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**This Half Term's Value: Kindness**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a week it has been! I would like to start by thanking our amazing staff, across both schools, for braving the elements and ensuring that school continued to open, for all those who have assisted in transporting lunches, for our breakfast and after school club supervisors who have braved dark mornings and frosty nights to ensure clubs were able to open, to Teachers, TAs and Coach Drivers for ensuring trips were able to take place, and finally to our parents for simply getting all of our children to school!

Our value this half term is '**Kindness**', and it seems therefore relevant that I should mention the many acts of the kindness I have seen not only from our children but also from our parents and our wider community. It is enormously heart-warming for me to be able to reflect back on all those who have helped us. So, I would like to say an enormous thank you to those who have fixed taps and painted windows. To those who have spoken up more widely as advocates for us as a school and for what we are trying to achieve, as well as all those who have demonstrated incredible kindness to one another; Be it a friendly smile, a push through the snow or a lift when we've been stuck.

Thank you all, these spontaneous acts of kindness are the thread that keep us together.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs S. Henney

### **Attendance**



This week's winners are Stiperstones – Well done!

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>This week ...</u></b>	<b><u>Previous week ....</u></b>
Lawley	93.91%	96.52%
Wrekin	98.42%	98.95%
Caradoc	98.33%	97.50%
Stiperstones	98.46%	97.69%
Whole School	97.09%	97.59%





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### **This week's Star Pupils!**

This week's pupils of the week are:

**Ercall** - Niall Luther for taking part in blending sounds during phonics sessions- Well done Niall!

**Lawley** - Dylan Brett - For wonderful writing in English. Dylan wrote lovely sentences about the setting of our topic book 'The Lion Inside'.

**Wrekin** - Meadow Howell - for having the confidence to ask for help when approaching a new challenge.

**Caradoc** – Matilda Trevor- for always trying very hard with all your work and putting in 100% effort.

**Stiperstones** - Logan- For producing thoughtful pieces of creative writing and applying all the skills that we are learning in class into your work. Really well done!

### **Class News**

#### **Ercall**

We have been exploring ice and snow this week in nursery.

We enjoyed arctic animals in the ice tray outside, we built snowmen in the nursery garden and we went for a winter walk in the snow- using all of our senses to explore.

We have been exploring 3D shapes- Building tall London towers for our maths activities.

In provision, we explored small-world vehicles in baked beans which linked to our literacy topic, 'Naughty Bus'. The children seemed to enjoy this fun and messy activity.

We explored dinosaurs in the icing sugar (snow), creating footprints in the snow. We talked about the sizes of the footprints and the shapes we made.

This week we tasted some different fruit, we tried blueberries and raspberries this time which some children said they had never tasted before. Well done for trying everyone!

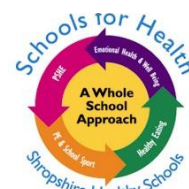
We have celebrated Chinese New Year- the year of the rabbit by tasting some Chinese foods and discussing with the children about festivals around the world.

Our phonics sound of the week is 'g' and the children took Bertie Bus for a ride to find objects beginning with the sound/phoneme 'g'.

Well done Ercall, such a fantastic week!

Can we please remind you that children should not bring in toys from home, we would hate for anything to get broken or misplaced.

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





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### **Lawley**

Another great week in Reception/ Year One. The children have been loving the lovely snowy weather. This enabled us to take our Geography lesson outside this week in the snow. The children did field work outside in the Forest with compasses to look at different directions. The aim of the lesson was to recognise what a compass is and to remember the four directions on a compass, North, South, East and West! The children loved this practical lesson in the snow and were able to remember the directions with our acronym 'Never, Eat, Shredded Wheat'

In maths we have been comparing numbers to 20 in both classes looking at numbers within 20 that are greater than and more than each other. Year one has been looking at the symbols < and >. and Reception have been ordering numbers to 20.

English this week we have been looking at settings. We watched part of The Lion King and looked at the setting based in the opening of 'The Circle of Life' the children were able to talk about adjectives of the Jungle setting and Year One went on to writing sentences about the setting using the connective 'and' to connect two sentences.

A great week Lawley well done.

**Mrs Greenway and Mrs Dykes.**

### **Wrekin**

This week in English we have been writing for various audiences and in different forms. We have written letters, e-mails and diary entries and made instructions leaflets. We have also been focusing on contractions and checking and editing our own work.

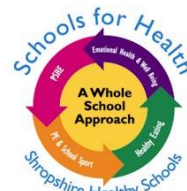
In D&T we practiced the skill of making pivots and levers, ready to make our own moving monsters in a few weeks time. We measured out our card, carefully added holes in the correct places and used split pins for the pivots.

