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This Half Term's Value: Justice

'Phrases of Faith'

'So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them' - Matthew 7:12



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year all! Welcome back to school and to what is our first newsletter of the year.



We hope that everyone enjoyed the Christmas break and had the opportunity to take time to catch up with friends and family – as well as eat lots of mince pies!

It is lovely to have the children back at school following the break; they have all settled back into the school routine and it is great to see such a high uptake of this terms after school activities on offer, Basketball, Clubbercise and Young Voices Choir.

As we start the new year, I would just like to take the opportunity to update a few housekeeping matters.

Firstly, I would like to remind parents of the importance of punctuality, as well as consistent attendance, at school.

Punctuality

Please remember that school starts at 8.45 am (with the gates being opened from 8.40am). The gates will close at 8.45am and lessons begin at this time. Being late for school, even if it is only 5 minutes, adds up over the course of the week. 5 minutes late five days of the week equates to almost 30 minutes of lost learning time and being 10 minutes late equates to almost an hour of lost learning time.

Lates and absences are monitored on behalf of the Local Authority by the Educational Welfare Officer, with regular visits into school. Persistent lates or absences will be picked up and could ultimately result in a fine being issued. Letters and fines are issued by the Local Authority.





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Lunches

We hope that last week's 'Free Lunches for all' initiative helped everyone to 'ease' their way back into the school routine! There were lots of empty plates and it was wonderful to see how many children took up the offer of free lunches. Remember school lunches are cooked freshly in school every day by Ms Farley our Cook. Menus are available on the school website and notice board.

Operation Encompass

I have been asked, on behalf of West Mercia Police and Shropshire Local Authority, to attach the letter relating to Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass is a process whereby the police and the council will inform a member of staff within a school, the Head Teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead' if a child or young person has experienced any domestic abuse incident; this includes witnessing any such events. This information will be shared prior to the start of the next school day. Information sharing between professional agencies allows school staff to provide emotional and practical support to their pupils experiencing domestic abuse. Further information relating to Domestic Violence and the support available to anyone experiencing Domestic abuse can also be found at the bottom of this letter.

Best wishes

Mrs S. Henney

Attendance



This week's winners are Stiperstones – Well done!

<u>Class</u>	<u>This week ...</u>	<u>Previous week</u>
Lawley	83.16%	
Wrekin	91.30%	
Caradoc	96.79%	
Stiperstones	100%	
Whole School	93.15%	





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This week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

Ercall – Rafe Hardie for settling into nursery so well and forming friendships with familiar adults and peers.

Lawley – Kourie. For his fantastic blending in reading and phonics sessions, it is fantastic to see how proud you are with your reading. Keep up the hard work!

Wrekin – Edie Moore - For fantastic money work this week in Maths.

Caradoc - Ella Irvine for always putting in 100% effort into all you do!

Stiperstones - Rupert- for all the fantastic reading that you have been doing at home. Well done Rupert!

Class News

Ercall

Our nursery children have had a wonderful week back in nursery.

During our literacy sessions we have been sharing the story, 'Would you rather' by John Burningham.

We have extended this into provision, offering play with small world animals hay or wool, weetabix or shreddies, water or sand.

The children expressed their own personal feelings and choices throughout, which encouraged a lot of conversation and language development.

We have been den building which linked to our story and together we built animal habitats using junk modelling materials.

We have been counting wiggly worms in 1:1 correspondence and then exploring these further in the sand tray.

Well done Ercall for a super week.

Best wishes, Mrs Butler and the Nursery team.



Lawley

This week, we have been getting stuck into our new explorers' topic. The children have had a great time in our jungle role play, with lots of very imaginative expeditions.



In literacy, we have been looking at the poem 'Daddy fell into the pond'. We have been using our phonic knowledge to describe the pond and creatures who might live there, we have been really impressed with the growing independence of our writers and the neat handwriting. We finished the week by creating a class poem based on 'Daddy fell into the pond' with some fantastic ideas.

We have begun our science topic by creating playdough, the children had to make predictions about what would happen at each step of the process and use their observation skills to describe the texture of the dough. The children were concentrating on accurate measuring and comparing the quantities. Next week we are going to change one of the ingredients and make predictions about the outcome of our dough.



Reminder about show and tell – due to the increased popularity of show and tell we are asking that children only bring something in on a Friday and that this item or picture is something they have created, achieved or are proud of.

Mrs Rawsthorne and Mrs Arblaster



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Wrekin

In English we have been looking at the poem 'From a Railway Carriage' by Robert Louis Stevenson. We focussed on rhyming couplets and alliteration, including these in our own poems that had the theme of a bird's eye point of view. We have shared some of our favourite poems on our class page on the website.

This week we also launched our new English unit, using the book Look Up! We started off by lying down in different parts of the school, looking up and describing what we could see using noun phrases. We then made predictions about what will happen next.

