



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2024-25
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W/C 21 October 2024

- Thursday 24 October
- Friday 25 October
- Mon 28-Fri 1 Nov
- Monday 4 November
- Friday 8 November
- Friday 15 November
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Last day of term
INSET Day
Streetsbrook Childcare Holiday Club open
School & Childcare re-open
Bright Sparks Donation & Dress Down Day
Children in Need – Non uniform day
Book Fair

Diary Dates

The Whole School
Attendance for week
commencing 21 October
was 94%



PTA - AGM Meeting

The AGM Meeting took place on Thursday 17 October where the election of committee members took place and the following roles were confirmed:-

PTA Chair – Mrs M Dhariwal

Joint Vice Chair – Mrs L Whitticase & Mrs S Butter

Treasurer - Mrs F Miles

Secretary – Mrs N McInnes

A huge thank you to all who attended.

Dear Parents

Thank you for all your support throughout the first half-term of the academic year. The children have had a great half term of learning with lots of fun thrown into the mix. The staff and I are very proud of how quickly they have settled into their new routines.

A heartfelt thank you, to the staff. It has been a busy start to the academic year but, but as always, their enthusiasm and commitment to the children has remained constant.

Wishing you all a happy half-term break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4 November.

With very best wishes

M. Minter

Term Dates 2024-25

Please click [here](#) for the term dates for 24-25 to include inset days (updated) and bank holidays

VISIT SOLIHULL

FAMILY FUN JAM-PACKED HALF-TERM!

Spooktacular Solihull

Enjoy some spooktacular activities and entertainment in Solihull town centre throughout the weekend of Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th October. With face painting for the children and musical entertainment shows for all from our resident zombies you'll be dancing in the streets, and we encourage you to dress up in your finest Halloween attire!

Celebrate Diwali

Diwali celebrations will be taking place from 1pm in the town centre on the afternoon of Saturday 26th with non-stop family fun, great shopping experiences and plenty of excitement. Try your hand at amazing rangoli making workshops or join in a Diwali Mela, whatever you do it's bound to be a colourful and joyous occasion! There'll also be the chance to celebrate Diwali at The Core from 12 noon – 4pm. Join Art at the Heart CIC for a fabulously creative arts and family fun day. The day is elephant-themed and you'll have the chance to help out making elephant artworks. You can also create Diwali themed puppets, giant rangoli patterns and community murals inspired by traditional Indian miniatures.



Curriculum Overviews for Parents

Autumn Term 2 Curriculum

Overviews are available to view on our website [here](#)



Book Fair Competition

You will see from diary dates that we will be holding one of our annual Book Fairs on Friday 15 November. I am delighted to announce that we have five, £5 gift tokens for spending at the book fair, to give away and would like to encourage all children to enter our Book Fair Prize Draw with a chance of winning one of these fantastic tokens.

To enter all you need to do is draw or colour an A4 picture of a book character, add your name and class to the picture and place your entry in the yellow box outside Mrs Minter's office.

Five lucky winners will be drawn from the box in our Celebration Assembly on Wednesday 13 November.

Good luck everyone!

Mrs Miller, Reading Lead



Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been learning the rhyme '1,2,3,4,5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive' and taking part in activities linked to this. The children enjoyed playing with our under the water small world figures and were very creative making their own under the sea paintings. This has been one of many nursery rhymes we have been singing this half term and I would like to point out to you where you can access these rhymes at home.



Please visit [Letters and Sounds](http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk) (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk) where there is a section 'For Parents' and here you will find a tab for the nursery rhyme videos. So far this half term, we have learnt 1,2,3,4,5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Hey Diddle Diddle and Humpty Dumpty. Please share these with your children at home. We ask you kindly to not show any of the un-taught rhymes to your children before we have shared these in Nursery.

During the first week back after half term, our topic will be 'Fireworks' where we will be thinking about Bonfire Night. We shall also be learning about Diwali which is taking place during half term. If you and your family celebrate Diwali, we would love to see some photos of your celebrations if you would like to email these into the office.

Please remember, if you would like your child to have milk at snack time during the morning, you can sign up to '[Cool Milk](#)' [here](#) – we have a few children who are requesting milk at snack time, so please do consider if this is something your child would like – it is free, but you must register!

Thank you to all the parents who came to parents evening, it was lovely to see so many of you.

Finally, the Nursery team would like to wish all your families a happy half term and we look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Monday 4th November.

Year 2

In English, Year 2 have completed their poster to encourage more tourists to visit the moon to ensure that Bob, the main character in our focus text, keeps his job. The children thought carefully about the language they used and we have even introduced rhetorical questions as a technique! In Maths, we have been looking at missing numbers in a range of number sentences, including reminding the children that addition is the inverse of subtraction. We have also looked at different ways that we can partition two-digit numbers - I wonder if the children can show you how to do this? To complete our learning about the human body and keeping healthy in Science, Year 2 have been conducting a simple test to measure their heart rate in Science. Over half term, why not trying conducting another simple test at home?

We wanted to say a huge well done to all of the children in Year 2 for completing their first half term! It has been a long half term and we are so proud of how much the children have already achieved. Thank you to all of the parents and carers that attended our Parents Appointments this week - it was lovely to meet you all properly and we hope you enjoyed looking at your child's work. We are looking forward to our next half term - please look at the Curriculum Overview to see what we will be focusing on.

