

Dear Parents/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.

PREES SCHOOL NEWS

Monday 2nd October

PE Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

(Everyone to come to school in school uniform and Years 2, 3 and 4 to bring their PE kit with them)

Harvest Service 2pm in St Chad's Church, everyone welcome to join us (there will be tea/coffee and cake available at the rear of the church after the service for a voluntary contribution for MacMillan)

Tuesday 3rd October

PE— Nursery, Reception, Year 1

Educational visit to Shropshire Archives Years 5 and 6

Wednesday 4th October

PE - Year 4 and Year 6

Piano Lessons

Thursday 5th October

Swimming for children in Year 2 and Year 6

PE - Year 1 and Year 5

Guitar Lessons

Outdoor Learning Reception

Friday 6th October

PE - Reception and Year 3

Outdoor Learning Year 1

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. Can children come to school in Outdoor Learning clothes (a long sleeved top, long trousers, wellies (if your child does not already have wellies in school can they please bring a pair into school on the day they have outdoor learning) and a waterproof coat). Thank you.

At Prees C.E. Primary School, we continually focus on the importance of attendance and punctuality to ensure that your child has the best possible start in life. Attendance has a direct link to attainment; there is clear evidence that poor attendance has a very negative impact on children's learning and progress at school. If a child is not in school regularly they are not fully accessing the curriculum and learning opportunities available to them. Children are required to attend school for 190 days each year. There are 175 days for holidays and other activities. We expect attendance rates to be 96% and above.

Attending school every day equates to 100% attendance.

Attendance during 1 year	Days lost	This equates to
95% attendance	9 days	nearly 2 weeks
90% attendance	19 days	nearly 4 weeks
85% attendance	29 days	nearly 6 week
80% attendance	38 days	nearly 8 weeks
75% attendance	48 days	nearly 10 weeks
70% attendance	57 days	nearly 11.5 weeks
65% attendance	67 days	nearly 13.5 weeks

We believe that 'Every Minute Counts! When a child arrives late at school, they miss teacher instructions and lesson time; and their learning begins to suffer. Children also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late. This can seriously disadvantage children and disrupt the learning of others. Please help your children to be punctual. Thank you.

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

Applications for Secondary School Places

5th September 2023 — 31st October 2023 (final day for application)

To apply please visit: <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

click on: Apply to start or transfer school

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school, we are happy to help.

100% Attendance



Thank you and well done to so many of our children who again had
100% attendance last week.

Congratulations to Silver Birch Class (Year 3) who had
100% attendance!



Walking Bus

We are looking to get our Walking Bus up and running again and we need your help.
Are there any volunteers who would be willing to help walk with
the children starting from the Fire Station and picking up at certain
points along the way to School? Please can you let anyone know
who does not receive the newsletter and you feel may like to join
the walking bus as a volunteer. If you are able to support us
please email Mrs Powell at learningmentor@prees.shropshire.sch.uk letting her know the day/days
you are available to volunteer. Thank you.



Harvest Service

Everyone is welcome to join us at our Harvest Service, 2pm in St Chad's Church tomorrow,
Monday 2nd October.



Thank you so very much for your contributions of non perishable food to
donate to the Whitchurch Food bank. During the service, there will be a
voluntary collection, donations will be sent to the Farm Crisis Network.
We hope you can stay for tea/coffee and cake, which will be served at the rear of
the church after the service, and if you are able, we would welcome a voluntary
contribution to raise money for Macmillan Cancer support. Thank you.

Ballot Forms

Your child brought home a ballot form for
election of a Parent Governor. Forms must be
returned by 3.10pm on Monday 2nd October
otherwise they can not be counted.
Thank you.

Homework Questionnaire

Can you return the homework questionnaire
your child brought home last week by Friday
please. Thank you to the parents/carers who
have already returned the questionnaire.
Thank you.

Holiday Club

Holiday club will run again on Friday 27th October and during
October half term on Monday 30th October to Thursday 2nd November.
Further details will follow shortly.



Head Lice

Head Lice are again making a nuisance of
themselves. Please check your child's hair and
treat if necessary. Regular combing with a
fine toothed comb can help to prevent
reinfection.



Coat and Water Bottle

Can we please ask that your child brings a coat
and water bottle
labelled with their name to
school each day please.



Easy Fundraising

During these uncertain times we are looking for different ways to raise funds for school. We have registered for the Easy Fundraising scheme and would really appreciate your support with this. The scheme is very easy and free to use—if you buy any items on-line then please register with the easy fundraising website:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Once registered with the site when you buy on line, please log in and see if the retailer you are purchasing from is registered with easy fundraising—if they are, then log into the retailer's website via easy fundraising identifying Prees School as your chosen beneficiary and make your purchase—a percentage of the purchase price will be donated to school.

Please support us with this if you can, as it is a very easy way to raise funds for our school and does not cost you anything.

Thank you to everyone who has already registered.

Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits.

Children in Nursery to Year 6 may be eligible

Please visit the site below to check if you are eligible to apply.

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

Thank you.

Child absence

Can you please telephone school (01948 840209) by 9.30am if your child is unwell. If leaving a message, can you please provide the exact reason why your child is absent.

Thank you.

Data Collection Forms

Can we please remind you to return your Data Collection form to ensure we have the most current contact details for you and your family. Any queries please contact the office.

Thank you.

MESSAGING

Most communications are now being sent by email via sQuid. 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 telephone you.

Parking around the Cenotaph

Out of courtesy to our neighbours, can we ask that you do not park in front of gateways, around the Cenotaph or block the access for emergency vehicles, and are mindful that children are walking in this area with their parents/carers.

We as a school and our community are genuinely concerned that children and parents/carers lives are being put at risk when they are walking having collected their child/ren from school.

We appreciate that parking is difficult around our school but there is a car park behind the Baptist Church in Church Street.

Thank you for your support.

Twitter

Our school has a twitter account @preesschool. We use the account to share some of the amazing things that the children undertake in school. The account is private, but if you would like to follow our account then please request this and as long as we are sure who you are then your request will be accepted.



Reading Books and Reading Records

Can your child please bring their reading book and reading record to school each day so that we can record when they are reading in school.

Thank you for listening to your child read at home, it is making a big difference.

****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 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 logo/slogan)

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

Plain navy/black sweatshirt or track suit top (no logo/slogan)

Pumps for indoor PE for all children

Trainers for outdoor PE for all children

Spare socks

**** Your child will need to remove 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 sweat-shirt/track suit top other than navy or black and that they 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.

Parenting Helpline

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. Shropshire Council's Parenting Team is here to support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

Do you have any questions around child development and parenting?

Why not call our Parenting Helpline where one of our trained Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen? Call 01743 250950 - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 12.30pm.

If you would like to find out about other services the Parenting Team offers please email: Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk