



SEVERN ACADEMIES EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Autumn 2 Edition | Parent Newsletter

Message from Mr C King (CEO)

Dear Parents & Carers,

To start I must say thank you for your continued support of our schools throughout this term. We always expected it to be a far from 'normal' term and have certainly recognised the challenges both schools and families have faced over this time. Despite these challenges and with your support, we have maintained face-to-face teaching for the vast majority of our students over the last few months with attendance rates for our young people being consistently above those experienced nationally.

We hope that the holidays bring a little relief for our students, families and staff and look forward to seeing everyone back in January. Once again thank you for everything you have done to help us and we hope you enjoy reading about just some of the activities of our schools over the last term. We wish you all a safe and happy break.



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Teaching Spanish at St Bartholomew's CE Primary School



Spanish is being taught collaboratively to children of St Bartholomew's CE Primary through special links to students at Stourport High School. All children at St Bartholomew's CE Primary School are learning the language in Years 3 - 6 with a Spanish week planned next year.

Covid-19 rules allowing, there will also be the chance for pupils to visit Stourport High School and for their students to help deliver lessons at the school. Ian James, headteacher of St Bartholomew's CE Primary School, said: "We are developing strong links between staff and pupils at both schools as well as sharing resources, ideas and expertise."

"We are a feeder school of Stourport High and improving language skills and mastery of it as our children move into secondary education will help them progress, as well as develop a love for the language and, hopefully, languages in general."

Pupils at both schools will write and speak online to each other and to pupils at a school in Spain, as part of the secondary school's International School Status. A Stourport High student teacher is also setting up a link for them with his home town of Seville.

The two schools are part of Severn Academies Educational Trust and chief executive Chris King said: "The Spanish link is just one example of the partnerships between our schools and clearly demonstrates how together we can enhance the education of all our children."

Happy First Day of December from Bunsen, Baxter College's School Dog!





Throwback to the first day of December! 🎄

Bunsen (Baxter College's School Dog) really is getting into the Christmas spirit today with his adorable Christmas bow tie!

Follow their Instagram pages @bunsen.the.lab and @baxter_college so you don't miss a thing!



SAET Christmas Tree at Worcester Cathedral



We are pleased to be supporting Worcester Cathedral in this year's Christmas festivities and look forward to working with Diocese of Worcester again in the new year!

Stourport High School takes part in Worcestershire Virtual School Games



Stourport High School's year 7 students have been extremely lucky this year and have been given the opportunity to have an extra PE lesson, turning it into a college competition! This term, students are taking part in the events for the Worcestershire Virtual School Games 2020 and the effort levels are fantastic. Well done to you all!

Hartlebury Forest School Bonfire Fun!



Early Years at Hartlebury Forest School have been learning about 2D shapes this week in maths and bonfire night in their topic work on celebrations.

At forest school, they made 2D shapes using natural resources, created a 'seesaw', built a 'bonfire' and enjoyed a hot chocolate around the 'fire'. They have been very creative making firework pictures and enjoyed melting chocolate to make some yummy chocolate apples.

Well done Early Years!



Remembrance Day 2020



Across all our schools and centrally at Severn Academies Educational Trust, we took part in a minute silence.

SAET are so proud of our students and colleagues for showing their appreciation to remember those lost for Remembrance Day.



On Remembrance Day, the pupils and staff at St Bartholomew's CE Primary School came together around their new daily mile track to observe a two-minute silence.

Five pupils and administrator Mrs Donna Waterall, who all have connections to military services, presented their handcrafted wreaths, whilst year six pupils performed WWI drama pieces to the younger classes in small groups on the inside of the track.

Mr James (Headteacher) expressed that "it's so important that our children understand the sacrifice of those who have died in conflict and that we all acknowledge our responsibility to work for the peace they fought hard to achieve."

"Fortunately, the weather was kind to us as we held our commemorations outside and our new daily mile track proved an excellent arena."



Honouring the Fallen on November 11th (Remembrance Day), Baxter College Student Ambassadors Ryan C and Logan DN along with their fellow ambassadors had been raising funds by selling poppies to students and staff.

During their two minute silence, Mrs Naylor played the bugle to show gratitude to the fallen, a massive thank you to Mrs Naylor for her beautiful performance.

Baxter College is so proud of its students for showing the highest level of respect. Let us not forget.



On Wednesday 11th November 2020, all the children at Hartlebury observed the minute silence and paid respects to the brave men and women who have lost their lives in world conflicts.

This looked slightly different this year for reasons we all understand, but every year they honour the men from Hartlebury Village who gave their lives in WWI and WWII and didn't want this year to be any different.

The whole school took part in a virtual remembrance service before the Year 6 class went to the local church to place a wreath at the war memorial they had made. Although this year nobody was present, they read the men's names aloud before placing the wreath which they had made to also include their names.

Artwork created in memory of Francesca Fishwick



Over half term, Wilden All Saints students created beautiful pieces of Autumn artwork for their annual competition. They enjoyed sharing these in collective worship together and celebrating the children's achievements.

The winner of the competition was Olivia R who designed a beautiful picture using autumn leaves, inspired by the school values and in memory of our beloved Headteacher Francesca Fishwick, who sadly passed away in January after a short illness.

The artwork now hangs in the Heads' office in pride of place.

Wolverley Sebright starts their December with this bundle of joy!



Wolverley Sebright starts December with much joy as they start their school advent photos with Miss Harrold's beautiful baby Wynter, bringing lots of festive spirit on the 1st December ❄️ ❄️ ❄️

A Welcome Gift at Stourport Primary





The children and staff had an unexpected surprise during their Christingle Service when Mr Hayes, who has worked closely with the school over the last few years, donated an unbelievable £2000 towards new books for the school library. The children are already discussing what books would be best to purchase and look forward to reading them in the New Year.

Thank you Mr Hayes for your extremely kind donation.

Children in Need!



Big-hearted pupils and staff at Severn Academies Educational Trust schools raised almost £1,400 for last Friday's annual BBC Children in Need appeal, despite the Covid-19 restrictions.

Fundraising activities included youngsters at Hartlebury CE primary School dressing in spots. They also enjoyed a virtual visit from Pudsey Bear, courtesy of BBC Hereford and Worcester, and year four pupils had a go at drawing their own Pudsey Bear.

Pupils at Wilden All Saints CE Primary School also went spotty for the day. Brothers Charlie and Lucas Jay, aged 11 and 8, created their own home-made Pudsey Bear t-shirts and Charlie even included the school's six values on his.

At Stourport High School, students took part in a non-uniform day with additional events in the pipeline and children at Stourport Primary Academy with their purple and green day as the appeal coincided with Kindness Day.

Pupils at Wolverley Sebright Primary Academy also enjoyed a non-uniform day and bought Pudsey Bear badges.

Meanwhile, staff at Baxter College took part in the Children in Need's virtual duck race sweepstake, run live on the charity's Facebook page, backing ducks with names including Audrey Peckburn and Beaky Blinders and won by Quackman and Bobin.

Chris King, chief executive of Severn Academies Educational Trust, said: "Helping others is a Trust-wide value and it's been great to see the enthusiasm that Children in Need - and especially Pudsey Bear - generated."



Baxter College Community Ambassador News





During late February 2020, the Baxter College Community Ambassadors visited Adams House in Kidderminster.

Organised by PCSO Alice Jones, the purpose of the visit was to highlight the positive work that the Ambassadors do across the Wyre Forest, but also to show the older generation that young people have a positive and forward-thinking contribution to make to society. We had the opportunity to compare our school lives with our hosts experience of school and to discuss some of the topics we had worked on such as staying safe online, keeping your house secure during the Christmas period and the White Ribbon Campaign. The visit was really enjoyable and inspirational and really made us think about what we could do in the future.

