

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 20th November

PE - Year 3 and Year 4

Year 1 and Year 2 Educational Visit to RAF Cosford

**** There is no Afterschool Football Club****

Tuesday 21st November

PE - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 5

Wednesday 22nd November

PE - Year 4 and Year 6

Piano Lessons

Christmas Choir for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 until 4pm

Thursday 23rd November

Swimming for children in Year 2 and Year 6

PE - Year 1 and Year 5

Outdoor Learning Reception Class

**** There is no Afterschool Netball Club****

Friday 24th November

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 and a waterproof coat). Thank you.



Holiday Club



The next holiday clubs will take place on

Thursday 21st December, Friday 22nd December and Wednesday 3rd January.

Bookings are now available on sQuid and the cut off date is midnight on

Thursday 14th December.

Parents/Carers using the Childcare Scheme/Vouchers, should book by emailing

knight.j@prees.shropshire.sch.uk

Thank you.

*** School Admissions Dates ***

Applications for Reception School Places

Children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 can start primary school from September 2024

Applications must be made online by the 15th January 2024.

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

click on: Apply to start or transfer school.

If you have any queries or would like support with your application please contact Mrs Powell.



Christmas Choir

For Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
every Wednesday until 4pm
There is no charge for this club.

100% Attendance

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



Children in Need

Thank you for your donations for Children in Need.
You raised an amazing £199.34!



Dates for your Diary

29.11.23	Individual Class Photographs
30.11.23	Advent Journey Day for the whole school
01.12.23	Pantomime in school for all the children
14.12.23	Christmas Lunch – children welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper School Disco - more details will follow shortly
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) More details will follow shortly
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

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.

Homework on Seesaw

Your child's homework is accessed via our online Seesaw programme.
Spellings and homework are set on Seesaw each week.
Any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Walking across the Staff Car Park

Please can we remind parents for safety reasons NOT to walk across the staff car park when dropping off and collecting your child/ren. Can you please use the path that runs between the school and the church. Thank you.

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.

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 huge difference.



SSS Training

We subscribe to SSS Learning for some of our staff training.

They are also offering some free guides for parents/carers, please visit:

[Child Mental Health & Wellbeing- 10 Top Tips for Parents | SSS Learning Ltd](#)

[Your Mental Health & Wellbeing- 10 Top Tips for Parents | SSS Learning Ltd](#)

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.

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/>



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>

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

sQuid - our online payment system in school

sQuid is an online payment system that can be used to make a variety of school payments.

Parents/ carers can use sQuid to pay for school payments such as: Dinner Money top ups, Toast, School Trips, Breakfast Club, Wrap Around Club and Swimming etc.

Children in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If you have mislaid your sQuid code please contact the office.

Enable Auto top up on your Catering purse, so your child never runs out of funds.

To enable Auto top up you will first need to make a payment and store your payment card. After you have stored your payment card, select the tick box to enable Auto top up and select the amount that you would like to add when the balance falls below a certain level, from each of the drop down boxes. Simply untick the box to disable Auto top up, and when you have updated your Auto top up preferences, please click the 'Save' button.

Remember to top up before 21:00 so that funds are ready to be used from 06:00 the following day. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Primary School Application for September 2024

Children can start school in reception at the beginning of the academic year following their fourth birthday.

Therefore, children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 can start primary school from September 2024.

Applications should be made online. See the attached guidance to help you make your application. If you have any queries or encounter any difficulties completing your application, please contact the School Admissions Team by email - school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk.

Please note that the online facility is open from 2 November 2023. **You must apply by 15 January 2024.** If there is a reason why your application is late i.e. due to a house move, please email school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk to advise.

Applications received after 15 January, without exceptional reasons, are considered late. Late applications won't be processed until all the applications received on time have been allocated. This may result in your child not being offered a school place at your preferred school.

Shropshire Local Authority residents should use the Shropshire online portal to make their application for any English state infant or primary school. If the school you wish to apply to isn't there, please email school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk with the name of the school, and we will get it added

- If you wish to apply for a neighbouring Welsh authority primary school, you should apply directly to either Powys or Wrexham authorities

If you want to apply for a Shropshire school but do not reside in the Shropshire Council authority area, please refer to our [who to apply to](#) page. Telford local authority residents must apply via Telford and Wrekin Council not Shropshire Council.

- Applicants from either overseas, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland can use the Shropshire Council website to make an application for a Shropshire school.

IF AN APPLICATION IS MADE THROUGH THIS PORTAL FROM A RESIDENT IN ANOTHER ENGLISH AUTHORITY OTHER THAN SHROPSHIRE IT WILL BE DISCARDED.

BEFORE MAKING AN APPLICATION

Ensure you read the [Guide to Education in Shropshire](#) This guide provides all the correct information to help you make your application.

- Note the importance of naming more than one school on your application, particularly when not applying for your catchment area school.

Ensure that you're happy with the application before you submit it. The online portal doesn't allow you to change your application once it's been submitted and downloaded by the Admissions Team. If you do need to amend your application after you have submitted it, you must email: school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk

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.



WhatsApp

You must be at least 16 years old to use WhatsApp.

You may have noticed that WhatsApp have added an editing feature so you can change messages that you have sent for up to 15 minutes afterwards. Childnet have published a blog outlining what you should be aware about with this new feature:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/find-out-whatsapps-new-features-and-how-it-can-impact-online-safety/>

Roblox

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. **A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. It is important to set up appropriate parental controls for your child.**

What rating is Roblox?

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content. It is rated for **'Teens'** on Google Play and **12+** on the App store.

What should I be aware of?

Chat Facility - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends.

Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. For children under 13, you can set the Monthly Spend Restriction in settings.

Game content – as mentioned, users create games so sometimes the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.

How do I report abuse and block users?

Roblox have a Report Abuse system so show your child how to use it to report inappropriate content as well as how to block other users. There are different ways of doing this depending on the device being used.

How do I set up parental controls and a pin?

Parental controls are available within settings. We recommend that you explore the parental controls available and set as appropriate. You can enable a PIN, which means that changes cannot be made without this pin. You can set up Allowed Experiences, which allows you to select age-appropriate experiences, so your child can only join experiences that match their age. Age categories available are for all, 9+, 13+ and 17+. All experiences are still searchable though.

To view content that is suitable for 17+, then a user must participate in a verification process by submitting valid ID.

Further information:

<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>

<https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/roblox/>