

Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Welcome to our November newsletter, designed to keep you up to date with what is taking place within our Trust. It has been an incredibly busy and productive term as always, with large numbers of our young people involved in a wide variety of additional activities and events across all of our schools.



This month's school in focus is St Bartholomew's and, as you will see, students and staff have been involved in some exciting projects this term including making three new Kings for the Stourport-on-Severn candle-lit procession. All schools have been actively involved in Remembrance events, services and assemblies and this has been particularly poignant this year as we mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

Many of our young people have been involved in a variety of other educational experiences including trips to Thinktank and Jaguar Land Rover, maths and poetry competitions, celebrating Diwali and also fantastic performances at the Swan Theatre, involving pupils from Wilden All Saints. Our secondary schools held two very successful VIth Form Open Evenings which were attended by a large number of prospective students and parents. For further information, please contact info@baxtercollege.co.uk for Baxter College enquiries or office@shs.saet.co.uk for Stourport High School.

Being part of SAET provides a strong base from which our schools can work closely together and it is this collaboration that will enable practices to be shared and give all our students in the Trust the best possible opportunities. The run-up to Christmas is always an exciting time and we look forward to your continued support our schools in the many additional activities that are planned during December.

We hope you enjoy reading about some of the work across our schools in our November newsletter and thank you for taking the time to read a little more about our schools and students' successes.

Chris King

**Chief Executive
National Leader of Education**

School in Focus – St Bartholomew's CE Primary



Remembrance



& Christmas Activities



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School in Focus – St Bartholomew's CE Primary School & Nursery



Lest We Forget

On Friday 9 November students marked the 100th anniversary of the First World War by paying a special tribute to the fallen soldiers of Areley Kings. Each class created individual poppy wreaths which were laid in front of the memorial board. This memorial was specially commissioned at the end of World War I to remember the 14 soldiers from the village who sadly didn't return home. Students read information about each of the soldiers from a recently published book 'The Story of Areley Kings and World War I'.

The school community was thrilled to have the author of this book, Bill Wood, and his wife Sue, along with members of the local history society, Mr & Mrs Russel, at this special service. Throughout the service and two-minute silence, great respect was shown for such an historic occasion. The wreaths will be incorporated into a special display, both in the school and alongside the memorial to ensure 'we never forget'.



FareShare & Tesco Support Collaboration

St Bart's have been successful in their recent application to have the opportunity to collect unsold bakery, fruit and veg items once a week for use by the school. Through these weekly collections, St Bart's hope to be able to pass groceries onto their children.

Three Kings Parade

Children in year 4 and 5 from St Bartholomew's worked extremely hard constructing three new Kings; Balthasar, Melchior and Gaspar for the candle-lit parade which took place part on Friday 23 November. These new designs were based on the imaginative ideas of the pupils and were carried by them at the Christmas parade. They were joined by other students from Burlish Park, St Wulstans, Astley Primary Schools and Stourport High School in the festive procession. Mrs Watkins said, "We decided this year to replace the previous kings who were well used and showing signs of age. This was all made possible by a grant from Stourport Council and support from Mr Penwarden." The parade was a huge success with the fireworks and carol service being enjoyed by all.



Young Mathematicians Award

On Wednesday 7 November, 4 students from Stourport Primary Academy took part in a Young Mathematicians Award competition in Stourbridge, organised by Explore Learning. The students had to work as team to complete different mathematical problems and present back to the organisers. They worked brilliantly demonstrating great skill and teamwork.



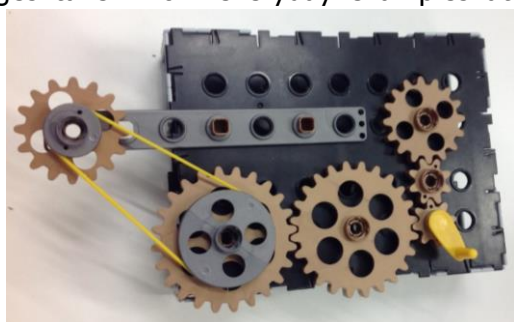
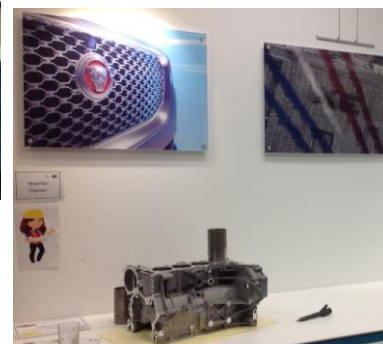
Jaguar Land Rover Trip

On Thursday 8 November, 20 students from Wolverley Sebright Primary Academy and Stourport Primary Academy took part in a 'Count me in maths day' at Jaguar Land Rover's i54 Engine Manufacturing Innovation Centre in Wolverhampton.

