

# 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**

# PREES SCHOOL NEWS

**Monday 25th November**

**PE - Year 5 and Year 6**

**No PE for Year 3 for this week**

**African Drums Workshop KS1**

**Tuesday 26th November**

**PE - Nursery, Reception and Year 1**

**Scooter Training - Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 — children to come to school in PE kits please.**

**Wednesday 27th November**

**Non-Uniform Day for donations to hampers**

**PE - Year 2 and Year 4**

**Thursday 28th November**

**Swimming - Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6**

**PE - Year 1**

**Outdoor Learning Nursery and Reception Class**

**Year 3 and Year 4 DT/Food Tech workshop at Thomas Adams School a.m.**

**Friday 29th November**

**Individual and Sibling Photographs - All children to come to school in school uniform.**

**PE - Reception to come to school in school uniform and bring PE kits with them.**

**Outdoor Learning Year 1 and Year 2 to come to school in school uniform and bring clothes with them.**

**Football Festival at Thomas Adams School a.m. for children in Years 3 and 4—children to bring their PE kit with them.**

*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.*

## **Non-Uniform Day Wednesday 27th November**

**We will be running the ever popular Christmas Hamper Raffle again this December and to support this, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Wednesday 27th November. On this day, we would appreciate donations of items for the hampers, for example, chocolates, mince pies and bottles, anything you would be pleased to find in a winning hamper! Thank you.**



## **Important message**

**Due to a recent change in policy, sQuid will now be penalising school for the dinner money arrears in each child's dinner money purse. Consequently, ALL dinners must be paid in advance or on the day they are taken. From Monday 25th November, children will not be able to order a school meal if they are more than one meal in arrears. If your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, please can you also check your child's account as those ordering toast will be charged 10p per day.**

**Please can all parents check their sQuid catering purse as a matter of urgency and clear any arrears and consider putting 'auto top up' in place. Auto top up will automatically top up your child's catering purse if the credit falls below a preset amount. We appreciate your help with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office, if you have any queries.**

### Diary Dates

Monday 25th November	Drumming workshop for Key Stage 1 p.m.
<b>Tuesday 26th November</b>	<b>Scooter Training – Years 1, 2, 3 and 4</b>
Wednesday 27th November	Non-Uniform Day—donations for the hampers would be gratefully received.
<b>Thursday 28th November</b>	<b>Years 3 and 4 to Thomas Adams a.m.</b>
Friday 29th November	Photographs for individuals and family siblings Years 3 and 4 to Thomas Adams for a football festival.
<b>Wednesday 4th December</b>	<b>Pantomime at School – 9.15 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.</b>
Friday 6th December	Nasal Flu Spray vaccine for children in Reception Class to Year 6
<b>Tuesday 10th December</b>	<b>Carol Service – 6 p.m. for families</b>
Monday 16th December	Christmas Journey Day with Christingle Service
<b>Tuesday 17th December</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch and parties - children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper</b>
	<b>Nursery Nativity for families – 2 p.m. in the hall</b>
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas Holiday

### \*\*\* 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.

#### 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 your child can remain hydrated throughout the day. Thank you.



#### Coat, hat, scarf, gloves and wellies



Can we please ask that during the cold weather your child brings a coat, hat, scarf, gloves and wellies (if they do not already have a pair in school) to school each day. We like to take the children out at playtimes whenever the weather allows.



#### Sickness

Please do not send your child back to school until all symptoms of sickness and/ or diarrhoea have ceased for 48 hours.



#### Homework and Topic

Your child's homework and Topic is accessed via our online Seesaw program. Spellings and homework are set on Seesaw each week.

If you have not previously accessed Seesaw or mislaid your child's login details please contact the office. Thank you.

#### Reading Books and Reading Records

Can your child please bring their reading book and reading record to school each day so that we can record when they are reading in school. As ever, we really appreciate your support in your child's reading development. We understand that it can be difficult to hear your child read every day, but if you could try to build in some time during the course of the week to hear your child read as often as possible or to talk with them about their reading, that would be really beneficial. Please record every time you hear your child read. Thank you.

At Prees C.E. Primary School, we continually focus on the importance of attendance and punctuality to ensure that your child has the best possible start in life. Attendance has a direct link to attainment; there is clear evidence that poor attendance has a very negative impact on children's learning and progress at school. If a child is not in school regularly, they are not fully accessing the curriculum and learning opportunities available to them.

**Children are required to attend school for 190 days each year.**

**There are 175 days for holidays and other activities.**

Attending school every day equates to 100% attendance.

We believe that 'Every Minute Counts!' When a child arrives late at school, they miss teacher instructions and lesson time; and their learning begins to suffer. Children also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late. This can seriously disadvantage children and disrupt the learning of others.

Please help your children to be punctual, school starts at 8.50a.m.

Thank you.

Attendance during 1 year	Days lost	This equates to
95% attendance	9 days	nearly 2 weeks
90% attendance	19 days	nearly 4 weeks
85% attendance	29 days	nearly 6 week
80% attendance	38 days	nearly 8 weeks
75% attendance	48 days	nearly 10 weeks
70% attendance	57 days	nearly 11.5 weeks
65% attendance	67 days	nearly 13.5 weeks

#### **\*\* Attendance \*\***

There is currently a Government drive to improve attendance in all schools. Our school is no exception. Measures that are currently in place are:

1. The holiday code for attendance has been removed and there is an expectation that headteachers will not authorise holiday requests and any unauthorised requests will be fined.
2. The procedure for the Education Welfare Officer becoming involved with children's attendance has become a much shorter process.

We understand that children do have illnesses but wanted to explain that the Education Welfare Officer linked to our school is monitoring attendance much more closely.

#### **Child Absence**

Please telephone school (01948 840209) by 9.00 am 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.

#### **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 telephone you. Thank you.

Support for parent and 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 you.



**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.

**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

<https://www.shropshirelarder.org.uk/>



**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/](http://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.

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>



**Among Us**

This game has been rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is not suitable for those under the age of 7. However, whilst the gameplay may be suitable, there are communication features available, where issues such as inappropriate language and bullying may arise.

Additionally, it is important to note that Among Us does have the option for in app purchases so please ensure that a password (that your child does not know) is required for all purchases.

Find out more about Among Us from Parent Zone:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/among-us>

The NSPCC discuss online games in more detail here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>