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This Half Term's Value: Hopefulness

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to this week's Newsletter! It has been a busy week in school preparing for our Christmas Performances. All the children have been working hard perfecting their singing and speaking parts! The Teachers have been doing an incredible job organising the Christmas events and activities and encouraging the children. We are very much looking forward to sharing our performances with you all!



In other news

This week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

Nursery - Isaac Procter for settling into nursery so well! In nursery we have started making Christmas cards, had fun exploring ice play and used the Christmas post office role play area.

Class 1 – Dylan Brett joining in and being brave when watching the pantomime. Dylan has also produced some wonderful sentences in Literacy.

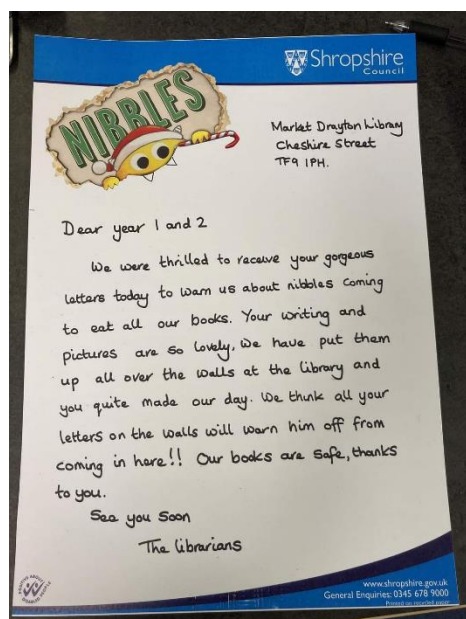
Class 2 – Alex Powell Year 1 for Class 2 this week - for demonstrating wonderful manners during our Christmas dinner.

Class 3 – Phoebe Saunderson for fantastic descriptive writing this week! Your 'teacher' is very proud of you!

Class 4 – Liz Worrall for working really hard on some challenging concepts in maths and as a result making astounding progress. Well done Liz!



Class News ...



Class 2 - We were ever so excited to receive a letter from the Library this week, thanking us for the letters we sent, warning them that Nibbles had escaped and was on his way! They have thanked us for saving their books just in time, and all of our letters are proudly on display at Market Drayton library.



Staffing

It is with great sadness that we announce that Mrs Linda Haycocks' employment here at Moreton Say has ended. Linda has been in service at the school for 18 years and has been an asset throughout her time and will be greatly missed. Mrs Haycocks has worked with a number of staff, Governors and families - all of whom, I know, wish to celebrate her wonderful time at the school and the contributions she has made to its smooth running. We therefore anticipate and hope that Mrs Haycocks will return to Moreton Say to celebrate with us at the end of term. We will keep you updated.

We hope to appoint an Administrator before the end of term who will then start with us in January. In the meantime, Mrs Nicola Hughes will support the administration of the school and be your friendly face in the office!

Breakfast Club

In other news ... I can also confirm that Mrs Helen Dykes will take over the Breakfast Club Lead role in January alongside Mrs Katie Jones. We are over the moon that they will be joining us as permanent members of staff. Breakfast will resume on 4th January at, following review, the new times of 7.45am - 8.45am.

Breakfast will be available from 7.45am until 8.15am. A new menu will be in place – details of which will be shared in the New Year!

Eco Team update...

Eco-council continue to do a great job and have lots in the pipeline. Here is this week's top tip; a 'Healthy Recipe'!

Rainbow Fruit Skewers with Vanilla-Honey Yogurt Dip

Ingredients





- 10 long wooden skewers cut in half
- Assorted fruit Use whatever you like! Raspberries, oranges, pineapple, kiwi and blueberries
- 2 cups plain or vanilla yogurt if using plain, add 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Recipe

1. In a medium bowl, stir together yogurt, honey and cinnamon. Thread fruit onto skewers and serve with yogurt dip.
2. Enjoy!

School Performances

As you will in no doubt be aware the Government announced its 'Plan B' strategy on Wednesday evening which outlined, amongst other measures, that as of 10th December 2021 Face coverings would become mandatory for **most** indoor public venues including places of worship, theatres and cinemas.

Across the country Head Teachers are being required to make decisions based on what can only be described as loose and at times conflicting guidance; each decision any Head teacher makes at present is based on their own school's personal set of circumstances.

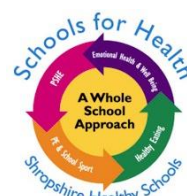
I maintain that our children deserve, where possible and providing it is safe to do so, the opportunity to share their performances with their families. I must, however, also take into consideration that due to the ambiguity of some of the most recent guidance some messages are interpreted differently by different individuals and do not necessarily always align with each other. I am in no place to judge the decisions made by individuals; all I can do is simply ensure my staff, pupils and their families feel safe and that I do not put them at risk.

It is therefore my recommendation that you support the school, its staff and pupils, in being able to ensure school concerts can proceed by wearing a mask during performances and during school drop off and pick up times and maintain social distancing. Likewise, I would advise that should you or a member of your family be made aware that they have been in contact with a confirmed case that you undertake a precautionary LFT to eliminate potential asymptomatic cases; of which we have experienced a number of. I recognise that this is a personal choice and as such respect each and every individual's personal decision but would ask that to support our staff that these measures are followed.

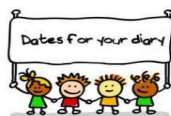
Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter. As ever, if there is anything you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend from all of us here at Moreton Say!

Mrs S. Henney



Moreton Say Diary Dates 2021 – 2022



Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th December – **Christmas Concert**

Following restrictions and online performances last year, we are especially excited to be able to perform our Christmas Concert in front of our family and friends. There will be three performances at Clive Village Hall. Letters have gone out with more information.

Tuesday 14th December – 2.00pm and 18.00pm

Wednesday 15th December – 9.30am.

Wednesday 15th December Nursery Carol Concert @ 2.15pm until home time

Thursday 16th December - **Christingle**

Reverend Gary will be joining us in school to help us celebrate Christingle. The children will making their Christingles in school during the week.

Thursday 16th December – **Christmas crafts**

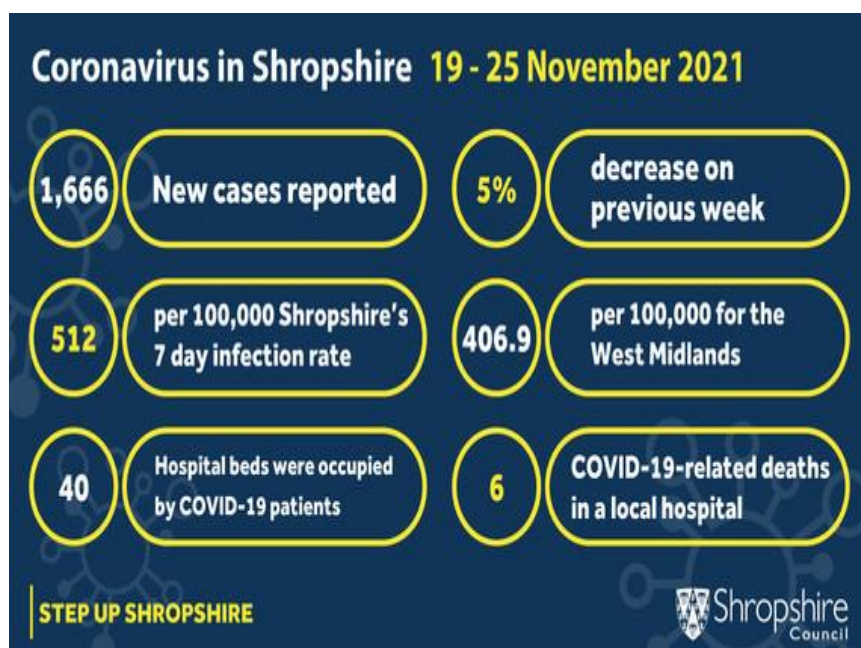
During the school day, children will in take part in a variety of Christmas crafts.

Friday 17th December – **Christmas Jumpers and class parties.**

We will be supporting Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day and invite children to wear Christmas jumpers or party clothes for a voluntary donation. The children will be finishing off the term with Christmas parties and games in class.

JANUARY

Tuesday 4th - Children return to School/Nursery



Although we saw a very slight decrease in the number of positive cases between 19-25 November, Shropshire still has the second highest infection rate in the West Midlands.