The event is one of many enhanced learning opportunities organised by SAET in conjunction with the University of Wolverhampton. In addition to a tour of the factory, students took part in a series of activities to develop their maths skills including measuring, calculating, capturing data, analysing data and problem-solving. Maths skills are critical to all elements of the business at Jaguar Land Rover's Manufacturing Centre and students worked together to solve a number of practical maths challenges taken from everyday examples at the factory.



Above: a winning team involving pupils from Stourport Primary Academy and Wolverley Sebright Primary Academy.



WWI Centenary Remembrance

All of our schools demonstrated their respect and impeccable behaviour during services and assemblies marking 100 years since the end of WW1. Schools across the Trust took part in a poetry competition to mark this prolific event and Year 13 students involved in the difficult task of judging the entries. The winners from St Bart's: Autumn Birch, Yazmin Newton, Macie Crumpton, Gracie, Charley, Emily Rix, Elizabeth Breakwell, Bethany Manning, Steffanie Broadwith, Jorge Hall, Nadine Coyle and Emily Price. The winners from Wolverley Sebright: Imogen Watkins, Rose Bishop, Jacob Morgan, Max Singleton, Aaron Griffiths, Toby Denton, Ava Albutt, Evie Rose, Masie George-Fuller, Callum Hartridge, Millie Round and Megan Griffiths. Some of the winners are pictured below receiving their certificates.

Hartlebury CE Primary:

Remembrance

All they did for us,
100 years ago,
They marched in war against
Germany,
To give us a better future.
The whistle of the shells,
The moan of the soldiers,
Roar of guns,
All of that,
To give us a better future.
5 months in,
The war showed no sign of ending,
Millions already lost,
Hospital carts everywhere,
All that to give us a better future.



SPA:

Year 4 students were involved in a tree planting ceremony at the Memorial Park. This was organised by the Mayor and each of the 108 trees planted represented a soldier from the WWI Role of Honour.

St Bart's:

Thank you to all the children who helped make our Remembrance Service so special on Friday 9 November. Each class had made a wreath of poppies which were laid under the memorial of the 14 soldiers from Areley Kings in the First World War. The children showed great respect and made the staff and I very proud.

Baxter College:

Year 7 World War One Ambassadors made poppies out of recycled plastic bottles. All the poppies made formed a waterfall illusion, similar to the 'Poppies in the Moat' at the Tower of London in 2014.



SHS:

English students created some amazing work which supported their studies of Private Peaceful. The students then displayed the wonderful models they had created to Ms Deakin.

Wolverley:

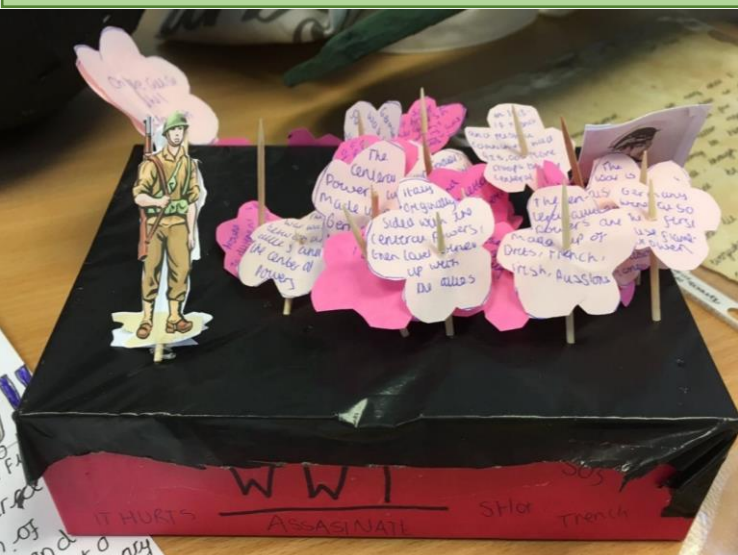
All KS2 students from Wolverley Sebright took part in the poetry opportunity demonstrating excellent writing skills and creativity.



Wilden:

Students attended All Saints Church to remember those who are no longer here. Thank you to staff and students who contributed to help make it such a memorable event.





A selection of photos from Remembrance activities:

Alex's Cycling Success

SHS's Alex Barker has also had a very impressive cycling performance taking on the age-group titles in Yorkshire recently. Alex stayed with the group for majority of the race before breaking apart and taking the win!



