

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 2nd December	PE - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 3rd December	PE - Nursery, Reception and Year 1
Wednesday 4th December	Pantomime in school a.m. PE - Year 2 and Year 4
Thursday 5th December	PE Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 Outdoor Learning Nursery and Reception Class
Friday 6th December	Nasal Flu Spray vaccine for children in Reception Class to Year 6 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.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th December	Pantomime in School – 9.15 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.
Friday 6th December	Nasal Flu Spray vaccine for children in Reception Class to Year 6
Tuesday 10th December	Carol Service – 6 p.m. for families
Thursday 12th December	Friends of Prees School Disco - Reception, KS1 6pm—7pm, KS2 7.15pm—8.30pm
Monday 16th December	Christmas Journey Day with Christingle Service
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 Friends of Prees School Elfridges—Christmas Shopping for the Kids (please see attached poster for details)
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas Holiday
Monday 6th January	Children return to school

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Thank you so very much for the wonderful hamper donations.
A raffle ticket booklet has been sent home with your child.
If you should require any further booklets please contact the office.



Carol Service

St Chad's

Tuesday 10th December

6pm



We would really appreciate your support in returning to church for our annual Carol Service. Children need to be in church from 5.45 and should wear school uniform. Children in Cherry class will be forming the nativity, Y6 children will be reading and all children will be singing. It is always a lovely evening and we look forward to seeing you there.

We hope you will be able to join us for a coffee and mince pie in the school hall after our Carol Service.

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 play-times whenever the weather allows.



Thomas Adams Visit

A huge thank you to Thomas Adams School for hosting our Year 3 and 4 children this week in a Home Economic workshop on making curry. The children had a wonderful time making curry from scratch and then tasting their dishes.



Facebook and Twitter

Our school has a Facebook account - Prees CE Primary School and Nursery.

We also have a twitter account @preesschool. The account is private, but if you would like to follow our account then please request this and as long as we are sure who you are then your request will be accepted.

We use the accounts to share some of the amazing things that the children undertake in school.

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 10 p 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.

**** 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.

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.

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.

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/>



Santa Cruises
Saturday 7th, Sunday 8th, Saturday 14th
and Sunday 15th December
Cruises start at 10.30am, last sailing 3pm

Cruise on the Shropshire Lady
and then meet Santa!

Music, mince pies and festive refreshments included!
Tickets £12.50 including a present for children
To book: santa@lyneal-trust.org.uk or 01948 710708
Further information: www.lyneal-trust.org.uk
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