



## TOPIC DAY - JANUARY 12TH



During topic day, children came dressed up in their class topic's attire and spent the day doing themed activities. Our Knights and Royalty in Early Years spent the day making castles for the classrooms and creating their own shields with their coat of arms. Our Marvellous children in Oak spent the day celebrating their individuality - making rosettes and creating handprint art! Our volcanos, storms and meteorologists in Birch created exploding volcanos and made extreme weather poems and art. Finally, our land girls, soldiers and solar powered pupils in Willow completed a code-breaker escape room and made electrical circuits with potatoes! The topic day helped the children to gain a practical understanding and give context to their class' topic which supports their learning throughout the term. A huge thank you to all the children as well as the parents and carers for making such amazing costumes, we can see all the hard work and dedication that went into them.



## NEW THEMED CLUBS

Our new set of themed afterschool clubs have been a great success with children exploring new interests and developing new skills. This half term we have been offering Computing, Mindfulness, Cooking, Musical Theatre and Football! Thank you to all the children for their passion and enthusiasm in clubs!



This block of themed clubs will run until Friday February 9th, then after half term, a new set will begin. We have confirmed Monday Terrific Textiles club with Miss Charnell and Miss Bennett, Tuesday Yoga with Emily (a favourite back again!), Wednesday Easter Extravaganza club with Miss Oliver, Thursday French Club with Miss James and Miss Bennett, as well as Friday Basketball with Mr McPhail.

## Music lessons from the Shropshire Music Service

We are excited to announce that we have been able to arrange private music tutoring after half-term. Lessons are available for keyboard, violin, woodwind, flute, clarinet, saxophone, recorder and oboe. Details on how to sign up are on the letter sent last week and in an email sent to all parents!





## New Mural!



Our 'stained glass window' mural is now on display at the front of the building. Designed by the children, the pictures with the mural represent their perception of our values 'Nurture, Nourish, Grow' and give onlookers a 'peek inside' our school. Children gave careful thought and consideration as to what it means to be a pupil at St Lucia's, whilst creating their designs.

Thank you to Miss Attwell for her hard work and care on the mural as well as Mr Wilmore and Mr Barnes for putting it up!



## Shrewsbury half marathon



Following the success of the cumulative half marathon last year, we are pleased to announce we have the opportunity to do it again! As last year the children will have the opportunity, starting during the next half term to run 12 miles at school. They will then complete their final 1.1 mile run at the West Midlands Showground on Saturday 20th April at 9am. The race is open to any pupil ages 4-11 years old, we would love to see as many of us as possible! The cost is £12 per pupil, to include rewards after miles 1, 6, 12 and 13.1! The contribution can be made in the SchoolMoney Shop until February 9th, the start of half-term. Letter to follow.

## Friday library!

We are lucky to have a range of books available in our school library. We would love the children to be able to utilise these lovely resources so we are introducing Friday Library! Children are welcome to choose a book on a Friday and take it home with them to read over the weekend and following week, to then swap again the following Friday! This book will not directly correlate to their reading band to read independently, so please enjoy reading it together. We hope this will encourage development of new interests and a drive to challenge themselves with a range of books!





# UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUP



Our understanding your child course is off to a great start, thank you to all the parents who have joined. A huge thank you to Bev from Shropshire's parenting team and our own Mrs Tracey Wood for delivering the course.

Here is the link for Shropshire's parenting page for more information or opportunities:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/early-help/the-parenting-team/>

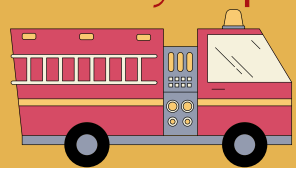
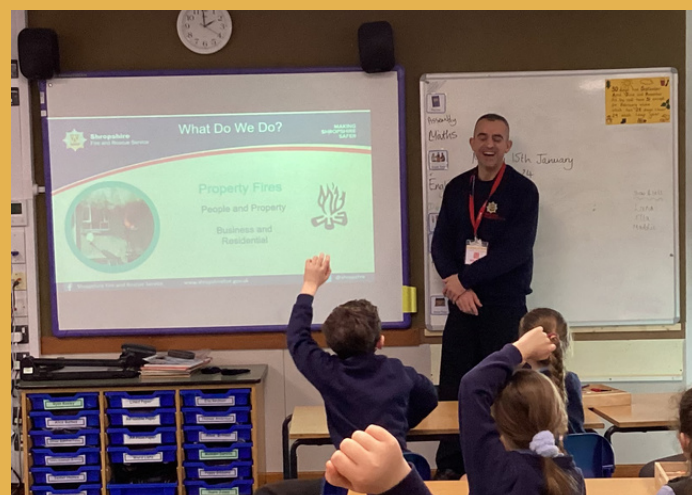
## EARLY YEARS DENTAL PRESENTATION

Earlier in the term, Rowan class had a visit from Leah, our school nurse to talk about keeping their teeth healthy! She was very impressed with their knowledge about foods that are good for their teeth. They even had a visit from the dental dinosaur and they showed Leah how well they brush their teeth at home!



## BIRCH CLASS FIRE TALK

Birch class had an exciting visit from Mr Taylor, a local fireman from Shropshire Fire Service who talked to them about fire safety! They learnt all about fire safety at home: how often to check their smoke alarms, how to know when it's working and what to do in the event of a fire. They had lots of questions for Mr Taylor, and therefore learnt all about different types of smoke alarms - flashing ones for those with a hearing impairment and vibrating ones for those who are visually impaired! Thank you Mr Taylor!





## Upcoming Diary Dates

Thursday 8th Feb, 3.15-4.30 - Friends Friendship Disco

Friday 9th Feb - Friends Rags to Riches clothing donation, clothes can be dropped at the school office Mon-Fri

W/C 12th Feb - half term

Monday 17th Feb - back at school

Sunday 18th Feb - Family Worship Pancake Party hosted at School

Tuesday 27th Feb - Oak and Birch class trip to Enginuity

Wednesday 28th Feb - Willow class trip to Royal Air Force Museum Cosford

Monday 4th March - Willow class Basketball tournament at Belvidere

Tuesday 5th March - Parent Presentation Workshop

Wednesday 6th March - Friends Mothers day craft night

Wednesday 7th March - World Book Day

Thursday 14th March - EYFS trip to Ludlow Museum and Castle

Tuesday 19th March - KS2 Cross Country 4:30-5:30 at Attingham Park

Wednesday 20th March - St Lucia's Easter Service

21st March - Friends Family Easter Bingo Night - all children accompanied by an adult please

Saturday 20th April - Final 1.1 miles of cumulative half marathon at West Midlands Showground - 9am



## Friends Valentines Day Friendship Disco!



On Thursday 8th February, The Friends of St Lucia's are running a Friendship disco for Valentines day! The disco is open to all years and is running from 3:15-4:30 in the hall, children are welcome to bring their own clothes to change into after school. Tickets can be purchased for £3.50 in the SchoolMoney shop!

## MEASLES INFORMATION

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Shropshire soon.

Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Spending 15 minutes with someone with measles is enough to get the virus. Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet, fading after 5 to 6 days. If you've not been vaccinated against measles, you can be at risk, but it's most common in young children. Someone with measles can spread the virus up to 4 days before a rash appears, and up to 4 days after.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure you and your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are unsure if your child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations, you can check their Red Book (personal child health record) in the first instance. If you are still not sure, or if you need to bring your child up to date with their vaccines, you should contact their GP practice to check and book an appointment.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room. More information on measles can be found [here](#) and information on the MMR vaccine can be found [here](#).