Iceland Trip

Over the October half-term, Miss Cutts, Miss Gaffney, Mr Capuano, Mr Perry and a team of others travelled to Iceland with 41 students from Baxter College. The weather was fantastic and they got to explore some of the amazing physical geography and wonderful attractions that Iceland is famous for. Students visited a geothermal swimming pool, the new LAVA Centre, had homemade ice cream courtesy of the local dairy farm, visited waterfalls, black sand beaches and shopping in Reykjavik.

'An experience of a lifetime'

'It was brilliant!'

'Would just like to thank the school for organising a fantastic trip to Iceland.'



Hartlebury Rocks

After being inspired by all the amazing Remembrance displays and in honour of all the service men, women and animals who have served, suffered and sacrificed their lives for our country since World War I, Hartlebury CE thought it would be lovely to display some decorated "poppy rocks" around the war memorial at St James Church.

What better way to bring a village community and families together by spending a few moments decorating a stone, taking time to reflect and making our children aware of the importance of Remembrance Day.



St Bart's PTA Poppy Wreath Competition

The PTA provided prizes for all the students that entered the 'design a poppy wreath' competition as they were so impressed by the quality and care the students had taken. A large number of students submitted a design and all were amazing!

The overall winner of the competition was Elena Shannon and her design has been incorporated into a poppy wreath that was laid at the Stourport Memorial on Sunday 11 November.

Crafty Chippies impress at Bell Heath

Year 6 students from Stourport Primary spent a day at Bell Heath Outdoor Elements, building a new seating area and fire pit. Students had to apply maths, science and design skills alongside their woodwork skills to dig holes, cement posts, measure and cut wood. The reward was to bake their own bread and wash it down with hot cocoa!



Christmas Activities

30/11	2pm	Christmas Fayre
4/12	9:15am	Rainbow Nativity
5/12	9am	Nursery Christmas Coffee
	2pm	Christmas Church Service
11/12	9:15am	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play
12/12	2pm	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play
13&14	8:40am	Breakfast with Santa
17/12	9am&6:30pm	KS2 Christmas Production (Yr 3-5)
18/12	1:30 & 6:30	KS2 Christmas Prod(Yr3-5)
19/12		Christmas at SPA inc. lunch
20/12		Father Christmas Assembly
20/12		Last day of term



6/12 Christmas Concert
13/12 Awards Evening
20/12 Last day of term

Well done to everyone who contributed to the Shoebox Appeal and thank you in advance for your support with hampers.



7/12 9:30 Little & Snowy Owls Christmas Play
11/12 2pm Barn & Tawny Owls Christmas Play
18/12 6pm Kestrels & Falcons Christmas Play
19/12 6pm Eagles & Hawks Christmas Play
21/12 Wilden's Got Talent Christmas Party



6/12 9am Jubilee Christmas Church Performance
7/12 1pm Christmas Disco
11/12 9am Whole School Panto
12/12 12pm Whole School Christmas Lunch
14/12 10am KS1 Christmas Play TBC
18/12 1:30 Early Years Christmas Play in Church
20/12 6:45 KS2 Christmas Carols in Church
21/12 10am Christmas Party & Visit from Santa!



7/12 2pm Christmas Carols and Craft Sale
12/12 5:30 KS1 Christmas Nativity
14/12 1:45 Early Years Nativity
17/12 1pm Dippy the Clown PTA Treat
18/12 Reading Party
19/12 Christmas lunches
20/12 9am Christmas Church Service
20/12 Last day of term



7/12 12pm Santa Fun Run
12/12 12pm Christmas Lunches
13/12 9am Early Years Nativity
13/12 1:30 Open Afternoon – EY Christmas Party
17/12 9am Early Years Nativity
18/12 9am KS1 Christmas Songs
20/12 9am Church Carol Service
20/12 Last day of term

17/12 6pm Christmas Craft Fair
18/12 6:30pm Christmas Show
19/12 Christmas Lunches
20/12 Christmas Jumper Day



Celebrating Diwali at Hartlebury CE & Wilden All Saints

At Hartlebury, the children in Pre-School and Reception had a really fantastic day finding out all about how Hindus and Sikhs celebrate Diwali. Everybody dressed in bright colours and took part in lots of Diwali activities including making Rangoli patterns, making Diva lamps, doing some traditional dancing, talking about Diwali photographs, drawing their own Mendhi patterns and retelling the story of the first Diwali. We were also able to try some traditional Diwali sweets donated by one of our lovely families. What a special day!