Written by Cerys BT

The visit was enjoyed by the hosts as well as borne out by this response sent to the Ambassadors from Co-ordinator Jeanette Lane:

"I can't thank you enough for introducing us to the 8 students that are The Ambassadors for Baxter College. One of Adams House tenants summed them up, well educated, well-spoken and very confident, students to be proud of. I would also like to add to that, good fun. We really enjoyed the visit and look forward to meeting with them again either at Adams House or at their school if they are organising an event. BINGO!!"

Stourport High School receives new Rugby Kit for DiSE Squad!



Talented rugby players at The Stourport High School and Vith Form College will be turning out in a new strip when matches resume for the Diploma in Sporting Excellence (DiSE) squad.

The kit has been sponsored to the tune of £500 by Tetterhall Building Company, run by Mr Thomas whose son Fin, a year 13 student, is a squad member. Mr Watkins, DiSE manager from Worcester Warriors, said: "We're over the moon with the generosity. The lads look very smart and we hope we can now arrange fixtures for them to play in the new year."

The arrival of the kit came just ahead of the government finally allowing the heavily contact game to resume at community level with adaptations, including no scrums or mauls, to ensure it is Covid-secure.

Principal Mr Sheers added: "The sponsorship is an extremely generous gesture and is greatly appreciated by all the players, coaching staff and the wider school community."

The DiSE programme is run in partnership between the Vith Form and Worcester Warriors, enabling talented players to develop their game at the same time as completing academic studies.

Move over Biden and Trump, the Hartlebury election is here!



On Wednesday 11th November 2020, Hartlebury Primary elected two new councillors, to represent our wonderful school as part of the SAET Children's Council. This is a council where two children from each of the Year 6 classes in every primary school in our trust, meet virtually to collaborate to discuss ideas on how they can meet and learn together.

The children in Year 6 were given the opportunity to write their own speech to tell the other children in the school why they would make an excellent representative. They then had to deliver this speech to the whole of Key Stage 2 virtually, and then all the children had a chance to vote. Four children read fantastic and very professional speeches, but in the end, when all the votes were counted, our winners were...Daisy and Georgia! Well done girls!

Daisy and Georgia have represented Hartlebury CE VC at two Children's Council meetings so far and they look forward to seeing more familiar faces in the spring term.

St. Bart's pupils stage their own

St Bart's pupils stage their own Three Kings Parade



Covid-19 restrictions may have forced the cancellation of Stourport's annual Three Kings Parade and Christmas Lights switch on but children from St Bartholomew's CE VE Primary School staged their own version of the popular celebration.

Pupils at St Bartholomew's Primary School, who prepare the kings, Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, each year for the town event, held their own parade on Tuesday (Dec 1), marking the start of Advent, before switching on festive lights in their classrooms.

Teacher and senior leader Mrs Graham was determined the cancellation was not going to dampen their festive fun and set about organising the parade around the new mile-a-day track in the grounds.

Headteacher Mr James said: "St Bart's has been custodian of the three kings for several years and our children with teacher Mrs Watkins re-designed and constructed new models just two years ago to replace the ageing versions, so we have a very special affinity for them and what they signify, the start of Christmas time."

The parade coincided with a donation of £557 from Messy Church's Worship Wednesday Team which is unable to run under the current restrictions and chose to close their bank account and donate their funds.

Mr James added: "In addition to supporting with many of our Worship Group activities in school including Advent and nativity events, a large proportion of this very generous gift will go towards a project with Hen House Farm, which will include us nurturing 20 eggs in an incubator and watching them hatch in time for Easter, as part of our science curriculum and church events."

The Messy Church, designed to encourage creativity, celebration and hospitality through God, has also donated £557 to Wilden All Saints CE Primary School, which along with St Bartholomew's, is a member of Severn Academies Educational Trust family of schools.



Christingle Christmas School Service



This year's Christmas Service at Stourport Primary was a bit different to their traditional Christmas Service which is normally held at St Michael's Church.

Using the school's classroom technology, they went virtual for this year's service with special guests Mr Hayes and Chair of Governors, Mrs Holmes joining in from their homes.