In History we are finding out about how schools have changed within living memory and this week we imagined we had travelled back to a school in 1920. We came up with lots of investigative questions for children that might have been in that school. Perhaps families could share their memories of school when they were younger, to help us find out more.

**Miss Jones and Mrs Burns**

### **Caradoc**

Wow! What a week Caradoc have had! On Monday we had a visit from a local firefighter, who spoke to the children all about fire safety. We discussed how to prevent fires as well as what to do if we ever found ourselves in danger of a fire. The children thought about their own homes and evacuation plans and listened very intently throughout and we learnt a lot!





On Wednesday we joined Oak Class at Adderley and we visited the Grosvenor Museum in Chester for a Roman experience day. It was amazing! The children had a lot of fun dressing up as Roman Soldiers and marching through the streets of Chester, they even got to tackle the teachers! This was followed by a Workshop, where the children learnt all about the Roman settlement of Deva (Chester) and what was once there. We learnt how they constructed their buildings, and even the types of food they ate. Finally, we were able to explore the artefacts in the museum and they even saw a Roman skeleton! It was a fantastic day and we all learnt a lot!



**Miss S McLaughlin**

### **Stiperstones**

This week we were visited for the afternoon by PCSO Bev and Kay who came to speak to us about staying safe when we are out and about within the community. They helped us to spot potential dangers and difficulties that we might encounter or scenarios we could find ourselves in when we are a little older and out without parents. We were able to ask lots of questions about crime and the consequences that might happen when people commit a crime. It was a really interesting afternoon and we learned lots.

On a lighter note, we have also really enjoyed playing in the wonderful snow this week. During our playtimes, we have all worked together to create many snow models out on the field. We have all had lots of fun and worked really well in our teams. We hope the snow remains for the weekend!

**Mrs V Baillie**



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**other news ....**

**F1 in Schools**

On January 14<sup>th</sup> two teams from Moreton Say headed to the F1 in Schools National Finals at the NEC, after both qualifying from the Regionals in Telford. Team Phoenix and the Moreton Warriors had to build, test and race their own model cars down a 20m race track, create a portfolio of their journey and stand in front of judges for a 5 minute verbal presentation. They also spoke to judges about the design and engineering process and created a pit display, showing off all of their hard work in the run up to the Nationals.

Both teams performed fantastically on the day, placing 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in the track race, out of 28 teams, and Moreton Warriors were awarded the trophy for Sponsorship and Marketing.

Thank you to our sponsors; ACT, Acutest, AR Richards and Market Drayton Mowers. Thank you also to the PTFA who have provided funds towards our coach travel. We are now busily preparing for the Regional Finals 2023 in Telford in April with two new teams.

**Young Voices**

It has been wonderful to see children from both Adderley and Moreton Say singing together at Young Voices choir. We're all very excited as next Thursday we will be in Birmingham for the Young Voices Concert.

Everyone has loved singing the songs at school and many children are keen to come along next year.

**Ukulele Club**

We still have spaces for people at ukulele club so please sign up if you'd like to learn. The school can provide ukuleles. This week we learned to play a Bob Marley song.

**Make Some Noize (After school choir club)**

As so many children love singing at our schools, we are planning to run a choir club on Thursdays after school for Adderley and Moreton Say children. Please sign up for this as it will be starting on Thursday February 2nd. We'll be adding body percussion, dance moves and some instruments to our songs so we really will be making some noise!

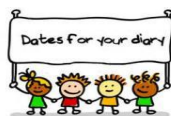




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**Moreton Say Diary Dates 2022 – 2023**



**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

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

**FEBRUARY**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day (Details to follow)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – School breaks up for half term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Children return to school

**MARCH**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Break the Rules Day (Details to follow)

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – School breaks up for Easter

**APRIL**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school





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**and finally ....**

**Teacher Industrial Action**

As you may already be aware, Teaching Unions, alongside many other public sector ones, have recently been calling upon their members to engage in industrial action consisting of strike action.

The call to action follows what have been attempts by Teaching unions to express their deep concerns and dissatisfaction at the failure of the Secretary of state to make available additional and sufficient funds to allow employers to pay a fully funded increase in teachers' pay at a rate greater than inflation (as measured by September 2022 RPI).

The overwhelming majority of teachers across the AddMore Federation are NEU members and therefore, following a recent strike ballot, a significant number of staff have been called upon to take strike action now. Therefore, I would like to prepare you, with as much possible advance notice, of the potential for disruption on the following dates:

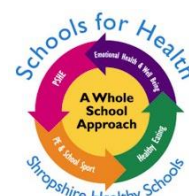
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

I am looking at potential alternative staffing scenarios which may enable me to keep both schools open on these days and will be in touch regarding the outcomes of this in the next few days.





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