Reception

"...Let the Wild Rumpus Begin!" what a wild week we've had!! How fabulous to finish off this term with our Wild Rumpus day! The children had an amazing time and really enjoyed getting to use the large PE equipment to explore where the wild things live as they followed Max on his adventure! We will use this story to link into the next topic after half term where we will be racing across the world!

In maths we have been exploring quantities and comparing amounts, using the vocabulary more, most, fewest and least. The children have done really well identifying when a group has more, but found deciding which one had less/fewer a little trickier, so we will continue looking at that after half term too.



We have continued to review our phonics and really try and embed all of the sounds we have learnt so far, we have been using this to help us identify what sound we can hear at the start, in the middle and at the end. Have a go at doing this at home too; use the sounds to create words and support your child in blending them.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parent Ponsultations, it was so lovely to hear how proud you are of your children, and we are Proud Peacock's too! The children are all making super progress and we look forward to seeing you all again after half term, get ready to 'Race Across the World!'

Year 1

We have had a lovely end to our first half term in Year 1 this week. In English we were WOWed by the children's independent sentences, they were SO independent with their spelling and letter formations. We were so pleased to see lots of children remembering their capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. The sentences were based on what we see in Autumn; this is something you could try at home! In Maths this week we have been practising our fluency when solving number sentences quickly, including doubles. We had an exciting Science lesson this week and were experimenting with colour, water and rainbows! Ask your child about what happened in this experiment at home? We ensured we made accurate and sensible predictions and reflected upon them after the experiment had concluded. The children were thrilled to do some baking this week to finish off our topic based on the Victorians. We made Victoria sponge cupcakes; the children loved the opportunity to mix, stir, sieve and pour the ingredients during the session. They enjoyed tasting the cakes even more! We look forward to starting our 'Let's Celebrate' topic after half term. If you celebrate Diwali or any other celebrations during half term please feel free to send in photos of your special days for your children to discuss in class. We all enjoyed chatting to you at our Parent Consultations this week and we hope you have a wonderful half term.

Streetsbrook Childcare

This week in Childcare we have been concluding our Autumn themed activities and introduced Halloween. We have hunted spiders, bugs and creepy crawlies in black play dough and used different coloured wool to weave a giant spider web for our Pom Pom spiders. We really enjoyed playing our phonics game 'silly soup' in a cauldron. We had lots of fun at our spooky party making scary biscuits, rescuing bugs from slimy jelly, turning the water tray into a giant swirling potion and playing pass the cauldron. After half term we will be celebrating Diwali and moving on to our new book 'Room on the Broom'.

We hope you have a fantastic break and look forward to hearing all about your half term fun when we return.



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy PTA

Friday 8 November 2024



Bright Sparks Day



No need for school uniform.

Dress in as many **BRIGHT** colours as you can.

This ties in with the school's focus on wearing bright clothes for road safety and celebrates November's Bonfire Night and Diwali.

A special Bright Sparks lunchtime meal will also take place.

Please bring in a donation for the Christmas Fair: (there's not long to go...)

Year Group:

Please Donate:

Nursery & Reception	Chocolate (must not contain nuts) (Any tins, boxes or bars for this popular stall)
Year 1 & Childcare	Children's Tombola items - toys, gifts for children in new or great condition please
Year 2	Bottles (anything in a bottle, from champagne to bubble bath or non-alcoholic drinks)

Please leave your donations in the box in your child's classroom

Don't worry if you don't have an item from your year group, donate whatever you can!

Many thanks - Your PTA



A Family Hub is a place where children, young people and families can go for services, advice and to meet other families. Raising a family, being a parent or carer, or navigating life as a young person can be a challenge so staff in the hubs can put you in touch with different services in the area.

There are 4 Family Hubs in Solihull

- Elmwood- Smiths Wood
- Evergreen- Kingshurst
- Riverside- Chelmsley Wood
- Hatchford Brook- Elmdon

Scan here for more
information on the
Family Hubs website



Family Hubs are open to everyone and there will always be a safe space available for you if you need it. You can get help with many things from:



- parenting support and social activities
- seeing a midwife or a health visitor
- activities for young people
- support for children and young people with additional needs

The Solihull Start for Life Offer is a guide for everyone involved in a child's life from pregnancy to 2 years old. It includes information, advice, services and places to go to keep healthy, happy and safe in the first 1,001 days.

Email us: familyhubs@solihull.gov.uk

Call: 0121 704 6017

 Follow us on Facebook: Solihull Family Hubs

or

Scan here for the
Solihull Start for Life



Download the Solihull Family Hubs App,
available on Apple Store and Google Play Store

Ready to start changing lives together?

Could you be a carer?

- * Over 21 years old
- * Provide a safe, healthy and loving home
- * Enjoy working with and supporting children
- * Live within 20 miles of the Solihull boundary



Scan for what being a carer involves

Why we need foster carers

- * Around 38,000 more children come into care every 12 months in the UK
- * That's one additional child every 15 minutes who could need a foster family
- * An acute shortage of foster carers means thousands of new foster families are needed in the UK

Data from The Fostering Network



24/7 support
when you
need it



Great pay
and
benefits package



Training
and
Development



Caring for
local children



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