

## 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 14th October	PE - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 15th October	PE - Nursery, Reception and Year 1
Wednesday 16th October	PE - Year 2 and Year 4 Choir 3.15pm - 4pm
Thursday 17th October	Wear It Pink and Race for Life - <u>all</u> children to come to school in their PE kit and wear something pink. Swimming for children in Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 PE - Year 1 and Year 3 Outdoor Learning Nursery
Friday 18th 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  
Friday 25th, Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st October

Bookings should be made on sQuid. Parents/Carers using the Childcare Scheme/Vouchers, should book by emailing [knight.j@prees.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:knight.j@prees.shropshire.sch.uk)

Thank you.

We are taking part in Wear It Pink and Race for Life

On Thursday 17th October

Can all children please wear their PE kit to school on Thursday along with something pink, i.e. t-shirt, tutu, cap, bobble hat or scarf etc. If you are able, a voluntary contribution towards raising money to help make life-saving breast cancer research and vital support happen. Thank you.



### Our Harvest Service

Thank you so very much for your contributions of non perishable food to donate to the Whitchurch Food bank, and for your support with the voluntary collection; donations will be sent to the Farm Crisis Network.

It was lovely to see so many families joining in with our wonderful Harvest Service, thank you.



### Donating School Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has so kindly donated school uniform items for recycling. Currently, we have sufficient to meet the needs of our families and will let you know when we can take future donations.

Your support has been absolutely amazing and we sincerely thank you.

### 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 your place here: <https://orlo.uk/LyqVC>

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD  
SOLIHULL APPROACH

### Understanding your child

Free courses for Shropshire families

“ This course has given me confidence as a parent and helped me to improve our relationship. I wish I had done it sooner! ”

Shropshire Council

### 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>

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/>

Scroll down and click on Primary.

Thank you.

### 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>

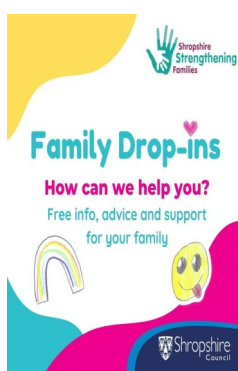
Once registered with the site when you buy on line, please log in and see if the retailer you are purchasing from is registered with easy fundraising—if they are then log into the retailer's website via easy fundraising identifying Prees School as your chosen beneficiary and make your purchase—a percentage 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.

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

A banner for 'The SEND Local Offer' with a list of services: 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. It includes contact details: local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk, 0345 678 9063, www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/, and social media icons for Facebook and Twitter. It also states: 'If you need help accessing the Local Offer please speak to your school or local library.' and the Shropshire Council logo.

## Instagram: new Teen account features

**You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account.** Instagram is used to post photos and videos as well as send direct messages, make voice/video calls and send disappearing messages. Users can also upload to 'Stories' (which disappear after 24 hours), broadcast live and upload reels (short videos).

### Teen accounts – NEW feature

Instagram have introduced Teen Accounts to try and create a safer experience for them. With a Teen Account, who they can contact is limited and the content they access will be set to the most restrictive setting to reduce exposure to sensitive content. If a teen would like to override any of these settings, then they will need their parent's permission by setting up parental supervision. These changes will be in place for all new users straightaway so any users that sign up that are under 16 will automatically be given a Teen Account. Existing users will be moved over to Teen Accounts over the next couple of months (in the UK).

### Supervision settings – new features

Instagram already offers a supervision facility, but they have added to the features to include:

- The ability to see who your child has messaged in the past week (you will not be able to see the contents of these messages)
- The option to block your child from accessing Instagram at certain times e.g. during school or at night.
- The ability to see what topics your child has chosen to see.

Read the press release from Instagram, which outlines all the upcoming changes: <https://about.fb.com/news/2024/09/instagram-teen-accounts/>

### You may not be seeing everything!

Did you know that you can hide your stories and live videos from specific people so your child could be uploading content but restricting your account from viewing it?

### Safety Features

Ensure your child knows how to report posts and people, how to unfollow and block people, delete and turn off comments. View here: <https://help.instagram.com/269765046710559>

Make sure your child understands that there is a risk that content they upload can be shared with others without their permission as other users can screenshot it.

### More information

Visit the family centre to learn more about the features available: <https://familycenter.meta.com/uk/>

### Staying safe online with Google Families

Google have a one stop resource to help you and your family stay safe online. It includes how to set up parental controls and important steps on how to keep your children safe online. You can find out more here:

### 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/>