PREES SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

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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.

Monday 5th October	**Harvest Service 2pm at St Chad's Church - All children to come to school in full school uniform please (children who have PE to bring their PE kit to school to change into)** **PE - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6** **Forest School - Nursery**
Tuesday 6th October	PE - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Educational visit to Chester Zoo – Years 1, 2, 5 and 6
Wednesday 7th October	**PE - Year 1 and Year 2** **Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9.00am – 10.30am**
Thursday 8th October	Swimming - Year 5 and Year 6 PE - Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 9th October	**PE - Reception and Year 3** **Planetarium visit for Year 5 and Year 6**

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service is on Monday 5th October, 2.00 p.m. at St Chad's Church — everyone is very welcome to join us. We will be asking for donations of non-perishable food e.g. tins and packets to donate to the Whitchurch Food bank, there will be a collection box in school, so please send any items you wish to donate into school on Monday morning. During the service, there will be a voluntary collection, donations will be sent to the Farm Crisis Network. Thank you for your support.



Whitchurch Food Bank

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

JARS OF COFFEE (LARGE AND SMALL)
TINNED SPAGHETTI
TINS OF FRUIT
SPONGE PUDDINGS
SEMI-SKIMMED OR WHOLE LONG LIFE MILK
PORRIDGE
JARS OF FISH /MEAT PASTE
TEA
TINNED MEAT
BOTTLES OF CORDIAL /FRUIT SQUASH
TINS OF CUSTARD
PACKETS OF MASHED POTATO
JARS OF JAM
LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE
TINS OF CARROTS
TINS OF RICE PUDDING
CHOCOLATE & SWEETS
WASHING-UP LIQUID
RICE 500GM AND 1KG PACKET
WASHING POWDER /LIQUID

Diary Dates

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Tuesday 6th October	**Educational visit to Chester Zoo – Years 1, 2, 5, and 6**
Wednesday 7th October	Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10.30am
Thursday 8th October	**Swimming for Year 5 and Year 6**
Friday 9th October	Planetarium visit in the hall for Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday 14th October	**Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10.30am** **Parent Consultations**
Thursday 15th October	Swimming for Year 5 and Year 6 Parent Consultations
Friday 16th October	**Wear It Pink! (see below for more details)** **Break up for Half Term**
Monday 19th October – Monday 2nd November - Holiday Club (see below for more details)	
Monday 2nd November	**PD Day – children not in school**
Tuesday 3rd November	Children return to school

***** School Admissions Dates *****

Online applications for Secondary School places are now open

Applications must be made online by 31st October 2026 (final day for applications)

To apply please Ctrl+Click to follow link: Transferring to secondary school | Shropshire Council

. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on 'Apply here'
If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us, we are happy to help.

Get Ready to Wear It Pink!
on Friday 16th October
We are excited to support Wear It Pink! We invite all children to come to school wearing their PE jogging bottoms and trainers with a splash of pink—think t-shirts, tops, jumpers, trainers, caps, bobble hats, or scarves. If you are in a position to do so, we would welcome a voluntary contribution to help fund life-saving breast cancer research and support.
Thank you for helping us make a difference!

Holiday Club

Holiday Club will run again during October half term

Monday 19th October – Friday 23rd October
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October and Monday 2nd November

9am—3pm, £12 per session.
Children need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle please.

Bookings for Holiday Club are now open on ParentPay. Parents and Carers wishing to use voucher payments please contact Mrs Knight on knight.j@prees.shropshire.sch.uk
The contact Telephone Number during Holiday Club is 01948 800 307

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

School Meals

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

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

Thank you.

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. Please note Nuts are not allowed in school due to allergies.

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.

Homework

Your child's homework is accessed via our online Seesaw program.

Spellings and homework are set on Seesaw each week.

New login details have been sent home with your child.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Child Absence

Please telephone school (01948 840 209) 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.

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.

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 they 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.

Shropshire Family Information Service

Cycling is a great way to keep active and boost your wellbeing. Why not plan a bike ride with the family, Shropshire has some great family friendly cycle routes, check them out here: https://orlo.uk/FufJf
You can find more inspiration and a list of all things cycling on our Family Information Directory https://orlo.uk/nkm7E

Shropshire Larder - a resource for people in Shropshire

The Shropshire Larder is a community information resource, bringing together the support available in Shropshire for people on low incomes.

Take a look at their website for further information on the following:

- How to access emergency food
- Where to access low cost or free food in Shropshire
- Advice on eating well on a budget
- Where to get local help with money issues

https://www.shropshirelarder.org.uk/

Cost of Living Support - Increases in the cost of food, fuel and utilities will continue to affect most households across Shropshire this year. If you find yourself worried about money or you are struggling right now, you are not alone. But do not wait to get help. Shropshire Council and many support organisations are seeing rises in the number of people seeking help, and as winter approaches you may see more delays in getting responses.
The good news is that there's help available.
The website: www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/ was created in partnership with trusted community organisations to help you find the help you need, whether it's to get through a short-term crisis or to find more long-term support.

Support for parent carers of children with SEND
Shropshire's Local Offer

Having access to good quality information to help you understand the world of SEND is important when making decisions about your child's life. This is where websites such as the Shropshire's SEND Local Offer can help you.

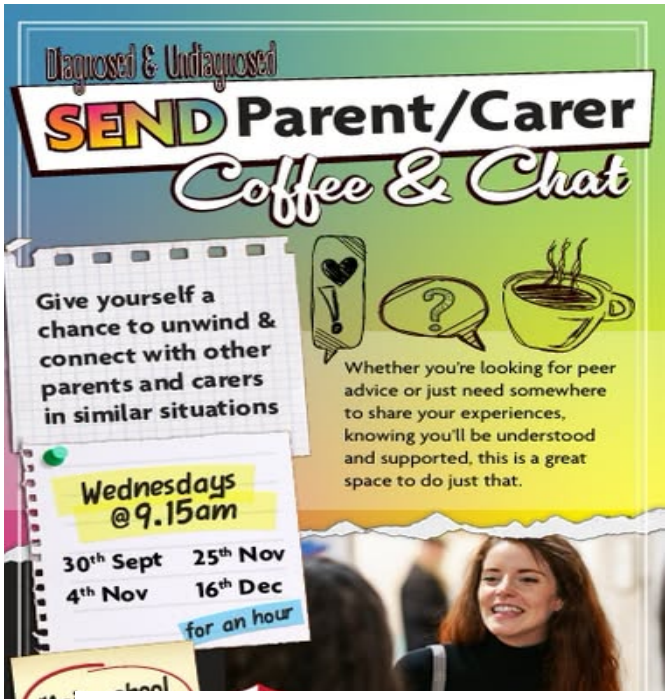


If you are concerned about someone's safety in an emergency dial 999, but for other calls to the police please ring 101. To report a safeguarding concern by phone ring the **First Point of Contact team** on 0345 678 9044 Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am to 4pm. If you have urgent adult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

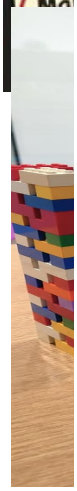
Worrying About Money

Worrying about Money? Please use the link below to find guidance and advice regarding money worries that may be affecting you and your family: https://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/shropshire

Leaflets are also available from: https://www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk/cash-first-leaflets







All ages welcome
Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian



