

# 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 23rd 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 24th October	PE— Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 5 Guitar Lessons
Wednesday 25th October	PE - Year 4 and Year 6 Piano Lessons
Thursday 26th October	Swimming for children in Year 2 and Year 6 PE - Year 1 Outdoor Learning Reception
Friday 27th October	PD Day—children not in school. Holiday Club 9am—3pm (You must book a place on sQuid if you wish your child to attend).
Monday 6th November	Children return to school <i>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.</i>

## Wear It Pink and Race for Life

A huge thank you for your contributions towards our Wear It Pink day — money for life-changing breast cancer research and support.

Thank you to all the children for taking part in the Race for Life and dressing with splashes of pink.

You raised an amazing £218.60!



## Parents' Consultations

A reminder, it is Parents' Consultations on Wednesday 25th October and Thursday 26th October. If you have not received a time for your consultation with your child's Class Teacher please contact the office.

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.





## Holiday Club



Holiday club is available on Friday 27th October and Monday 30th October to Thursday 2nd November 9am—3pm at a cost of £10 per day. Children to please bring a packed lunch and water bottle and wear clothing appropriate for the weather.

Bookings can be made on sQuid and voucher payments can be made in the usual way.

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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.

### Christmas Choir

For Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6  
Every Wednesday until 4pm  
Starting Wednesday  
8th November.  
There is no charge for this club.



### 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.



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.

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.

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

## The SEND Local Offer

Lots of information and support for children and young people with SEND and their families, including:

- Education
- Health and wellbeing
- Family support
- Social care
- Preparing for adulthood
- Early help
- Things to do
- Education, health and care plan (EHCP)
- Travel and transport
- Financial support

local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk 0345 678 9063  
www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/

If you need help accessing the Local Offer please speak to your school or local library.



## 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](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/) can help you.

Service provided by



Proud to be part of

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

### 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



service provided by



proud to be part of



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 & Thursday

Shropshirebeam@childrenssociety.org.uk

### Dates for your Diary

<b>25.10.23</b>	<b>Parent/Carer Consultations</b>
<b>26.10.23</b>	<b>Parent/Carer Consultations</b>
<b>27.10.23</b>	<b>PD Day – children not in school (however Holiday Club will be available)</b>
<b>27.10.23 – 03.11.23</b>	<b>Half Term – children not in school</b>
<b>30.10.23 – 02.11.23</b>	<b>Holiday Club Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs</b>
<b>06.11.23</b>	<b>Half Term Begins – children back to school</b>
<b>08.11.23</b>	<b>Mastering Number Workshop for Year 1 parents</b>
<b>30.11.23</b>	<b>Advent Journey Day for the whole school</b>
<b>01.12.23</b>	<b>Pantomime at school for the children</b>
<b>14.12.23</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch – children welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper</b>
<b>18.12.23</b>	<b>Carol Service in Church at 6pm</b>
<b>20.12.23</b>	<b>Last day of the Autumn Term – children break up</b>
<b>21.12.23 – 22.12.23</b>	<b>Holiday Club (Thurs and Fri)</b>
<b>03.01.24</b>	<b>PD Day – children not in school (however Holiday Club will be available)</b>
<b>04.01.24</b>	<b>Spring Term Begins – children back to school</b>

### **Does your child watch livestreams?**

#### **What is livestreaming?**

Livestreaming is when an individual broadcasts video live over the internet. People can watch livestreams from any device that is connected to the internet.

#### **Who is watching livestreaming?**

Research from Ofcom reported that 57% of 3 – 17 year olds have watched live streams and the most used platforms to watch live streams were YouTube and TikTok. The research also showed that the percentage watching content on livestreaming app/sites increased by age. A third of 3-4 year olds were watching live content with this number growing to eight in ten of 16-17 year olds. This is reported in [Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2022 \(ofcom.org.uk\)](https://www.ofcom.gov.uk/consult/condocs/childrenandparents/childrenandparents_media_use_and_attitudes_report_2022/).

#### **What are the risks?**

There are risks associated with watching livestreams that you should be aware of. The main risk being that your child may see or hear something inappropriate as your child may come across themes or content that is not suitable for them. It is difficult to moderate live content as it is happening in real time.

#### **How can I help my child?**

All online platforms have an age rating, ensure your child only accesses platforms that are appropriate to their age. For example, TikTok has an age rating of 13.

For any platforms that your child uses, ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are applied.

Take an interest in what your child is doing online and on a regular basis, ask your child to show you what they are accessing.

Ensure your child knows how to use any reporting/blocking tools on the app that they are using and as always please ensure that your child knows to talk to a trusted adult if they see anything that concerns them online.

#### **Further information**

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/livestreaming-parents/>