

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 21st October	PE - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 22nd October	PE - Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Phonics Session for parents of Reception and Year 1 Children - 9.15am
Wednesday 23rd October	PE - Year 2 and Year 4 Choir 3.15pm - 4pm
Thursday 24th October	Swimming for children in Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 PE - Year 1 and Year 3 Outdoor Learning Nursery Last day of Half Term
Friday 25th October	PD Day — children not in school
28th October — 1st November	Half Term
Monday 4th November	Children back in school

*** 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
Thank you.

Wear It Pink



Thank you for all your support with Wear it Pink.
The children looked magnificent in their pink ensembles,
and you raised an amazing **£243.33!**
A huge thank you to Mrs Davies for co-ordinating the day.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 22nd October - Phonics workshop for families of children in Cherry (Reception) and Apple (Year 1) Classes- starting at 9.15 a.m. A letter has already gone out about this.

Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th November - Parent consultations - a letter will be going out on Monday regarding this.

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 your 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.

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>

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.

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](#)

Parking around the school

Out of courtesy to our neighbours, can we ask that you do not park in front of gateways around the Cenotaph or homes in the vicinity of the school. Can we also ask that you ensure your car is parked so that it does not extend past boundaries at junctions.

We appreciate that parking is difficult around our school but there is a FREE car park half way up Church Street behind the Baptist Church. Thank 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



Cost of Living Support

Increases in the cost of food, fuel and utilities will continue to affect most households across Shropshire this year. If you find yourself worried about money or you are struggling right now, you are not alone. But don't wait to get help. Shropshire Council and many support organisations are seeing rises in the number of people seeking help, and as winter approaches you may see more delays in getting responses.

The good news is that there's help available.

The website: www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/ was created in partnership with trusted community organisations to help you find the help you need, whether it's to get through a short-term crisis or to find more long-term support.

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

iOS 18 Launch

Apple have recently released their latest operating system, iOS 18. iOS 18 offers lots of new features (some are restricted to newer phones) but one feature that you should be aware of is the ability to now lock and hide apps.

When an app is locked, Face ID, Touch ID or your passcode will be required to open it. This also means that notifications will no longer be shown for that app. Additionally, apps can now be hidden so they can only be accessed through a hidden apps folder that is also locked. This new feature illustrates the need to have regular chats with your child about what they are using their phone for.

Vault (secret) Apps

Have you heard of Vault Apps? They are basically secret apps that are concealed by looking like a normal, less conspicuous app. For example, one of these apps looks and works like a working calculator when opened, but when a passcode is entered, it reveals photographs, videos, documents and contacts. One way to prevent your child from using these apps is to ensure parental controls are set up so you can review all app purchases. You can find out more here:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/find-hidden-apps/>

<https://www.safes.so/blogs/vault-apps/>

Expert Approved Apps for Learning at Home

On the Google Play Store, you can find a list of expert approved Apps for learning at home suitable for children up to the age of 12. <https://play.google.com/store/apps/category/FAMILY>