



Monday 29th January 2024

Important Notice For School Next Week

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have today received late notification from South West Water that the mains water for Woodville will be shut off this coming Tuesday morning (30th January).

We have risk assessed this, and put measures into place that will mean we will try to keep **school open BUT** this is dependent on the water coming back on for the afternoon. If circumstances were to change and the water was not reconnected, we would have to shut school in the afternoon and parents would be contacted to collect their child. We are of course hoping this will not be the case. The kitchen will not be able to provide a hot school meal this day but will prepare packed lunch boxes instead (note menu change).

Unfortunately, due to additional needs in **nursery**, we will need to **close the morning session on Tuesday** but plan to be open for the afternoon (again dependent on the water being reconnected)

Apologies for any inconvenience caused. We are hopeful this will be kept to a minimal disruption. The Trust have contacted South West Water to relay concerns over the short notice given.

Growth Mindset Award Winners

Congratulations to all of our Growth Mindset Award Winners!

Leo Franklin

Vogue – Jewel Robertson

Avaya Mathur

Connie McGee

Alfie Saundry

Lincoln Wheeldon

Seren McDonald

Claudia Large

Albert Barnard

James-Dean
Kouwenhoven

Eli Penny

Tamira Sutton

Eva Bunce Mason



Good News...

We are thrilled to receive this letter from the minister of Schools Damian Hinds.



Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP
Minister for Schools

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Ms Samantha Warner
Sticklepath Community Primary Academy
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08 January 2024

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2023 Phonics Screening Check.

We want to ensure every child develops a firm grasp of phonics as the basis on which to improve standards of reading. As such I was delighted to see your results.

With 95 per cent of pupils in Year 1 at Sticklepath Community Primary Academy meeting the expected standard in the check, your school is in the top 5 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

The latest figures show that 83 per cent of pupils who met the expected standard in the check went on to achieve at least the expected standard in reading at key stage 2 in 2023, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your particular success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

I would like to thank you for your commitment and success in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulate you, your staff and pupils again on all you have achieved.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Hinds
Minister for Schools

Reading Volunteers

We would really welcome some community reading volunteers to support across the school. If you are able to commit an afternoon or even an hour to support additional reading, please collect a volunteering information pack from the school office. Thank you.



Year 1 and 2 Victorian Day

On Wednesday this week, our Year 1 and 2 children travelled back in time to experience life in a Victorian school room. It was wonderful to see history come to life as stern teachers filled the halls and corridors to ensure order and compliance. The day started with a rousing assembly led by Mr Blunt who took his role on with vigour and humour. It was wonderful to see the maturity of the children as they understood that we were all taking on roles to help us imagine how a school day would look and feel. Activities across the day demonstrated a very different style of teaching and learning. The children learnt maths, writing and reading. In addition, the afternoon was an opportunity for the girls to learn sewing and technical drawing for the boys. The day ended with a very different PE lesson. It was a fantastic day that will fuel our class discussion about the Victorians. Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to the families of all the children as the effort that was put into sending the children to school in their costumes really allowed the children to engage with the experience.



Congratulations!



Thank you to Steven and his family for the donation of £110 from the winnings from his pigeon (Chelsea). We will be spending the money on some new playtime equipment for the children to enjoy in the summer on the field.

This Week in Forest School...



This week we have been looking at our native garden birds ready for the RSPB Big Schools Bird count.

We have read either 'Robins Winter Song' by Suzanne Barton or a folk tale on why Pigeons don't make very good nests.

To help the birds we have made willow bedding holders, strung cheerio's and seeded fruit up, then tried watching them through binoculars.

We even tried being different birds to see how they eat and how difficult it is for them.