At Wilden, Little Owls and Snowy Owls really enjoyed the Diwali feast which was hosted on 7 November. This was part of their learning about different festivals around the world.



Sixth Form News

At SHS, Year 12 students are completing a Peer Mentoring Programme in aid of Kemp Hospice. This will provide them with the skills and knowledge necessary to support younger students within the school. The students also raised money in aid of Crackerjacks Children's Trust through organising a tombola and guess the name of the teddy bear. Thank you to Jasmine Simpson for organising!

At Baxter College, the sixth formers hosted a bake sale in aid of Crackerjacks. The cakes were amazing - we have some very talented bakers - Great British Bake off watch out!



SHS and Baxter College recently held their open evenings which had fantastic turnouts! Thank you to all those who helped organise and make this event a success for prospective parents. If you couldn't make it to open evening please contact; info@baxtercollege.co.uk for Baxter College enquiries and office@shs.saet.co.uk for SHS enquiries. Please feel free to ask questions and if you would like a tour, our schools will be very happy to accommodate you.

COME & CHAT ABOUT

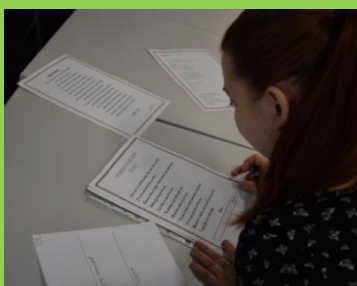
- LESSONS & COURSEWORK
- MENTAL HEALTH TOPICS
- PERSONAL WORRIES & STRESS
- UCAS & UNIVERSITY ADVICE
- CHARITY & FUNDRAISING
- AND LOTS MORE

**IT'S
OKAY
TO ASK
FOR
HELP**

*Pop in for a chat
and we can go
from there*

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
DURING PERIOD 4
UPPER SIXTH FORM**

Below: Thank you to Year 13 English students at SHS who recently marked and judged the centenary poems as part of a Trust-wide poetry competition to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War. The quality of entries was very high giving the students a very difficult task! Winners from years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were awarded WH Smith vouchers and all participants received a certificate.





Sport has been very successful recently for our high schools. At Baxter College, the U12 boys took part in the indoor football competition at Stourport the boys played four games winning 1 and losing 3.

The U12 girls took part in the outdoor 7-a-side football competition the girls played 4 games drawing two and losing two. Their efforts and attitudes was excellent and represented the school remarkably. Also, the U13 boys played a league fixture at home against King Charles. The boys performed very well and was their best performance so far winning 4-2!

Sporting Success

At SHS, well done to the Year 9 girls and boys that came third in the Super 6 summer athletics recently and also netballers who recently beat Baxter College in different age categories. A selection of boys' match results is outlined below.

Fixture / Against	Result
U12 Boys Football v Summerhill (County Cup)	Lost 5 - 3
U13 Boys Football v St Bedes (County Cup)	Draw 3 - 3 (Lost on 5 - 4 Pens)
U15 Football County Cup V Droitwich	Won 2 - 1
U14 Basketball v Holy Trinity	Lost 14 - 20

A Night to Remember Performances

Wilden All Saints pupils performed amazingly at the Swan Theatre in Worcester recently during many performances across the week from Tuesday 6 November through to Saturday 10 November. We are sure any of you who managed to see the show will agree - definitely the best yet with a truly moving Remembrance section too! This was a unique collaborative opportunity with Claines CE Primary school as well as with the Worcester Musical Theatre Company. Well done and thank you to all staff and pupils involved!



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BAXTER COLLEGE
SIXTH FORM

APPLY NOW

Applications are open now to apply to Baxter College Sixth Form. The deadline is 14 December 2018.



APPLY NOW

Applications are open now to apply to SHS VI Form College. The deadline is 11 January 2019.

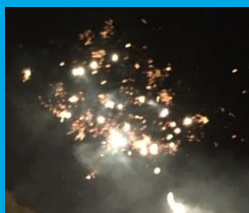


**THE STOURPORT HIGH SCHOOL
& VIth FORM COLLEGE**

Bonfire Party at Hartlebury CE VC

This year's Bonfire Party was one to remember! The weather was truly awful but it really was a success because of everyone who came along to support and enjoyed the fabulous fireworks, bonfire and even a tasty hog roast!

Thank you for supporting and enjoying the weather! We raised a brilliant £1,100!! It really is much appreciated.



Bikeability at Wolverley Sebright

Students from year 6 have successfully completed their bikeability training! On the second day they were out on the roads and riding with improved skill and road safety awareness. Happy cycling!

