

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 22nd April PE - Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday 23rd April PE - Nursery, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6

Wednesday 24th April PE - Year 2 and Year 4

Thursday 25th April Swimming - Reception Class and Year 1

PE - Year 5 and Year 6

Outdoor Learning—Nursery Class

Friday 26th April PE - Year 3 and Year 4

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.

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 also contact parents of Nursery children who do not attend, for whatever reason, on days that we are expecting them.

Starting Nursery in September

If your child will have had their 2nd or 3rd birthday by the 31st August they can join Nursery in September 2024.

Please find attached the initial Nursery Form to apply for a place.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Lunchtime Sports Clubs

Mrs Coles is running lunchtime sports clubs.

Monday - Years 1 and 2 - Football Girls and Boys
 Tuesday - Years 5 and 6 - Football Girls and Boys
 Thursday - Years 5 and 6 - Netball Girls and Boys
 Friday - Years 3 and 4 - Football Girls and Boys

Children will need to bring their PE kit and trainers on those days if they do not already have PE.

BBC — Tiny, Happy People

Tiny Happy People have a range of advice for everyone about helping children to understand their emotions.

Please visit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/helping-children-understand-their-emotions/zc4fsk7>
to find out more.

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. 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.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 19th April	Year 5 and 6 Educational Visit to Stiperstones
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday - children not in school
w/b 13th May	Key Stage 2 SATS
Thursday 23rd May	Break up for half term
Friday 24th May	PD Day - children not in school
Monday 3rd June	Return to school - children back in school
Thursday 27th June	Class Group Photographs
Monday 15th—Wednesday 17th July	Year 6 Residential visit
Thursday 18th July	Break up for Summer holidays

Stay, Play and Chat



Prees C.E. Primary School & Nursery
every Wednesday
9.00am - 10.30am (during term time)
Sessions are free.

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.



Our school uniform is now stocked by
School Shop Direct
9 Bredwood Arcade
Whitchurch
Shropshire, SY13 1AF

School Shop Direct are open each day including school holidays.

For school uniform enquiries, please contact School Shop Direct Ltd by one of the follow methods:
In-store
Telephone: 01948 838747
Website: <https://schoolshopdirect.co.uk>

Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Nursery news

We had a visit from two three week old chicks in Nursery. The children enjoyed meeting them and listening to them cheep to us. We watched them eat, drink and sleep. The chicks seemed to enjoy watching and talking to the children too!

At the end of last term, we had a fantastic time visiting the Fire Station and a visit from the local CSO with his police van, as part of our people who help us topic work.

We would like to thank everyone who helped us with arranging visits and visiting school.



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/>

**** School Transport ****

Your child may be eligible for school transport if they are in Reception Class to Year 6 and fulfil certain criteria. Applications can be submitted online at:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-transport/available-support/>

Scroll down and click on Primary.

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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Whitchurch

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:



Shropshire
Council

TIK TOK

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

TikTok is a social media platform for sharing and watching short video clips. Some of the videos may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child. If your child is using TikTok then make sure appropriate security/privacy settings are applied.

Account set up

As always, it is important that when setting up an account, your child enters their real date of birth as accounts are tailored by age e.g., direct Messaging is disabled for accounts aged 13-15. In addition, advertisements are tailored to their age. By default, accounts for people under 16 are set to private and we would recommend keeping it as this. This means your child must approve follower requests. You can read more about the other settings available, such as switching off comments and switching on restricted mode here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings>.

Family Pairing

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode. You can find out more here: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>

Inappropriate content, themes and challenges on TikTok

Whilst against TikTok's guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. We often see viral challenges on social media, some of which can be dangerous. If your child is using TikTok, chat to them regularly about what they are viewing.

Trends and Influencers

We often see trends on social media, for example a latest trend found is around skin care routines, which can lead to children purchasing products that are completely unsuitable/dangerous for their skin. You can find out more here: <https://www.bark.us/blog/skin-care-tweens/>. Influencers are people who have a large following on social media who through recommendations and promotions, influence the behavior or buying habits of others. The NSPCC discuss what we need to be aware of here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-05-16-the-influence-of-influencers/>

Stranger contact

Talk to your child about who is following them online and ensure that they understand that people may not be who they say they are when online. It is important that children know not to share personal information.

Blocking and Reporting

Ensure your child knows how to use the safety features available to them, including how to report comments, direct messages and another user.

Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>

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WEM TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY

Saturday 27th of April 2024

Juniors 1pm -2:30pm

Adults 2:30pm - 4pm

Join us at Wem Tennis Club for our annual open day. **Free** to all, whether you're new to tennis or not, come and get to know your local club. With our coach David Parry from PACE tennis joining us along with some existing members you'll be in the right place to learn about lessons, activities and everything our club has to offer!

No sign up necessary, but if you want to know more please reach out

It all starts with...

ALL STARS CRICKET

We all play at:
WEM CRICKET CLUB SY4 5HR

Session dates:
TUESDAYS, 14th MAY - 2nd JULY 2024

Session timings:
5 - 6PM

Contact:
GRAHAM FURBER Tel: (01939) 290649

Sign up today at
allstarscricket.co.uk