

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 11th March

PE - Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

Tuesday 12th March

PE - Nursery, Reception Class and Year 1

Wednesday 13th March

Swimming Year 3

PE - Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday 14th March

Swimming Year 4 and Year 5

PE - Year 2 and Year 6

Outdoor Learning—Nursery and Reception Class

Friday 15th March

Comic Relief - non uniform, wear something red

PE - Reception Class, Year 3 and Year 6

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.

Story and Rhyme Session

The Nursery children had a wonderful afternoon on Thursday, sharing with parents stories and rhymes.

Thank you to the many parents who were able to join us.



Easter Bingo

Thursday 21st March
5-7pm (Eyes down 5.30pm)
in the school hall.

Light refreshments.

Donations of Easter eggs welcome.

Please hand in at the school office. Thank you.



World Book Day

Thank you for supporting World Book Day with the children wearing amazing literacy inspired costumes. They enjoyed a wonderful day of reading, talking about and drawing their favourite books, characters and authors. Please visit our Twitter page to see some of the amazing costumes and work that the children took part in.

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.



Comic Relief

Friday 15th March
Children can wear something red to school if they wish and, if you are able, send a voluntary contribution for Comic Relief to help tackle poverty in the UK and abroad.



**** Lunchtime Sports Clubs ****

Starting week beginning Monday 11th March Mrs Coles will be offering lunchtime sports clubs. A timetable of year groups that will be taking part will follow shortly. For the next two weeks, Mrs Coles will let the relevant classes know if they need to bring their PE kit and trainers to school (if they do not already have PE that day). Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 13th March	Stay, Play and Chat
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief
Wednesday 20th March	Easter Service at St Chad's Church, 2pm - Everyone welcome
Thursday 21st March	Easter Bingo in the school hall - eyes down 5.30pm
Friday 22nd March	Last Day of the Spring Term
Monday 25th March—Friday 5th April	Easter Holidays—Children not in school
Holiday Club	Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th March and Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April
Monday 8th April	Children back in school

Holiday Club



Holiday Club will run again on
Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th March and
Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April.

Bookings must be made on sQuid, £12 per day. Parents/Carers using the Childcare Scheme/Vouchers, should book by emailing knight.j@prees.shropshire.sch.uk Thank you.

Stay, Play and Chat



at

Prees C.E. Primary School & Nursery
every Wednesday

9.00am - 10.30am (during term time)

Thank you to everyone who joined us again last week

Walking Bus

We are still looking for 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.



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.

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 will text you and then follow-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 very sad incident involving a young child and his father.

Managing Screen time from Internet Matters

Are you worried your child has too much screen time or would like more advice on how to support your child in managing their screen time? Internet Matters have a wealth of information on their website to help support you.

This first link discusses how to get the most out of screen time and how to talk to your child about screen time based on their age:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/protect-your-child>

This second link provides advice on how to tackle too much screen time and what the signs of too much screen time might be:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/deal-with-it/>

This final link provides a guide on how to balance screen time:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/creating-a-balanced-digital-diet-with-screen-time-tips/>

Does your child need a mobile phone?

If you are thinking about giving your child their own phone, then you might find this article from Family Lives useful as it discusses things you need to consider:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/primary/health-and-development/does-your-child-need-a-mobile-phone>

Do you need help managing your child's device?

You can use Google Family Link or Apple Family Sharing to help you depending on your child's device.

Google Family Link

This is a parental control app from Google that lets you:

- See activity reports showing how long they spend on each app.
- Approve or block new app downloads.
- Set screen time limits.
- Find their location (using their device).

You will need to download an app and then decide appropriate settings.

<https://families.google.com/familylink>

Apple Family Sharing

You can set up Family Sharing in the settings of your device. Family Sharing allows you to:

- Share Apple subscriptions.
- Share purchases from the App Store.
- Approve what children purchase/download.
- Limit screen time.
- Share locations and find devices.

<https://www.apple.com/uk/family-sharing/>

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
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Information Service

Info, advice and support,
for families in Shropshire

Find us on:

