

# 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.

*Thank you to parents and carers who attended Parent Consultations this week.*

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*Thank you for your support with the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.*

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*Thank you also for supporting The Book Bus. The children enjoyed a wonderful experience viewing and buying the amazing range of books in the big red bus!*

Monday 11th November	PE - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 12th November	PE - Nursery, Reception and Year 1
Wednesday 13th November	Play, Stay and Chat in the hall 9am — 10.30am PE - Year 2 and Year 4
Thursday 14th November	Swimming for children in Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 PE - Year 1 and Year 3 Outdoor Learning Nursery and Reception Class
Friday 15th November	Children in Need—Non-uniform Day 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 Reception School Places.

Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 can start primary school from September 2025.

Applications can be made online from Monday 4th November to 15th January 2025.

To apply please visit: <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

click on: Apply to start or transfer school

then click on: Starting infant or primary school

If you have any queries or would like support with your application please contact Mrs Powell.

#### Christmas Choir



For Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6  
Every Wednesday until 4pm  
Starting this Wednesday  
13th November.  
There is no charge for this

#### Children in Need

Friday 15th November 2024  
Non-Uniform Day - wear something spotty in aid of a contribution to support children in crisis. Thank you.



### Diary Dates

<b>Monday 11th November</b>	<b>Whole school to attend the War Memorial at 10.45 a.m.</b>
Thursday 14th November	Nursery Rhyme concert in class
<b>Tuesday 19th November</b>	<b>Year 5 / 6 Dance workshop</b>
Monday 25th November	Drumming workshop for Key Stage 1 p.m.
<b>Tuesday 26th November</b>	<b>Scooter Training – Years 1, 2 and 3</b>
Thursday 28th November	Years 3 and 4 to Thomas Adams a.m.
<b>Friday 29th November</b>	<b>Photographs for individuals and family siblings</b>
Wednesday 4th December	Pantomime at School – 9.15 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.
<b>Friday 6th December</b>	<b>Nasal Flu Spray vaccine for children in Reception Class to Year 6</b>
Tuesday 10th December	Carol Service – 6 p.m. for families
<b>Monday 16th December</b>	<b>Christmas Journey Day with Christingle Service</b>
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Lunch and parties - children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper Nursery Nativity for families – 2 p.m. in the hall
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	<b>Break up for Christmas Holiday</b>
Monday 6th January	Children return to school

### Thank you message from the Whitchurch Food Bank

Now that the Harvest season is coming to an end, I've the task of contacting all those Schools, Churches, and Chapels, who have supported our Food Bank, so generously this year - the support we have received has been wonderful!

Our Manager at Food Bank, Alan Scutt, tells me that we received an amazing amount of Harvest donations following your Harvest, from Prees CE Primary School for our Food Bank, which weighed 104.7 kgs - truly fantastic!! **THANK YOU, SO MUCH**, we are truly so grateful. *Please*, do pass on our sincere thanks to both pupils and parents for their super response - Bless you all!!

Unfortunately, donations to our Food Bank have dropped off a little in the last few months, in spite of our Food Bank being busier than ever, caring for those young families, and others, who are, very often at their wits end, trying to cope with life - BUT, at least, we are here for them, and so we are all the more grateful for all those Schools, Churches and Chapels this year for their support this Harvest time - including, of course, your wonderful pupils at Prees CE Primary School!

Once again, **MANY THANKS**, for your wonderful support!

With All Good Wishes

**PAULINE STOKES** - Secretary to Whitchurch Food Bank

### Coat, hat and gloves



Can we please ask that during the cold weather your child brings a coat, hat and gloves to school each day. We like to take the children out at playtimes whenever the weather allows. Thank you.

### 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.



## CHILDREN IN NEED MENU



This Friday the menu will be:

Spotty Pizza (pepperoni)/ plain Pizza

or

Fish Cake

Chips

Spotty Carrot and Cucumber (disks)

Children in Need Cookies

## SHREWSBURY RUGBY CLUB

If your child is interested in taking up rugby, Shrewsbury Rugby Club have teams ranging from Under 7s. Their core values "of teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline, and sportsmanship are at the core of everything we do".

Sundorne Castle,  
Uffington,  
Shrewsbury, SY4 4RR  
Phone: 01743 353380



## ENJOY HOCKEY! AT SHREWSBURY HOCKEY CLUB

Learn from fully qualified England Hockey accredited coaches.

Children age 4-10 - Sundays at 10.30am-12pm.

Children age 10+ - Tuesdays at 6-7pm & Wednesdays at 7-8.15pm.

Sessions at Roman Road Sports Centre, Meole Brace School.

✓ Beginners Welcome    ✓ Equipment Provided    ✓ Free Taster Session



Contact: James - 07837 708 773  
shrewsburyhc\_juniors@outlook.com  
www.shrewsburyhockeyclub.co.uk



## Be bright, be seen

With evenings and mornings getting darker, whether you are a driver, pedestrian, biker, horse rider or cyclist, it's more important than ever to be seen. **Help us keep our roads safe.**

For the latest crime prevention advice visit:  
[www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/)

Follow West Mercia Road Safety on social media:  

For crimes in progress call 999.

For non emergencies report online: [www.westmercia.police.uk/report](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/report)

If you are unable to report online, you can contact the police via the 101 non-emergency number.

## Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch is on  
Tuesday 17th December - please see the  
attached flyer.

There is no charge for Christmas Lunch and  
lunch will be provided for everyone in  
school.

If you do not wish your child to have  
Christmas Lunch, then please inform the  
school office by Friday 15th November at  
the latest.  
Thank you.



## WhatsApp

**Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp.** We frequently receive reports of children not using WhatsApp appropriately, such as sharing images to embarrass others, sending hurtful messages, spreading rumours, or excluding people from group chats to make them feel left out.

Since WhatsApp lacks parental controls, it is important to think about whether it is really the right platform for your child. For example, you should consider if your child has the critical thinking skills to recognise bullying. Furthermore, do they understand how to manage peer pressure and refrain from joining in on harmful behaviour?

If your child is using WhatsApp, it is crucial to have regular conversations with them. Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be perceived by others. Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

### What should I be aware of if my child is using WhatsApp?

**Group chats:** Everyone within a group, even if they are not one of your child's contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group chat. If your child is using WhatsApp, check their group privacy settings to see who can add them to groups. Ensure your child understands that they can leave a chat at any time, and they know how to report users. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/424124173736394>

**Inappropriate content:** users can be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.

**Location sharing:** talk to your child about when this would be appropriate to use and the potential danger of sharing their location.

**Chat lock/secret code:** users can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting so a chat does not appear in the main chat.

**Blocking/Reporting:** Show your child how to block and report other users. Find out how here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>

### Further information

Internet Matters have produced a how to guide available here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

## How can I find age-appropriate games?

Do you need suggestions on age-appropriate games? You could use either of the following websites to search suitable games.

*Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check if it has a communication feature as this might mean you decide a game is not suitable for your child.*

<https://www.askaboutgames.com/find-the-right-game>

<https://www.familygamingdatabase.com/home>

## How to Remove Social Media Access After Granting It

Have you given your child access to social media but are now regretting that decision? Bark have published this article to help you take back control by removing social media:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/removing-social-media/>