Don't forget you can take part in the bird watch this weekend and record your sightings-
<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

Important Dates

Tuesday 30th January – Year 3/4 Bikeability

Wednesday 31st January – Year 3/4 Bikeability

Monday 12th February – Half Term

Spring Term Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Forest School		BPH AJA	AWE CDI	LLO SAB	EFI BCL
PE	EFI CDI AWE BPH SAB	DSM EFI CDI AJA DMO	TRG LLO AJA BCL	LWA MPA TRG LLO BCL DMO RSO SAB	DSM AWE BPH RSO

After School Clubs

Day	Club	Dates
Monday	Year 4, 5, 6 Girls Football	Year 5/6 – 08/01, 22/01, 05/02 Year 4 – 15/01, 29/01
Tuesday	Year 4 Handball	AJA – 09/01, 16/01 BPH – 23/01, 30/01
Wednesday	Year 5/6 Hockey	10/01, 17/01, 24/01, 07/02
Thursday	Year 3 Golf	AWE – 11/1, 18/1 CDI – 25/1, 1/2
Netball has finished		

Gymnastics

GYMNASTICS DATES

JANUARY 2024

Monday 8th TRG & LLO
Monday 15th EFI & DSM
Monday 22nd TRG & LLO
Monday 29th EFI & DSM

Wednesday 10th AWE & CDI

Wednesday 24th BCL, SAB, RSO & DMO
Wednesday 31st AWE & CDI

FEBRUARY

Monday 5th TRG & LLO
Monday 19th EFI & DSM
Monday 26th TRG & LLO

Wednesday 7th BPH & AJA
Wednesday 21st BCL, SAB, RSO & DMO
Wednesday 28th AWE & CDI

MARCH

Monday 4th Competition entrants
only
Monday 11th Competition entrants
only
Monday 18th EFI & DSM
Monday 25th TRG & LLO

Wednesday 6th Competition entrants
only
Wednesday 13th Competition entrants
only
Wednesday 20th BPH & AJA
Wednesday 27th BCL, SAB, RSO & DMO

Menu from Monday 29th January 2024

Please find below the **Food Standards Agency's** List of **Allergens** – Numbered **1-14**
Some of our dishes contain Allergens which are monitored closely and are listed alongside the corresponding dish.

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|------------------------------|----------|-------------|---------------------|
| 1. Celery | 4. Eggs | 8. Molluscs | 12. Sesame Seeds |
| 2. Cereals Containing Gluten | 5. Fish | 9. Mustard | 13. Soya |
| 3. Crustaceans | 6. Lupin | 10. Nuts | 14. Sulphur Dioxide |
| | 7. Milk | 11. Peanuts | |

Monday

SM1: Westcountry sausages with oven baked jacket wedges and beans or petits pois (2 14)

Vegetarian: Vegetarian sausages with oven baked jacket wedges and peas or petits pois (2)

Pudding: Homemade chocolate chip shortcake (2 7 13)

Tuesday – NO JACKET POTATOES

SM1: School packed lunch bag meal with ham sandwich, crisps and chocolate biscuit (2 7 4)

Vegetarian: School packed lunch bag meal with cheese sandwich, crisps and chocolate biscuit
(2 7 4)

Wednesday

SM1: Fresh roast chicken served with crispy roast potatoes and sliced carrots or broccoli with gravy

Vegetarian: Homemade ratatouille served with crispy roast potatoes and vegetables

Pudding: Vanilla ice cream (7)

Thursday

SM1: Homemade sweet and sour pork served with fluffy tilda rice and Chinese style curry sauce

(2 9)

Vegetarian: Stir fried vegetables in a sweet chilli sauce served with fluffy tilda rice and Chinese style
curry sauce (2 9)

Pudding: Mandarin jelly and cream (7)

Friday

SM1: Youngs fish fingers alongside golden fries and mushy peas or seasonal vegetables (2 5)

Vegetarian: Quorn dippers alongside golden fries and mushy peas or seasonal vegetables ()

Pudding: Freshly baked oat and raisin cookie (2 7)

**Payments for dinners (£2.40) are to be made online at 'www.mychildatschool.com' or via
MCAS app.**

Jacket Potato with beans is available most days.

Fresh salad available every day.

Fresh fruit platter and yoghurt available every day as an alternative to pudding.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday from everyone at Sticklepath!



Heidi T

Isabelle R

Rose P

Cleo E-T

Maisie W

Max J

Olivia R

Willow B

Community News

YOGA CLASSES
FOR 8-11 YEAR OLDS
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