

# 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 30th April** PE - Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday 1 May PE - Nursery, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6

**Wednesday 2nd May** PE - Year 2 and Year 4

Thursday 3rd May Swimming - Reception Class and Year 1

PE - Year 5 and Year 6

Outdoor Learning—Nursery Class

**Friday 4th May** 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.*

At Prees C.E. Primary School, we continually focus on the importance of attendance and punctuality to ensure that your child has the best possible start in life. Attendance has a direct link to attainment; there is clear evidence that poor attendance has a very negative impact on children's learning and progress at school. If a child is not in school regularly they are not fully accessing the curriculum and learning opportunities available to them. Children are required to attend school for 190 days each year. There are 175 days for holidays and other activities. We expect attendance rates to be 96% and above.

Attending school every day equates to 100% attendance.

Attendance during 1 year	Days lost	This equates to
95% attendance	9 days	nearly 2 weeks
90% attendance	19 days	nearly 4 weeks
85% attendance	29 days	nearly 6 week
80% attendance	38 days	nearly 8 weeks
75% attendance	48 days	nearly 10 weeks
70% attendance	57 days	nearly 11.5 weeks
65% attendance	67 days	nearly 13.5 weeks

We believe that 'Every Minute Counts! When a child arrives late at school, they miss teacher instructions and lesson time; and their learning begins to suffer. Children also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late. This can seriously disadvantage children and disrupt the learning of others.

**\*\*Please help your children to be punctual; our school day starts at 8.50am.\*\*** Thank you.

### Child absence

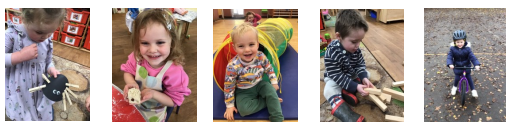
Please telephone school (01948 840209) by 9.30am if your child is unwell and will not be attending that day. If leaving a message, can you please provide the exact reason why your child is absent. If we have not heard from you by 9.30am we will text you and then follow-up with a telephone call if we 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 to attend.

### Dates for your Diary

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
Tuesday 4th June	Sports Day - Years Reception, 1 and 2 before lunch and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 after lunch
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.

### **\*\* Breakfast Club \*\***

**Our Breakfast Club starts at 8am each term time morning. We are enquiring if any parents/carers would require breakfast club from 7.45am each morning? Can you please contact the office if this is an option you would regularly use. Thank you.**

### Year 5 and 6 Educational Visit to Stiperstones

Oak Class (Year 5) and Rowan Class (Year 6) had an amazing visit to Stiperstones last Friday. It is always amazing to learn about the projects that are going on in our local area and this visit was no exception.

We found out that:

Natural England are developing a project called 'stepping stones'. The idea of this is to create a set of plant based 'stepping stones' to enable wildlife to move between Long Mynd and Stiperstones more freely! They're working with local farmers to plant trees and return some fields to long, natural sections for plants to grow. Jenni talked about how they are trying to make sure native animals can move between the hills.

The heather and gorse plants provide a great habitat for birds such as the skylarks who nest on the ground.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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:



## Group Chats

Group Chats are available on various messaging apps, social media apps and in some games. When your child is part of these groups, they may not know all the other members and it may even include people that they have previously blocked. Your child may come across inappropriate content and bullying can take place within these groups. Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with kindness, like they would if they were face-to-face.

The NSPCC provide further information about group chats here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>



### NSPCC

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

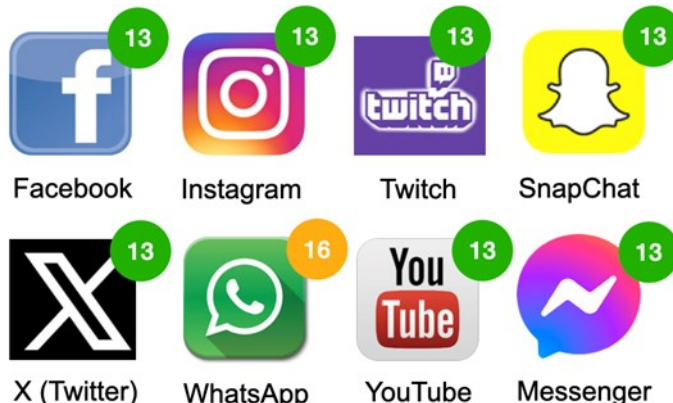
Find them at:

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

### Get to know Age Ratings

Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing.

Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?



### Homework on Seesaw

Your child's homework is accessed via our online Seesaw program.

Spellings and homework are set on Seesaw each week.

If you have mislaid your child's Seesaw code please get in touch with us.

If your child is just starting at our school they will bring login details home during their first week.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

### 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.

### Water Bottles

Please can children bring a water bottle, labelled with their name to school each day.

If your child is bringing juice to drink with their lunch can they also bring a bottle with water in so that they can remain hydrated throughout the day. Thank you.

### Twitter

Our school has a twitter account @preeschool. 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.



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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](http://allstarscricket.co.uk)