

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 19th February	PE - Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 *
Tuesday 20th February	PE - Nursery, Reception Class and Year 1
Wednesday 21st February	Swimming Year 3 PE - Year 2 and Year 5
Thursday 22nd February	Swimming Year 4 and Year 5 PE - Year 1 and Year 6 Outdoor Learning Nursery and Reception Class
Friday 23rd February	PE - Reception Class 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.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 23rd February	Journeys' Journey Day
Monday 26th February	Bikeability Year 6
Monday 26th February	Bingo at Prees Cricket and Recreation Club
Friday 1st March	Years 3 and 4 Educational Visit
Wednesday 6th March	Years 5 and 6 Educational Visit
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 20th March	Easter Service at St Chad's Church, 2pm
Friday 22nd March	Break up for Easter Holidays

BINGO

A fundraising bingo event has been organised for our school on the 26th February 2024 at Prees Cricket and Recreation Club, 7pm eyes down 7.30pm.

For the event, we provide the bingo prizes, in the past these have been bottles of wine, boxes of chocolates, smellies etc.

If anyone is able to donate a prize for the event, they will be very gratefully received. Your support as ever is very much appreciated.

**** Easter Choir ****



**Starting Wednesday
21st February
with Mrs Edwards
3.15pm — 4pm
Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
There is no charge**



Holiday Club



**Thank you to
everyone who supported Holiday Club.
The children were amazing and we had
lots of fun!**

Prees C.E. Primary School & Nursery

Invites you to join us

Every Wednesday - starting 28th February

9.00am - 10.30am (during term time)

for play, story time, crafts, drink, snack and friendly chat!

Everyone welcome

Babies, toddlers, parents, carers, grandparents and friends

Sessions are free; come and join in the fun!

Tel: 01948 840209



Walking Bus

Great news, we now have 4 volunteers for our walking bus who are willing to help walk with the children starting from the Fire Station and picking up at certain points along the way to school. However, we do still need more volunteers. 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 can you please let Mrs Powell know the day/s you are free to volunteer at: learningmentor@prees.shropshire.sch.uk Thank you.



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. Thank you.



NSPCC

The NSPCC have produced some fabulous resources for parents with babies and young children.

Find them at:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/look-say-sing-play-early-years-resources-parents/>

Child absence

Please telephone school (01948 840209) by 9.30am 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 9.30am we shall be texting you and then following-up with a telephone call if we have still not heard from you by lunchtime.

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 purely a health and wellbeing safeguarding check stemming from a recent very sad incident involving a young child and his father.

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.

Setting up parental controls on your child's mobile

If you do not have the same mobile phone as your child, and therefore are unable to use Google Family link or Apple Family Sharing, then you can set restrictions on your child's device instead.

Apple devices:

To set up restrictions on your child's device directly (rather than using an app) then follow the instructions on the link: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>

The instructions will show you how to get to the settings on your child's phone and then how to set restrictions such as restrict content, schedule downtime, set time limits for apps. You will need to set a passcode 'use a screen time passcode' to ensure changes cannot be made after you have set them.

Android devices:

As with the above link, this link shows you how to set up parental controls on the device itself by creating a PIN: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738?hl=en-GB#zippy=%2Cfor-family-members-who-manage-their-own-accounts>

PlayStation

Does your child have a PlayStation? If so, have you set up appropriate parental controls? Some examples of the parental controls available are:

- Set age restrictions,
- Set daily limits,
- Control chat and messaging,
- Set spend limits.

How can I block/report other players?

If your child is playing with other players, then please ensure they know how to report/block other players and to tell a trusted adult if they do come across anything upsetting or that they are unsure of. This link details how to do this based on the device they have:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/block-players-psn/>

What games are suitable for my child?

PlayStation have included a list of games along with their age rating to help you find a game that may be appropriate for your child to play.

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/editorial/great-ps4-games-for-kids-and-families/>

Whilst age ratings do allow you to see if a game may be appropriate, it is also important to review the game yourself and see if it includes additional features such as chat. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable and if you need to apply further parental controls.

Further information

You can find out more about the controls available here:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/parental-controls/>

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/>



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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NHS children's appointments

- ◆ General dentistry
- ◆ Oral health education
- ◆ Saturday opening
- ◆ After-school appointments



Scan & Book your Appointment Here

Corser House, 17 Green End,
Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 1AD

www.spadental.co.uk/contact

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
family
Information Service

Info, advice and support,
for families in Shropshire

Find us on:

