLANTS FOR SALE WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED - PLEASE SEND THEM INTO SCHOOL FOR THE ATTENTION OF JAYNE PARRY (BRING CAKES AND PLANTS ON THE DAY).

VOLUNTEERS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! PLEASE EMAIL FOSSOCIALEVENTS@GMAIL.COM IF YOU CAN SPARE A BIT OF TIME TO SET UP, MAN A STALL OR HELP TIDY UP. IT'S AN "ALL HANDS ON DECK" KIND OF EVENT AND IT'S A GREAT WAY TO MEET OTHER FOS MEMBERS.

STALL HOLDERS - PLEASE EMAIL JAYNE.PARRY@SEVERNDALEACADEMY.CO.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A STALL.

The aim in celebrating this day is to spread awareness about the cultural heritage and diversity on the planet.

DOWN SYNDROME CHESHIRE

TOILET TRAINING

Session to be delivered by June Rodgers MBE, who is a bladder and bowel specialist

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Becoming toilet trained is a developmental journey that involves the learning of several different skills. Many parents may feel daunted by this prospect and there is often a mistaken belief that you must 'wait until the child is ready' before you start toilet training. However, if you don't give the child the opportunity to become aware of and develop the required skills how will they ever be 'ready'?

This online session will discuss our 'Step by Step Toilet Skill Development Programme', which is an award-winning approach that has been developed over a number of years. It has proved very successful in enabling many children with Down syndrome to become toilet trained age appropriately. The programme covers the range of skills required to enable children to become toilet trained. These skills can then be broken down into steps. Introducing each step, one at a time, gives the child the opportunity to develop the required skills in a progressive manner, making the process more manageable for the family and more successful for the child.

MONDAY 20TH JUNE @ 7:30 – 9PM

MEETING TO BE HELD ON ZOOM

LINK TO REGISTER YOUR PLACE. HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/AIBTURVDP5EPW1CP9

Telford & Wrekin SENDIASS
@ Telford & Wrekin CVS
are hosting their annual

SEND TRANSITION EVENT

THURSDAY 16 JUNE
9.30am-2.30pm
The Family Zone
Hazledine House

Are you the parent of a child with Special Educational Needs or a Disability who is 'moving up' this year?
Get **ALL** the information, advice and guidance you need to plan and prepare - straight from the experts.

'Market Stall' style **Info Hubs to browse and get more information**

Send us your Questions in advance for the **Q&A Sessions** here: **info@iass.org.uk**

Throughout the day sessions will feature SENDIASS, Local Authority, Schools, PODS, Strengthening Families, Future Focus and other relevant organisations and will include:
General Transition Session
Plus 1 hour specific Sessions
Early Years to Primary
Primary to Secondary
Post-16
Each followed by a **Q&A Session**

£50
TELFORD CENTRE
VOUCHER TO BE WON

FREE ENTRY TO ALL ATTENDEES

Refreshments provided!

For more information and to BOOK your ticket for the day:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/send-transition-event-tickets-342632752787

12 and 15 Hazledine House . Central Square . Telford . TF3 4JL
info@iass.org.uk | 01952 457176

Shropshire Council

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

Or

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

Please get in touch if you would prefer a virtual workshop.

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

SCHOOL INFORMATION

OUR WEBSITE

Take a look at our website - www.severndaleacademy.co.uk

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