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PREES SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

We demonstrate our Values of *Trust, Respect, Honesty, Kindness, Friendship and Generosity* at Prees C.E. Primary School and Nursery in all that we strive to achieve each day.

We hope you and your family are enjoying a wonderful summer break.
We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 2nd September.

Monday 31st August	**Bank Holiday**
Tuesday 1st September	PD Day — children not in school
Wednesday 2nd September	**Autumn Term begins — children in school**

All children are asked to come to school in their school uniform on Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September please.

****PE and swimming will begin for classes week beginning Monday 7th September****

Please see the PE timetable below for child's PE day for the Autumn term.

PE Timetable Autumn Term

Monday -	**PE - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6**
Tuesday -	**PE - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**
Wednesday -	**PE - Year 1 and Year 2**
Thursday -	**PE - Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4**
	Swimming - Year 5 and Year 6 (for 10 weeks)
Friday -	**PE - Reception and Year 3**

Children are asked to come to school in their PE kit on the days they have PE and to bring a spare of socks as the field can be wet. Thank you.

Lunch Menu

Please find attached with this newsletter our menu for the Autumn Term. There are lots of choices. Hot school meals area available daily at a cost of £2.65 (£1.85 for Nursery children) and payable via ParentPay. Please ensure that your ParentPay catering purses are kept in credit as far as possible.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free meals under the Universal Infant School Meals scheme.

Please note children moving into Year 3 will need to pay for school lunches, unless your child is eligible for Free School Meals. Please see details about applying for free school meals, if your child is eligible, on page 4 of the newsletter. Thank you.

Holiday Club

**A huge thank you to everyone who supported holiday club,
each day was filled with laughter, friendship and fun; the children as always were amazing!**

If you are concerned about someone's safety

In an emergency dial 999, but for other calls to the police please ring 101. To report a safe-guarding concern by phone ring the First Point of Contact team on 0345 678 9044 Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am to 4pm. If you have urgent adult safeguarding concerns outside of these hours, please phone the Emergency Social Work Duty Team on 0345 678 9040.

School Uniform

We will be working closely with families to ensure a strict uniform code is adhered to by everyone.

Our school uniform is as follows:

Grey trousers/shorts or skirt/pinafore

White polo shirt / blouse or shirt

Navy blue jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo on it)

Black shoes for boys and girls **(no sandals or trainers)**

Light blue and white checked dress

**** Plain stud earrings and /or a watch can be worn, no other jewellery please. ****

For PE:

Navy blue shorts/skort or navy/black jogging bottoms (no logos/slogans/writing on)

Plain red, blue or yellow round neck T-shirt (with or without the school logo on it)

Plain navy/black sweatshirt or track suit top (no logos/slogans/writing on)

Trainers for all children

Spare socks

****Please note school jumpers/cardigans and PE t-shirts do not need to have the school logo on them****

**** Your child will need to remove or cover their earrings for swimming lessons and either remove them or put tape over them for PE please. ****

Can we please ask that you do not send your child in different coloured jogging bottoms and sweatshirt/track suit top other than navy or black and that the items do not have any writing, slogans, logos etc on them. If you do not have a plain navy or black sweatshirt, we are more than happy for your child to wear their navy school jumper/cardigan on top of their yellow, red or blue t-shirt for PE.

If your child should forget to come dressed in their PE kit we do have kits in school that your child can borrow to allow them to take part in the PE lesson. Thank you for your support.

Messaging

Most communications are sent by email or text via ParentPay. Please make sure that you have registered via the details sent home to ensure you receive notifications, letters and news.

Please make sure that we have the most up to date contact information for you. Please let us know of any changes to your key details.

As a matter of routine, any injury above the neck means that a text is sent home as well as the 'bump note'. All other minor accidents will be recorded and a note sent home with your child. If anything is considered more serious than a minor injury we will always ring you.

Child Absence

Please telephone school (01948 840209) by 9.00am if your child is unwell and will not be attending that day. If leaving a message, can you please provide the exact reason why your child is absent.
If we have not heard from you by 9.15am, we will telephone you and follow-up with a text message.
If we have still not heard from you by 10.30am we will telephone and text again as this becomes a safeguarding concern.

We shall also be contacting parents of Nursery children who do not attend, for whatever reason, on days that we are expecting them. This is a health and wellbeing safeguarding check.

Stay, Play and Chat

Every Wednesday (starting 9th September) - 9.00am - 10.30am (during term time) in the hall.



Children from 0-5 years, parents, carers, grandparents, friends, we look forward to you joining us on a Wednesday in our school hall for activities, fun and friendship.
Sessions are free.



We would like to remind you of some organisational details which will help the school day to run smoothly and safely for everyone

1. **The school day begins at 8.45 a.m. The children are supervised on the playground from 8.35 a.m. until 8.45 a.m. by a member of staff. Please remember that the school does not take legal responsibility for the children until they are on the school playground.**
   Collection for Nursery children is at 3pm from outside the Nursery door onto the playground.
   Collection at 3.15pm for Reception Class and Year 2 is from the door by our Reflection Area onto the playground and Year 1 from their classroom door onto the playground.
   Year 3 and Year 4 are collected from the Hall door onto the playground.
   Year 5 and Year 6 from the door next to the blue kitchen door.

2. **Children wear their P.E. kit to school on the days they have P.E.**
   During the course of this year, the children will be learning the skills to play a number of sports such as hockey, football, cricket and rounders. If parents/carers feel that it is appropriate for their child to have a mouth guard and shin pads in school for these activities, then can we please ask you to purchase these for your child.

3. **Children may wear a watch for school and plain studs if ears are pierced. In the interests of safety and security no other jewellery should be worn. Children will be expected to remove or cover earrings during swimming lessons and either remove or cover during PE. We appreciate everyone's co-operation in this matter as it is for the children's safety.**

4. **Braids and beads should not be worn in children's hair. It is not acceptable for the children to have unconventional hair cuts such as 'tramlines' etc.**

5. **We ask that children do not bring pencil cases from home into school as we do not have space to store them during the school day.**

6. **Medicines – if your child has to take medication during the school day, we are happy to administer medication, however medicines need to be brought into the school office by an adult who we will ask to complete a medication administration form.**

7. **Can we ask that children bring a water bottle into school each day containing water, which is labelled with their name please.**

8. **Please ensure that your child adheres to our school uniform code and that all items of clothing are labelled.**

Thank you for your support.

ParentPay - our online payment system in school

ParentPay is our online payment system that is used to make a variety of school payments. Parents/ carers can use ParentPay to pay for school payments such as: Dinner Money top ups, Toast, School Trips, Breakfast Club, Wrap Around Club and Swimming etc.

If your child is just starting our school you will receive a code during their first week enabling you to set up an account. Your child will still be able to have a lunch or stay to Breakfast or Wrap Around Club whilst a code is being allocated to you. Children in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

If you are not yet using or have mislaid your ParentPay code please contact the office.

Driving up the Lane

Can we please ask, for everyone's safety, that you do not drive your car up the lane to school when dropping off and collecting your child from school, for Breakfast Club or Wrap Around. Thank you.

Breakfast Club and Wrap Around Club

We have a daily Breakfast Club (during term time) from 7.45am. Breakfast is supplied and the children are taken to join their classes at 8.40am. The cost for the daily session is £4 payable via ParentPay. If you are able, we ask that your book in advance but the club is also available on an ad hoc basis to suit your needs.

Wrap Around Club (during term time) runs from 3.10pm—6pm daily. The cost is £4 per hourly session, payable via ParentPay. A snack can be provided if your child is staying after 5.10pm for an additional cost of £1, you need to let us know in advance if you would like this please. Again, if you are able, we ask you to book in advance but the club is also available on an ad hoc basis to suit your needs.
Both clubs are for children aged 3 years and above. Vouchers can be used to pay for Breakfast and/or Wrap Around Club.

The contact Telephone Number for Breakfast Club and Wrap Around during term time is 01948 800 307

Thank you.

School Meals

Hot school meals are available daily at a cost of £2.65 (£1.85 for Nursery children) and payable via ParentPay.

Please note children moving into Year 3 will need to pay for school lunches.

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits. Please apply, if you are eligible, for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 even though they will receive universal free school meals. Please visit the site below to check if you are eligible to apply.

https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Toast

Toast is available to the children at first playtime at a cost of 10p per slice, this is payable via ParentPay.
Children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 have free fruit on a daily basis.

** Please let us know if you do not want your child to have toast on a daily basis as some of our children may not understand and may order without you knowing. **

Children are more than welcome to bring in their own healthy snacks, i.e. raw vegetables, fruit etc. to eat at playtime. Thank you.

** School Transport **

Your child may be eligible for school transport if they are in
Reception Class to Year 6 and fulfil certain criteria.

Applications can be submitted online at https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-transport/available-support/

Scroll down and click on Primary.

Any queries please contact school. Thank you.

Homework

Your child's homework is accessed via our online Seesaw program.
Spellings and homework are set on Seesaw each week.

New login details will be sent home with your child during their first week back at school.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Wellies

Please can your child bring a pair of wellies into school (labelled with their name) that can be left in school.
We play outside at lunchtimes on the field as often as possible, and will then also be available for use when they are taking part in Outdoor Learning. Thank you.



Water Bottles

Please can children bring a water bottle, labelled with their name to school each day.
If your child is bringing juice to drink with their lunch can they also bring a bottle with water in so that they can remain hydrated throughout the day. Thank you.



Facebook

Our school has a Facebook account - Prees CE Primary School and Nursery
We use the account to share some of the amazing things that the children undertake in school. Thank you.