Beforehand, the children had learnt about and made their own Christingle, the large oranges were kindly donated by Mr Thomas (School Governor) and the children decorated them with candles, cocktail sticks, raisins and a red band around the middle to signify all the love in the world. The children enjoyed learning about this tradition and took the Christingles home to share with their family afterwards.

Wilden Cave Paintings





Year 3 have completed some impressive work during their topic based around the Stone Age. A wide variety of subjects were covered which all evolved from the class text 'The Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. They created fantastic 'Cave Paintings', carved their own spears and even investigated what might have been eaten at the time by analysing some...'poo'!



Fantastic art created by Wilden pupils, taking inspiration from the Vikings and Glass Art!



This term at Wilden, year 6 have been learning all about The Vikings and taking inspiration for curriculum subjects from our key text, Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo.

To link this into their art unit, they have been designing and developing skills to make their own stained-glass windows with a Viking theme. They have worked on developing observational drawing skills (as it is important to be able to observe and replicate); so have studied the artist Henri Matisse and his technique of 'Painting with Scissors'; we have looked at the skills of craftsmen and women and how stained-glass windows are made and used all of these ideas and techniques to design and make their own.

They had to compose their design and use scissors skills to cut delicate pieces of coloured acetate to size! They then used relief paste and glass paint to create the final finish. It was tricky at times- but it was worth it!

The Stourport Primary Mile a Day Challenge!



Over the last couple of weeks, the entire school has taken on the fitness challenge of each class walking a mile a day. Mr Yarranton, P.E. Co-Ordinator, has planned out the route which takes the children from Stourport Primary all the way to Bethlehem. It's planned that they will arrive at Bethlehem by the final day of term. This will be a total of 3165 miles altogether that the school will have walked.

All the children are enjoying this daily exercise and are very confident that they will reach their goal. During our weekly virtual assemblies, Mr Yarranton gives a progress update and displays on a map the progress that the children have made. In the first week they covered 720 miles which was the equivalent of walking from John O'Groats to just past Exeter and in week two an outstanding 1200 miles.



Train to Teach with SCITT!

- Fire Marshal Training** - 25 December 2020 (9.30am - 3pm)
This course is designed for learners to build an understanding of the safety management and the specific roles and responsibilities related to fire safety in the workplace. This award is suitable for anyone who has a specific responsibility for the safety of the workplace, such as designated fire marshers for materials. £75 per person (includes course materials and certification - valid for 3 years).
- Emergency First Aid at Work** - 28 January 2021 (9.30am - 4.30pm)
The aim of this one day course is to enable learners to obtain the knowledge and practical competencies needed to deal with a range of emergency first aid situations. £75 per person (includes course materials and certification - valid for 3 years).
- Paediatric First Aid** - 25 & 26 January 2021 (9.30am - 4.30pm)
This 12 hour course is suitable for nurseries, pre-school, daycares and primary schools who need to meet their Ofsted required 12 hours of training as well as parents with young children. Covers a wide range of paediatric injuries, illnesses and emergencies. £135 per person (includes course materials and certification - valid for 3 years).
- First Aid at Work 2 Day Requalification** - 5 & 6 February 2021 (9.30am - 4.30pm)
This course is suitable for those who have previously undertaken a three day First Aid at Work course and need to renew their qualification. £135 per person (includes course materials and certification - valid for 3 years).
- First Aid at Work 3 Day Course** - 23, 24 & 25 March 2021 (9.30am - 4.30pm)
This 3 day course is suitable for those who have a specific responsibility at work to provide first aid when dealing with an emergency situation. This award allows successful candidates to be a designated first aider. £170 per person (includes course materials and certification - valid for 3 years).
- Emergency First Aid at Work** - 18 May 2021 (9.30am - 4.30pm)
- Paediatric First Aid** - 26 & 27 May 2021 (9.30am - 4.30pm)
- First Aid at Work 2 Day Requalification** - 4 & 10 June 2021 (9.30am - 4.30pm)

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