

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.



Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Partington. We sincerely thank her for her many years of dedication and commitment and we wish her every happiness in the next chapter of her life.



Monday 26th February

PE - Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

Tuesday 27th February

PE - Nursery, Reception Class and Year 1

Wednesday 28th February

Swimming Year 3

PE - Year 2 and Year 5

Thursday 29th February

Swimming Year 4 and Year 5

PE - Year 1 and Year 6

Outdoor Learning—Nursery and Reception Class

Friday 1st March

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.

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.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Stay, Play and Chat



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

Dates for your Diary

Monday 26th February	Bikeability Year 6
Monday 26th February	Bingo at Prees Cricket and Recreation Club
Wednesday 28th February	Stay, Play and Chat Sessions 9am — 10.30am
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

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.



sQuid - our online payment system in school

sQuid is our online payment system that is 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.

If your child is just starting our school you will receive a code during their first week enabling you to set up an account. Your child will still be able to have a lunch or stay to Breakfast or Wrap Around Club (from 3 years old) whilst a code is being allocated to you. Children in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

If you are not yet using or have mislaid your sQuid code please contact the office.

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 you 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.

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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.

Snapchat—New Controls

What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time e.g., 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.

You can find out more about Snapchat here: <https://parents.snapchat.com/en-GB>

Family Center: new features

Snapchat are expanding the features available to you in their Family Center, allowing parents to view:

- story settings: you will be able to see who your child is sharing their story with e.g. all their friends or a smaller group.
- contact settings: see who your child can be contacted by (by people they have added as a friend or their phone contacts).
- if your child is sharing their location with friends on the Snap Map.

In addition, you will be able to restrict the use of Snapchat's 'My AI.' You can find out more here:

<https://values.snap.com/en-GB/news/expanding-our-in-app-parental-tools-2024>

More information

The NSPCC provide further information about Snapchat, **the risks involved** with using Snapchat and **tips to help keep your child safe** if they are using Snapchat.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-snapchat-safe-for-my-child/>

At what age can my child start using social networks?

Internet Matters have produced this fantastic resource highlighting the minimum age limits for a variety of social media platforms as well as outlining the risks of being underage on social media.

You can find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking>

Online Safety advice for Early Years

Internet Matters have teamed up with EE to create 'Online Safety Starts Early.' This is a 4-episode series, for those with children in Early Years. Episode one highlights how to create positive habits from the beginning and then provides links to additional resources.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/online-safety-video-guides-early-years/>

EE Learn

EE Learn includes an array of information and guidance on how to keep your child safe online, for example tips on how to help your child when they are online. Find out more here:

<https://ee.co.uk/do-more-with-ee/learn>

Reality Check from Parent Zone

Most VR Headsets have a minimum age recommendation of 13+ and VR games are rated by PEGI too so check their age rating/suitability.

Parent Zone, VoiceBox and Meta have created a series of videos explaining the safety and parental control tools available when using VR and how to

have a conversation with your child about VR. Find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/realitycheck>

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:

