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This Half Term's Value: Hopefulness

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The final newsletter of year. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and to thank you all for supporting the school during, what is to us, one of the most exciting periods of the school year.



We would like to once again say welcome to all those who have joined us this year; pupils, staff and parents. It has been wonderful to see our whole school family grow.

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce the exciting news the Mrs Greenway and her partner are expecting their first baby, which is due in the Summer. We are over the moon for them and are happy to now share the happy news with you all. No doubt parents will have questions regarding plans for Mrs Greenway's Maternity leave so please be assured that these will follow in due course.

Finally wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you all back in 2023.

Mrs S. Henney

#### **Attendance**

This week's winners are Stiperstones – Well done!



<u>Class</u>	<u>This week</u>	Previous week
Lawley	98.26%	95.65%
Wrekin	95.79%	94.74%
Caradoc	93.75%	98.33%
Stiperstones	98.46%	100%
Whole School	96.33%	96.96%















#### This week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

<u>Wrekin</u> - Jacob Knowles - For showing resilience and perseverance during his handwriting lessons this week. Keep up the hard work Jacob!

<u>Stiperstones</u> – Ophelia- For reading over one million words this term! This is an absolutely fantastic achievement in such a short space of time Ophelia and all this wonderful reading you do is defintely showing in your writing too! Really well done. We are all very proud of you!

#### **Class News**

#### **Ercall**

We have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas week in Nursery.

We have created Snowmen Christmas cards, 2023 Calendars and Christmas tree decorations.

On Tuesday we held our Christmas carol concert in Clive Hall- Well done to all of our nursery children, we are so proud of you- you were all super stars!

On Wednesday this week we will be enjoying a Christmas dinner with our nursery friends.

On Friday we look forward to our Christmas party where we will be dancing and playing games throughout the day.







Merry Christmas to you all, we look forward to lots more nursery fun in 2023!

Best wishes Mrs Butler and Mrs Arblaster, Mrs Jones and Miss Hughes.















#### **Wrekin**

We developed our letter writing skills this week by writing letters to Lisa from Shropshire Falconry,. We used a range of different sentences including questions, punctuating with a question mark. We were also able to use what we had learnt about list sentences, punctuating with commas and included exciting language using adjectives, verbs and adverbs.

We loved taking part in the Christmas performances this week, dancing and singing along to some very catchy tunes. Christmas dinner was really tasty and we also enjoyed a visit from Santa to end what has been an exciting and very busy term. Miss Jones and Mrs Burns would like to wish all in Wrekin a very Merry Christmas.

#### Miss Jones and Mrs Burns

#### other news ....

In our music lessons this week, we ended the term with our musicians Ophelia, Lewis, Ollie and Tom playing Christmas carols for us.



#### F1 in Schools

As you know, both Team Phoenix and Moreton Warriors have made it the National Finals to be held at the NEC on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January. This year's nationals will take place during the Autosport International 2023 Show. We will be travelling by coach and have some spare seats available. If you would like to purchase tickets for the show and travel with us by coach, please speak to Miss S Jones about availability and how to book your tickets. It would be great to have some support cheering us along on the big day!

#### **Accelerated Reader Awards**

A huge well done to all the children who have picked up Accelerated reader awards this half term for all the wonderful reading they have been doing at home! As a school we have collectively read just under 4 million words which is fantastic. I wonder how much we can add to this next year? A huge well done to Ophelia for making one million words in just one term- what an achievement!

#### **Mrs Baillie**















#### Ready Reader (1000 words)

William B, John, Jessica, Isabelle H, Imogen, Ayla, Neve, Alex, Xander, Ruben S, Lu, Rupert,

#### Independent Reader (5000 words)

Harrison, Tabitha, Phoebe B, Elsie, William H, Lottie,

#### Rising Reader (10,000 words)

Tom, Oliver G, Samuel, Freya, Evie, Liz, Flo, Isabelle G, Phoebie S, Beau,

#### Super Reader (50,000 words)

Florence, Ayda, Max, Jamie, Matlida, Ted

#### Advanced Reader (100,000 words)

Owen, Logan, Jasper, Reuben S,

#### Star Reader (250,000 words)

Lewis

#### Honours (1 million words!)

Ophelia

#### Design a T-Shirt

Following a recent sporting competition, Theo from year 6 at Adderley wrote a proposal to the Senior Leadership team about the need for a Federation team kit for when we attend competitions. He felt this would help us look smarter and more united as a team.

We think this is a fantastic idea! As a result, your child will be coming home this week with a t-shirt template and we would like their help in designing the kit. In the new year, we will choose the favourite design (or combination of designs) and will have them made up.

It is hoped then that going forward, as we enter events as a team, it will be clear to see that we are Addmore!

The designs will need to have a way of recognising our school team and so that needs to be considered as part of the design.

The deadline for this competition will be the 8th January. We can't wait to see what ideas the children come up with.

#### <u>Christmas Jumper Day</u>



A very big thank you to everyone that donated for Christmas jumper day, we have raised £72.15 for the charity.















#### Moreton Say Diary Dates 2022 – 2023



#### **DECEMBER**

Mon 19th – Mon 2nd Jan '23 - Christmas break

#### **JANUARY**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 - PD Day

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - Children return to school

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – SENDco Drop-in Session – 9.00 – 10.00am

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Caradoc visit to Grosvenor Museum (Details to follow)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Young Voices Concert

#### **FEBRUARY**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – School breaks up for half term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Children return to school

#### **MARCH**

Friday 31st March – School breaks up for Easter

#### **APRIL**

Monday 17th April – Children return to school















and finally ....



#### Scarlet fever

Scarlet fever (sometimes called scarlatina) is an infectious disease caused by bacteria called *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A streptococcus (GAS). The same bacteria can also cause impetigo.

Scarlet fever is characterised by a rash, which usually accompanies a sore throat. Bacteria that cause the infection produce toxins (poisons), which cause the rash, a red and swollen tongue and flushed cheeks. The scarlet fever rash can be confused with measles.

Scarlet fever is mainly a childhood disease and is most commonly seen between the ages of 2 and 8 years. Although historically considered a dangerous disease, it is now much less serious. Since 2014, a rise in numbers of cases has been seen with 15,000 to 30,000 cases currently diagnosed each year in England.

Scarlet fever is highly contagious and is spread by close contact with someone carrying the bacteria. It takes around 2 to 5 days to develop symptoms after exposure to these bacteria.

If you think you or your child has scarlet fever, you should consult your GP. The disease tends to be most common in the winter and spring and the treatment consists of a course of antibiotics.

#### Protection from scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is spread via the mucus and saliva of infected people. It can also be caught from sharing drinking glasses, plates or utensils they have used. To protect yourself from getting the illness you should:

- wash your hands often
- not share eating utensils with an infected person
- wash, or dispose of, handkerchiefs and tissues contaminated by an infected person
- be aware that you can catch scarlet fever by inhaling contaminated airborne droplets, if someone with the illness coughs or sneezes in the air near you.

If you think you, or your child, have scarlet fever:

- see your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible
- make sure that you/your child take(s) the full course of any antibiotics prescribed. Although you or your child will feel better soon after starting the course of antibiotics, you must complete the course to ensure that you do not carry the bacteria in your throat after you have recovered
- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection















You can help stop the spread of infection through frequent hand washing and by not sharing eating utensils, clothes, bedding and towels. All contaminated tissues or handkerchiefs should be washed or disposed of immediately.

#### Scarlet fever symptoms:

- the first symptoms of scarlet fever often include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting.
- after 12 to 48 hours the characteristic fine red rash develops (if you touch it, it feels like sandpaper). Typically, it first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the rash may be harder to spot, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present
- fever over 38.3° C (101° F) or higher is common
- white coating on the tongue, which peels a few days later, leaving the tongue looking red and swollen (known as 'strawberry tongue')
- swollen glands in the neck
- feeling tired and unwell
- flushed red face, but pale around the mouth. The flushed face may appear more 'sunburnt' on darker skin
- peeling skin on the fingertips, toes and groin area, as the rash fades

It usually takes 2 to 5 days from infection before the first symptoms appear. However, the incubation period may be as short as 1 day and as long as 7 days. Scarlet fever usually clears up after a week, but it is advisable to visit your GP to get a full diagnosis and proper treatment.

#### **Getting scarlet fever**

• Scarlet fever is highly contagious. Bacteria are present in the mouth, throat or nose of an infected person, or someone carrying the bacteria without symptoms, and are spread by contact with that person's mucus or saliva. This might be on cups, plates, pens, toys or surfaces, such as tables which might have been used or touched by someone carrying the bacteria. You can also catch the disease by breathing infected airborne droplets produced by a person's coughing, sneezing or normal breathing.

#### Individuals at risk

Scarlet fever is mainly a childhood disease, with around 90% of cases occurring in children under 10 years old. It is most common in children between the ages of 2 and 8 years, with 4-year-olds most likely to develop the illness. Occasionally, outbreaks of scarlet fever occur in nurseries and schools. People of all ages can catch scarlet fever, but the disease is much less common in adults.

#### **Diagnosis and treatment**

Most cases of scarlet fever will clear up on their own, but it is still best to see your GP if you, or your child, are showing symptoms. Having treatment for the illness speeds recovery and reduces risk of complications. You will also become non-contagious more quickly.

In most cases, doctors can diagnose scarlet fever from the symptoms alone. The diagnosis can be confirmed by taking a throat swab, which is then sent to a laboratory to identify the bacteria















causing the infection. In some cases, a throat swab is not enough and a blood test may be needed.

The usual treatment for scarlet fever is a 10-day course of antibiotics. The fever will usually subside within 24 hours of starting this, but it is important to take the whole course to completely clear these bacteria from your throat and protect others from becoming infected.

If scarlet fever is not treated with antibiotics, it can be infectious for 2-3 weeks after symptoms appear. Provided all prescribed antibiotics are taken as directed, most cases will not infect other people after 24 hours of treatment. Current guidance advises that children should not return to nursery or school and adults to work until a minimum of 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.

If you have a high temperature you should drink plenty of fluids. You can also take paracetamol or ibuprofen to relieve discomfort.

Once you have had scarlet fever you are less likely to get it again.

#### Potential complications

Most cases of scarlet fever have no complications at all. However, in the early stages, there is a small risk that you might develop one of the following infections caused by the same bacteria (GAS) responsible for scarlet fever:

- ear infection
- throat abscess
- pneumonia
- inflammation of the sinuses (sinusitis)
- skin/soft tissue infection (cellulitis)
- joint inflammation (arthritis)
- septicaemia
- meningitis

Household contacts of scarlet fever patients are also at risk of developing scarlet fever or other infections caused by the same bacteria (see list above) and should seek medical advice if they develop new symptoms of concern.

On rare occasions, patients with scarlet fever can at a later stage of the disease develop:

- bone or joint problems
- liver damage
- kidney damage
- heart damage

Patients, or their parents, should keep an eye out for any symptoms which might suggest these complications in the first few weeks after the main infection has cleared up and, if concerned, seek medical help immediately.

#### **Further information**

If you would like more information about scarlet fever, please visit the NHS.uk website: www.nhs.uk/conditions/Scarlet-fever/Pages/Introduction.aspx.

If you have any concerns about your health, see your GP or contact NHS 111.















# WATER SAFETY

In winter, more people who are walking or running alongside water fall in and drown than in any other season.

Stippery paths, patches of ice and a lack of daylight can make being near water more dangerous than in the summer months. If you tall into the water, the cold temperatures make it difficult for you to control your breathing, to use your hands to dimb out and can even cause you to have a heart attack.

So, follow our safety tips to make sure that your winter walks are enjoyable and safe.



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When welking slongside water keep back from the edge.



CHEY USE WELL

Time your waks to make the most of the daylight; if you need to walk in the evening only use well-lit crees or take a route not alongside weter.



THE DOGS ON

Keep dogs on their leads when near ice and don't throw sticks or toys onto the ice.



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Teach children not to go onto the los under any circumstances.

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Don't go onto ice or into the water to reacus a dog, move to somewhere that the dog will be able to climb out and call them towards you.



For more information visit www.rise.org.uit

Enjoy Water Safely

















## Christmas Activities at Maurice Chandler Sports and leisure Centre



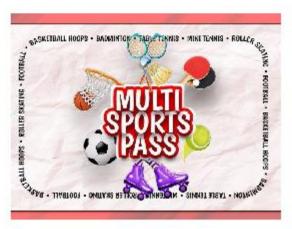
Roller Disco this Friday 16th December with Christmas Music, Disco Lights and then keep warm with a Cadburys Hot chocolate.

Roller Disco 5:00-8:00pm £4.00 per skater, £2.00 skate hire if required. £1.50 Hot chocolate. Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult.

Holiday Fun Wednesday 21st 10:00-3:00pm with the Multi Sports Pass.

> £6.00 Individual £18.00 Family of 4 £24.00 Family of 6

Under 14s must be accompanied by adults.





FREE FAMILY SESSION at Maurice Chandler Sports Centre Come and try Pickleball for free with coach Fe Edwards

https://www.facebook.com/ShrewsburyPick leball

Wednesday 21st December 11:00-1:00pm
Pickleball is a mixture of table tennis, tennis
and badminton played on a badminton sized
court. Come and have a try!
Under 14s must be accompanied by an
adult.









