

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.

Monday 23rd September	PE - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 24th September	PE - Nursery, Reception and Year 1
Wednesday 25th September	PE - Year 2 and Year 4 Choir 3.15pm - 4pm
Thursday 26th September	Swimming for children in Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 PE - Year 1 and Year 3 Outdoor Learning Nursery
Friday 27th September	PE - Reception and Year 4 Outdoor Learning Year 1 and Year 2

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) on Outdoor Learning days. Thank you.

Choir

Every Wednesday 3.15pm - 4pm
Starting 25th September
Year 2 - Year 6
All welcome
sessions are free



Lego Sets

If you have any Lego sets that you no longer need, we can give them a new home. The sets do not have to be complete but they must have instructions please.



Meet the Teacher

On Monday 30th September, there is an opportunity to come into school and meet your child's class teacher.
The teachers will be in their classrooms from 3.30 p.m. until 4.30 p.m. so please come along and say hello.
There is no need to notify us of your attendance.

Starting Nursery

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

Please contact the office if you require a registration form.
Thank you.

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service is on Thursday 10th October at 2.00 p.m. at St Chad's Church — everyone is welcome to attend. We will be asking for donations of non perishable food e.g. tins and packets to donate to the Whitchurch Food bank, there will be a collection box in school, so please send any items you wish to donate into school before Tuesday 8th October.

During the service, there will be a voluntary collection, donations will be sent to the Farm Crisis Network.

Thank you for your support.



Whitchurch Food Bank

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

JARS OF COFFEE (LARGE AND SMALL)

TINS OF CUSTARD

TINNED SPAGHETTI

PACKETS OF MASHED POTATO

TINS OF FRUIT

JARS OF JAM

SPONGE PUDDINGS

LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE

SEMI- SKIMMED OR WHOLE LONG LIFE MILK

TINS OF CARROTS

PORRIDGE

TINS OF RICE PUDDING

JARS OF FISH/MEAT PASTE

CHOCOLATE & SWEETS

TEA

WASHING-UP LIQUID

TINNED MEAT

RICE 500GM & 1KG PACKETS

BOTTLES OF CORDIAL/FRUIT SQUASH

CHOCOLATE SNACK BARS

WASHING POWDER/LIQUID

MESSAGING

Most communications are sent by email via sQuid. Please make sure that we have the most up to date contact information for you. Please let us know of any changes to your key details.

As a matter of routine, any injury above the neck means that a text is sent home as well as the 'bump note'. All other minor accidents will be recorded and a note sent home with your child. If anything is considered more serious than a minor injury we will always ring 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 shall also be contacting parents of Nursery children who do not attend, for whatever reason, on days that we are expecting them. This is a health and wellbeing safeguarding check.

Stay, Play and Chat

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

Children from 0-5 years, parents, carers, grandparents, friends; we look forward to you joining us on a Wednesday in our school hall
Sessions are free.

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.



Wellies

If your child does not already have a pair of wellies in school (labelled with their name please) can we ask that you send a pair in that can be left in school.

We play outside at lunchtimes on the field as often as possible, and they will then also be available for use when they are taking part in Outdoor Learning.



Would you know what to do if your child was injured or had a medical emergency? The British Red Cross have created a fantastic free baby and child first aid app to help you keep your little ones safe. It is designed to support parents, grandparents and caregivers to learn 17 first aid skills to help in a first aid emergency.

You can also find tips on how to prepare for emergencies both at home or while out and about.

Click here to find out more <https://orlo.uk/M5PMZ>



Understanding Your Child

Would you like to know more about your child's development?

Would you like support to understand your child's behaviour?

Want to meet other parents and carers?

Then this FREE 10 week course is for you. It will help you to understand your child, yourself and your parenting style better. Giving you practical tips to improve your relationship and a chance to talk about challenges within a supportive peer group setting.

Throughout September and October there will be courses starting in Oswestry, Whitchurch, Market Drayton, Shrewsbury, Cressage, Church Stretton and Ludlow. Find out more about the course and how to book you place here: <https://orlo.uk/LyqVC>

Do you have children aged 0-19, or up to 25 for young people with special educational needs and disabilities?

You can get free information, advice and support on all aspects of family life at our drop-in sessions.

You can chat, have a coffee and find out how we can help you with family life, parenting support, domestic abuse support, money worries, housing support and much more. Find you nearest drop in: <https://orlo.uk/36e2w>

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](#) can help

Snapchat

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 can only be seen for a set time e.g., 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.

What should I be concerned about?

Risks of using Snapchat include your child viewing content that is not appropriate for them, location sharing and contact from strangers.

NEW safeguarding features

Snapchat have recently announced their newest features to help protect 13-17-year-olds. The features include seeing a warning message if they receive a chat from someone who has been blocked/reported by others. Also, if a teen blocks a user, it will also now block any future friend requests sent from accounts created on the same device (to reduce the potential of bullying). **These two features are available to users aged 13-17-year-olds, this is one of the reasons why it is always important for your child to sign up with their correct date of birth, so they can benefit from such features.** You can find out more as well as about the other new features here: <https://values.snap.com/news/new-features-to-help-protect-our-community?lang=en-GB>

Family Centre

Family Centre is a set of parental controls designed to help you see what your child is doing when using Snapchat. You must have your own Snapchat account to set it up. Family Centre allows you to see who your child is friends with, who they are communicating with (not the contents of conversations though) and who your child has sent messages, photos or videos to in the last week. You will also be able to report any accounts that you are concerned about as well as restrict sensitive content. Snapchat have published a safety checklist to help support conversations about how to use Snapchat safely: <https://parents.snapchat.com/parental-controls>

Safety tips

Please make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up on Snapchat and your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary:

<https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-gb/articles/7012343074580-How-do-I-change-my-privacy-settings-on-Snapchat>

Check in on an iPhone

On iOS 17, you can use check in to let others know when you have arrived at a destination. When using check in, it monitors your journey and notifies the other person when you arrive at your destination or if you are not progressing as you should.

You can also use it to specify a period of time so if you are meeting somebody new then you timer and if you don't end the Check In before this time then the other person is notified.

You can find out how to use this feature here: <https://support.apple.com/en-in/guide/iphone/iphc143bb7e9/ios>

Discussing distressing news

Following on from the recent awful events in Southport, INEQUE Safeguarding Group have published an article to help you when discussing distressing news with your child. The article also includes a downloadable resource that children can read when news becomes overwhelming for them.

Find out more here: <https://ineqe.com/2024/08/02/discussing-distressing-news-events-with-children>