

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 7th October

PE - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6

Year 1 for this week only due to visit.

Tuesday 8th October

Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 Educational visit to Chester Zoo

PE - Nursery, Reception

Wednesday 9th October

PE - Year 2 and Year 4

Choir 3.15pm - 4pm

Thursday 10th October

Harvest Service in St Chad's at 2pm— Everyone welcome to join us

Swimming for children in Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6

PE - Year 1 and Year 3

Outdoor Learning Nursery

Friday 11th October

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.

*** School Admissions Dates ***

Applications for Secondary School Places

Applications must be made online by 31st October 2024 (final day for application)

To apply please visit: <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-admissions>

click on: Apply to start or transfer school, and then transferring to secondary school.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school, we are happy to help.



Holiday Club



Holiday Club will run again during October half term on
Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st October

Further details will be available nearer the time.

The Ray Grocott Running Track

Our sincere thanks to Mrs Linda Grocott and Mr David Grocott for opening our new all weather running track, 'the Ray Grocott Running Track' and to everyone who donated so generously towards its construction for school and community use.

A huge thank you from all the staff and children for providing us with this amazing opportunity. Our children are able to use the track every day even though the field may be water logged!

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	

Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits.

Children in Nursery to Year 6 may be eligible

Please visit the site below to check if you are eligible to apply

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Trainers

Your child can bring a pair of trainers in a bag to school each day to change into, to run the daily mile if they do not have PE.



Thank you.

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/>

INTERNET SAFETY

If you or your child experience any form of content on the internet that may be harmful, this can be reported using the following link:

[Report Harmful Content - We Help You Remove Content](#)

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 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.

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.

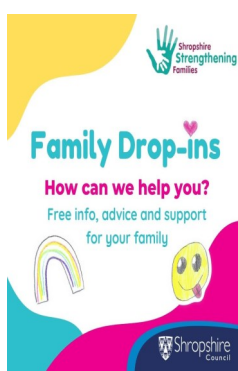
Please support us with this if you can, as it is a very easy way to raise funds for our school and does not cost you anything.

Thank you to everyone who has already registered.

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>



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 your 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

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.

Mobile phones: do you know the risks?

We know that children having access to a smartphone can expose children to risks including:

Viewing inappropriate content

Excessive screen time/use, which in turn can affect their mental health and sleep pattern.

Contact from inappropriate people/grooming

Cyberbullying

Spending money on in-app purchases/scams

What effects do mobile phones have on children's mental health?

Compass discuss the research around this important topic, outlining the positive and negative effects that mobile phones have:

<https://www.compass-uk.org/services/compass-changing-lives/what-effects-do-mobile-phones-have-on-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health/>

EE launches Age Guidance

EE has launched age guidance for smartphone usage to improve children's digital wellbeing. In summary, they recommend that children under 11 should use non-smart devices, for children aged 11-13, they advise that if a smartphone is used, then parental controls should be enabled and access to social media restricted. Finally, for 13-16-year-olds they still recommend that parental controls are implemented and appropriate restrictions set up. You can read the full guidance here:

<https://newsroom.ee.co.uk/ee-launches-age-guidance-for-smartphone-usage-in-drive-to-improve-childrens-digital-wellbeing/>

Could you delay when your child is given a smartphone with Smartphone Free Childhood?

The premise behind this movement is that all parents/carers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

What device?

When you think it is the right time for your child to have a phone, then Which? provide an overview of some options available:

<https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/mobile-phones/article/buying-a-first-mobile-phone-best-dumb-phones-and-smartphones-for-kids-aA03C3Y8aTzr>

Learn Through Play with Sesame Street

The Sesame Street website has a whole host of resources, activities, and games from supporting with learning ABCs to discussing tough topics such as grief.

<https://sesameworkshop.org/>

Be aware of what you share

Get Safe Online have produced a set of tips to help you avoid oversharing and outlines what the consequences might be if you do:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/whatdoyoushare/>