

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 16th October	PE Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 Outdoor Learning Year 2 (children to bring jogging bottoms if they are not wearing them for PE)
Tuesday 17th October	PE— Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 5 Guitar Lessons
Wednesday 18th October	PE - Year 4 and Year 6 Piano Lessons
Thursday 19th October	Swimming for children in Year 2 and Year 6 PE - Year 1 Outdoor Learning Reception Wear It Pink and Race for Life (all children to wear PE kit along with something Pink)
Friday 20th 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.

We are taking part in Wear It Pink and Race for Life

Thursday 19th October

Can all children please wear their PE kit to school on Thursday along with something pink, i.e. t-shirt, tutu, cap, bobble hat or scarf etc. If you are able, a voluntary contribution to raise money to help make life-saving breast cancer research and vital support happen. Thank you.



Parents' Consultations

A reminder, it is Parents' Consultations on Wednesday 25th October and Thursday 26th October. You should receive a time for your consultation with your child's Class Teacher by Tuesday 17th October, if you do not, please contact the office. Thank you.

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.

Thank you.



Outdoor Learning Year 2 on Mondays

Children in Year 2 will be in their PE kit on a Monday. Can your child please bring a pair of jogging bottoms with them if they are wearing shorts and ensure they have a long-sleeved top to wear over their PE t-shirt for Outdoor Learning on Mondays. Thank you.

**** Lunchtime Assistant****

We are looking for a daily Lunchtime Assistant during term time only, 12pm—1.00pm. Our lunchtime assistants are responsible for both overseeing lunches as well as engaging the children in play and team games. Please contact the office if you are interested. Thank you.

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

Applications for Secondary School Places

Applications MUST be made by the 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.

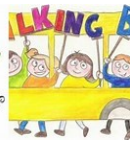
100% Attendance

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



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.



Breakfast Club and Wrap Around Club

We have a daily Breakfast Club (during term time) from 8am. 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 sQuid. 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 sQuid. A light 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.

Thank you.



Holiday Club



Holiday club will run again on Friday 27th October and during October half term—Monday 30th October to Thursday 2nd November at a cost of £10 per day. Bookings can be made on sQuid and voucher payments can be made in the usual way. Any queries please contact the office.

****Donated School Uniform****

If you require school uniform for your child we have: trousers, skirts, pinafore dresses, jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts in various sizes that have been donated to school.

Please telephone the office and ask for Mrs Powell or email her on:

learningmentor@prees.shropshire.sch.uk

to check the sizes we have available and help with recycling. Thank you.

****Donated School Uniform****

Donated School uniform will be available in the Reception area on Wednesday and Thursday during Parents' Consultations. Please feel free to look through and make a voluntary donation (if you are able) if there is anything you can use. Thank you.

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.

Staff Car Park

In the interests of safety, could we please ask that anyone collecting or dropping their children off at school do not walk across the staff car park. Please use the path between school and the church.

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.

Reading

We really appreciate your support in your child's reading development.

We understand that it is difficult to hear your child read every day, but if you could try to build in some time during the course of the week to hear your child read as often as possible or to talk with them about their reading that would be really beneficial. Reading books will be sent home with your child's reading record diary each day. Please record in their reading diary every time you hear your child read. Thank you.

Parking in the Bus Stop Area

Can we please ask that you do not park in the Bus Stop area. The bus needs to be able to access the area at drop off and collection times. If the bus cannot fully access the area it can cause delays for traffic in both directions.

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.



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>

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're struggling right now, you're not alone. But don't 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.




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

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BEAM DROP-INS ARE HELD:


Monday	Sundome Youth Centre, 218 Sundome Road, Shrewsbury SY1 4RG	Open: 12pm Close: 4pm
Tuesdays	9 Market Square, Wellington, Telford TF1 1BP	Open: 10am Close: 6pm
Thursdays	9 Market Square, Wellington, Telford TF1 1BP	Open: 10am Close: 4pm
Saturdays	9 Market Square, Wellington, Telford TF1 1BP	Open: 10am Close: 2pm



PLEASE NOTE: no sessions will be started during the last hour of our drop-ins. This means we cannot accept anyone into the service after 5pm on Tuesday & Thursdays

Shropshirebeam@childrenssociety.org.uk

Emotional wellbeing drop-in for children and young people under 25.

 Shropshire Telford and Wrokin



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Dates for your Diary

25.10.23	Parent/Carer Consultations
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27.10.23	PD Day – children not in school (however Holiday Club will be available)
27.10.23 – 03.11.23	Half Term – children not in school (however Holiday Club Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs)
31.10.23 – 02.11.23	Holiday Club Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs
06.11.23	Half Term Begins – children back to school
08.11.23	Mastering Number Workshop for Year 1 parents
30.11.23	Advent Journey Day for the whole school
01.12.23	Pantomime at school for the children
14.12.23	Christmas Lunch – children welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper
18.12.23	Carol Service in Church at 6pm
20.12.23	Last day of the Autumn Term – children break up
21.12.23 – 22.12.23	Holiday Club (Thurs and Fri)
03.01.24	PD Day – children not in school (however Holiday Club will be available)
04.01.24	Spring Term Begins – children back to school

Parental Controls

Does your child have a games console? If yes, have you set up age-appropriate parental controls? The controls vary across the different consoles, but all will allow you to restrict spending and communication for example.

PlayStation

Set up your account as a family manager and create a separate child account so you can tailor their activities. Find out more here:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/psn-safety-parents-guide/>



Xbox

You can download an app to manage your child's gaming experience. Find out more here:

<https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/apps/family-settings-app>

Nintendo Switch

Nintendo also offer a free app to monitor what and how your children are playing. Find out more here:

<https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Nintendo-Switch-Family/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

Teaching children about money

Lloyds bank have published information and resources to help us help our children develop good financial habits. The information is split into age groups so you can find support tailored to your child's age.

You can find out more here:

<https://www.lloydsbank.com/help-guidance/family-finances/teaching-children-about-money.html>

Skill-building app suggestions from Internet Matters

Internet Matters have curated a list of apps that will help your child to develop skills and new interests in different areas, for example Game Builder Garage (7+), which helps children to create their own games and Tayasui Sketches to develop art skills.

You can find the full list here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/skill-building-apps-guide-for-kids/>