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 9th November	**PE - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6** **Forest School - Nursery**
Tuesday 10th November	PE - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday 11th November	**Whole school visit to the Cenotaph for Remembrance Day** **PE - Year 1 and Year 2** **Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9.00am – 10.30am**
Thursday 12th November	Swimming - Year 5 and Year 6 PE - Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 13th November	**PE - Reception and Year 3**

Please can children come to school in their PE kit on PE days and bring a spare pair of socks to change into as the grass can be wet. Thank you

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

To honour the members of our Armed Forces who have died in the line of duty, we are proudly supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. Poppies and other merchandise are available to purchase across the school. We suggest a minimum donation of 20p for a traditional poppy, and £1 for other items. Thank you so much for your support.

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11th November our school community will gather at the Cenotaph. Together, we will lay our handcrafted wreaths and prayers, standing in quiet reflection to pay our respects to the brave members of the Armed Forces who gave their lives in the line of duty.

Children in Need – Friday 20th November

To support Children in Need, children are invited to come to school in their PE jogging bottoms and trainers, paired with something spotty (such as a T-shirt, jumper, headband, or hat). We kindly invite voluntary donations to help raise vital funds, ensuring that every child has someone there for them when they need it most.

Holiday Club

A sincere thank you to everyone who supported our Holiday Club over the last two weeks! We were incredibly fortunate to have such lovely weather, which allowed the children to spend most of their time crafting, playing, and exploring outside. The fortnight absolutely flew by, and we could not have done it without your incredible support.
A huge thank you to the children for making it such a memorable and successful two weeks!

Wear It Pink! **A massive thank you to everyone for supporting Breast Cancer Awareness. Seeing our school turn into a sea of pink was truly special, and your generous donations will go a long way in funding vital research for this incredible cause.** You raised a magnificent £220.20

Diary Dates

Wednesday 11th November	Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10am
	Whole school visit to the Cenotaph for Remembrance Day
Monday 17th November	Bikeability for Year 6
	Individual Photograph and Family Photographs (more details to follow)
Tuesday 18th November	Bikeability for Year 6
Wednesday 19th November	Bikeability for Year 6
	Play, Stay and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10.30am
Friday 20th November	Children In Need
Monday 23rd November	Dancer working with children in Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 25th November	Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10am
Friday 27th November	Pantomime visit to Theatre Severn
Wednesday 2nd December	Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10am
Monday 7th December	Carol Service, St Chad's Church at 6pm
Tuesday 8th December	Friends of Prees School - Elfridges Pop-Up shop in school for the children
Wednesday 9th December	Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10am

****Applications for Reception School Places****

Children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 are eligible to start Reception in September 2027.

Applications can be made online from 2nd November 2026 - 15th January 2027 (applications received after this date are considered late and processed after on-time allocations).

Apply by visiting: https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-to-start-or-transfer-school/starting-infant-or-primary-school/

Whitchurch Foodbank
Together with Trussell

A message from the Food Bank following our Harvest collection:

PREES CE PRIMARY AND NURSERY,

THANK YOU, SO MUCH for your wonderful delivery of Harvest goods received last week at Bargates for Whitchurch Food Bank, they weighed 79.7 kgs - which was amazing!!

We were delighted to have your support once again, it is much appreciated - Bless you!!

What would we do without all you wonderful people, who support us, I ask myself - the answer, I fear, would be un-thinkable!

Once again, many thanks, and with All Good Wishes to you.

Lego and Board Games

If your family has any Lego or board games that are no longer being used, we would be delighted to receive them as donations for our school and give them a new home. Thank you very much for your support

Important Reminder

We are a nut-free school. For the safety of children with severe allergies, please ensure no nuts, peanut butter, or nut-based snacks are brought into school.

Thank you for your support.

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.
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
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. 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.
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 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.
Thank you for your support.

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

Whitchurch Library

Our free Lego Club takes place every Saturday at 10am!
Stop by and bring your creativity.

- **Every Saturday 10am-12pm**
- **Lego provided**
- **All ages welcome**
- **Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian**





