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ADDMORE FEDERATION  
'Together we add more'

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**Friday 27th January 2023 - Letter Number: XLVIII**

**This Half Term's Value: Kindness**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As I write this, I think that it would be fair to say that I am in recovery mode! Last night Miss Archer, Miss McLaughlin, Mrs Vaughan, 16 chorists, several parents and I attended what was an absolutely phenomenal Young Voices Concert! Having attended last year I think we were all expecting an explosion of live music, Beat Boxing and street dancing but nothing prepared us for the sheer explosion of music and dancing that met us yesterday afternoon.



From the concert Violinist, Anna Phoebe, who was not only the most inspirational Musician but was also wearing the most incredible pair of glittery platform boots, to the surprise guest performance by none other than M People's Heather Small! It was non-stop fun!

Although a long day and a VERY late night we had an incredible day, and we were all so proud of our choir. The children sang with such confidence, and it was an overwhelmingly joyous experience to be able to dance and sing alongside the 5,900 person strong choir.

Research indicates that group singing is proven to have lasting benefits upon Mental Health; reducing symptoms of depression and improving wellbeing, self-belief and self-esteem. So getting up moving and singing out loud is so important to us!

As a school we believe passionately about the positive benefits of Music upon Mental Health and over the coming weeks we are going to be introducing lunch time discos that will be sure to not only get our children active and moving but singing and feeling great too.

Thanks to all those who have supported our children and for the teachers who supported the trip and ensured it all went ahead smoothly!

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

Mrs S. Henney



## Attendance



This week's winners are Stiperstones – Well done!

<u>Class</u>	<u>This week ...</u>	<u>Previous week ....</u>
Lawley	94.78%	93.91%
Wrekin	96.32%	98.42%
Caradoc	98.33%	98.33%
Stiperstones	100%	98.46%
Whole School	97.09%	97.09%

## This week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

**Ercall** - Ellis McLaughlin for developing his self-confidence during phonics sessions. Well done Ellis!

**Lawley** - Ezekiel Law for working independently in all subjects this week and for coming into class ready to learn. Well done Ezekiel.

**Wrekin** – Jess Goulter - For working hard to write sentences that make sense and editing and correcting her work appropriately.

**Caradoc**- Lu Smith for working so hard in maths this week

**Stiperstones** - Freya- for always quietly working hard in all areas of the curriculum and making super progress as a result. Well done Freya!

## Class News

### Ercall

This week in nursery we have been celebrating Chinese New Year- The year of the rabbit.

The children engaged well during story time, learning all about Chinese New Year celebrations.

We also enjoyed tasting Chinese foods which included: noodles, rice, prawn crackers and spring rolls.

We have developed our fine motor skills through exploring a tuff tray full of shredded paper, pom poms and Chinese symbols. The children used pincer grip tweezers to collect the red pom poms from the tray.





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We enjoyed exploring the remaining snow, through building snowmen and looking at our footprints in the snow.

Outdoors we have built tall London towers which links to our topic, 'Naughty Bus'- We discussed the sizes of our towers to see whose was the tallest and who built the shortest.

During phonics, we have been concentrating on the sound, 'o'.....next week week we will be finding objects which begin with the phoneme, 'c'.

Well done Ercall, another fantastic week of learning.



Please can you send nursery children in on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** with their toothbrush/ toothpaste and wearing their pyjamas.

Our topic is 'Naughty Bus' and the story refers to toothbrushes and toothpaste so we thought it would be a good opportunity to promote oral hygiene within the nursery once again.

**Best wishes Mrs Butler and Mrs Arblaster, Mrs Jones and Miss Hughes.**

**Lawley**

This week the children in Year One have started looking at suffixes adding 'er', 'est', 'ed' and 'ing' to root words to change the meaning of the words, such as tall could become 'taller' or 'tallest'. It was a very tricky concept and I have been delighted that the children have worked hard to add suffixes in their English word to describe the Lion inside. Well done Year One.

Reception have also worked hard in English to develop their sentence writing. We have been looking at adding adjectives into our writing to make it more interesting for the reader. Reception have also been developing the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Everyone has made a great effort so well done Reception.

In maths we have been working on number bonds to 10 for Reception and our recall of number bonds to 10 whilst Year One have been looking at number bonds to 20. The children have done lots of practical maths involving splitting up two parts to make their whole





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number. The children have enjoyed dancing and singing to Jack Hartmann's number bonds songs.

In Geography we have been looking at this week's weather and the weather in the UK. Next week we will be going out with rain gauges to measure the amount of rainfall we have had in a day.

A great week and a busy one too,

Well done Lawley

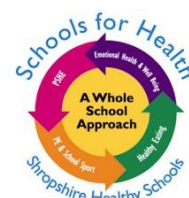


**Mrs Greenway and Mrs Dykes.**

**Wrekin**

We welcomed Miss James to our class this week. She is an AT, studying to be a teacher and will be with us until Easter. We are very excited to get to know her better and show her what a great class we are.

We have been making the most of our woodland school this year and some of us are really enjoying building dens. We are lacking in building materials though and would like to ask if anyone is able to source some big branches like the ones in the photo that are perfect for den building, it would be very much appreciated.



We also joined eco-council this week to take part in the Big Schools Bird watch. We scattered bird food and then waited patiently. We saw a lot of blackbirds and pigeons and even a few tiny sparrows.



**Miss Jones and Mrs Burns**

### Caradoc

Caradoc have had another productive week this week! We have started our new English book, 'Escape to Pompeii' and created some beautiful descriptive writing based on this.

We have also created our own Roman shields this week, considering what and how they were used and different designs that could be used. They look absolutely amazing!

Some of our class also attended the fantastic Young Voices concert at the NEC yesterday. As usual it was an amazing experience for the children and the show was fantastic! The children had an amazing time, and although there are a lot of tired faces today, they are all exceptionally excited to go back again next year!

**Miss S McLaughlin**

### Stiperstones

This week we have started out 'Come Dine With Me' experience. Our two groups made the starters this week, using peppers as a main ingredient.





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Tom, Lewis and Owen created pepper-based pizzas and Liz and Evie created Pepper and Tomato soup. Everybody sampled these dishes and agreed they were incredibly tasty. Most of us said they were dishes we'd like to have a go at making ourselves at home! We will be creating a class cookbook full of recipes at the term progresses so I'm sure we will add these to the book!



**Mrs V Baillie**

**other news ....**

**Eco-council**

Today we took part in the Big Schools Birdwatch and headed out to observe the birds in our school grounds. After topping up our numerous bird feeders, we spent an hour outside and recorded the birds we saw. Taking part in this event has inspired us to provide more wild spaces which might encourage more birds to visit our school grounds.

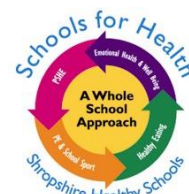
This weekend we are asking everyone in our school to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch. You can sign up and find more information here - <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

**Ukulele Club**

We still have spaces for people at ukulele club so please sign up if you'd like to learn. The school can provide ukuleles.

**Make Some Noize (After school choir club)**

As so many children love singing at our schools, we are planning to run a choir club on Thursdays after school for Adderley and Moreton Say children. Please sign up for this (via School Spider) as it will be starting on Thursday February 2nd. We'll be adding body percussion, dance moves and some instruments to our songs so we really will be making some noise!

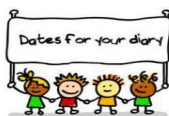




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**Moreton Say Diary Dates 2022 – 2023**



**FEBRUARY**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February Tempest Photography in school

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – School breaks up for half term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Children return to school

**MARCH**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Break the Rules Day (Details to follow)

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – School breaks up for Easter

**APRIL**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school

**MAY**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday, School Closed

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday for King's coronation, School Closed

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – School breaks up for half term.

**JUNE**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Children return to school





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**and finally ....**

**Teacher Industrial Action**

**Strike Action - 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

Following Risk Assessment Tasks with the Senior Leadership Team and Consultation with the Federation's Governing Body, I can now advise you that both schools will be fully open to pupils (Including Breakfast Club and After School Club at Moreton Say) on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

However, please bear in mind this comes with the caveat that this could change up until 8.45am on the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Any changes will be communicated via School Spider at the earliest opportunity.

I would like though to take this opportunity to thank our staff on behalf of myself and the Governing Body for your continued support and professionalism during what is a challenging time.

**Number Day 2023** **NSPCC Number Day**

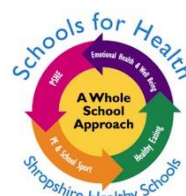
We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023. Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. The NSPCC needs our support more than ever and by helping to raise money, we can help fund vital services such as Childline. The money we raise will also help the NSPCC continue to run its **Speak Up, Stay Safe** program, designed to help children to understand what they can do if they need help and support.

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February we are inviting children to come dressed in a number/maths themed outfit. We are asking that children bring a voluntary donation of £1 to support the event.

Children will take part in lots of exciting maths games and challenges; including problem solving involving reasoning and logic skills!

**TEMPEST**  
PHOTOGRAPHY

Tempest Photography will be in school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February to take individual and family group photographs.







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**Free maths and numeracy courses for adults**

Aged 19+ The Multiply programme has been launched recently as part of the Levelling Up agenda. The aim is to provide a range of confidence building programmes that boost people's ability to use maths in their daily life, at home and work. Please see link below for details:

[https://www.scg.ac.uk/our-courses/free-maths-courses-for-adults?utm\\_source=LinkedIn&utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_campaign=parttime\\_jan\\_23&utm\\_id=parttime\\_jan\\_23](https://www.scg.ac.uk/our-courses/free-maths-courses-for-adults?utm_source=LinkedIn&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign=parttime_jan_23&utm_id=parttime_jan_23)