For our Art unit we made our own felt maps, based on our journeys to school. We followed a technique of layering and shaping wool, adding water and soap flakes and then squeezing our creations until the pieces fused together. Don't they look great!



Miss Jones and Mrs Jones

Caradoc

Caradoc have had a fantastic start to the new term! In English we have started our new class book 'Counting on Katherine' and the children have learnt all about the 'Space Race', producing an information. In maths, we have continued to explore the link between multiplication and division and have been using our skills to answer more complex problems. We have started to look at formal written methods of multiplication and will continue to hone our skills here.

Our Topic this term is history based and is all about Stone Age Britain! The children have explored what is meant by the term pre-history and learnt how far back in time the Stone Age began! They have been history detectives, using artefacts and drawing conclusions about their use.

We would also like to welcome Miss Pugh who has joined us this term from the University of Chester on a work placement until the end of April. More information about Miss Pugh can be found at the end of the Newsletter.

Miss McLaughlin, Mrs Burns and Mrs Ritchings





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Stiperstones

We have had such a busy start to the term by starting all our wonderful new topics. In English we are going to be reading the book 'The Windrush Generation' which looks at the lives of Black British people who arrived in the UK to start new lives. We will find out from first hand accounts about how some people were treated when they arrived here and the experiences that some had as they settled into life in Britain.

We have also started our new topic on the Vikings, by finding out why the Vikings came to Britain and decided to settle here. We will be going on a trip to the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre later this month to find out more about the Vikings. There will be a letter to follow.

On Monday we were lucky enough to welcome Coach Neil. Coach Neil works with Shrewsbury town football club delivering the 'Read the Game' scheme of work. Each week he will visit us and deliver an hour of literacy work to help develop our love of reading and writing and an hour of football skills and games. This week we focused on tricks and skills before playing a match. Many of us got better at skills that we didn't even realise that we could do! We're looking forward to next week!



Mrs Baillie and Miss Yeomans





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other news

Applications to Reception class 2024

The deadline for applications for your child(ren) to start school in Reception in September 2024 closes on **Monday 15 January 2024**.

Please ensure that you make an application online via the Shropshire Council's portal - [Synergy - Homepage \(shropshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/synergy)

Please note that if you do not make an online application, your child will not be allocated a school place.

If you have any queries regarding the application process, please contact the School Admissions Team via email school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk

Safer Internet Day

As a school we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day on February 6th with learning and activities based around this year's theme of 'Inspiring changes? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. Focusing on:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online.

With the online world being such a big part of children's and young people's lives and the ever changing minefield of parental controls we have linked with the NSPCC to access their online safety workshops for families and carers. This is a fantastic workshop is full of practical tips for keeping children and young people safe when online, gaming and using different apps. We thoroughly recommend attending.

Please see the flyer below, register your interest at the school office and we will send out zoom links closer to the time.

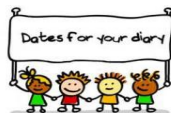




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Moreton Say Diary Dates 2023 – 2024



JANUARY

Monday 15th January – Deadline for applications for children who start school in Reception in September 2024 (see above)

Wednesday 24th January – Caradoc Class Stone Age Day

Wednesday 24th January – PTFA Meeting, 8.00pm at The Olde Jack Inn, Calverhall

Thursday 25th January – Young Voices

Friday 26th January – Stiperstones Class visit to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February – School breaks up for Half Term



Meet The Teacher





About me:

- I really cherish spending time with my family and advocate for the importance of creating time for this. (Especially when board games are involved!)
- I love expressing myself creatively with different mediums of art. Including drawing and painting.
- I'm a sucker for a good book!
- I love to travel and explore new places.

Photo of me



Hello!
Children and parents/carers!

I would like to introduce myself as **Miss Pugh**. I am a 24 year old, third-year student from the University of Chester, completing my BA Primary education 5-11 with QTS degree and already qualified with a high, level 3 diploma in Childcare.

I am super excited to be joining Caradoc class from now until the end of April 2024 and can't wait to learn alongside your children.

A list of my favourite things

You may see me in and around school—if you do please feel free to come and say hello! (I won't bite, I promise.) But, if you do have any questions about me, my degree or my teaching please feel free to ask!

I hope to learn as much as possible from my mentor Miss McLaughlin, and the other incredible teachers here at Moreton Say, who I would like to thank for allowing me this amazing opportunity.

Classroom and contact:

Classroom: Y3/4 Mixed years
Caradoc

What to expect



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and finally....

Clive Hall

Please find below contact details for the hire of Clive Hall:

Moreton Say Village Hall
Hire and Enquiries
theclivehall@gmail.com
07889 450054

Measles

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Shropshire soon.

Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Spending 15 minutes with someone with measles is enough to get the virus. Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet, fading after 5 to 6 days. If you've not been vaccinated against measles, you can be at risk, but it's most common in young children. Someone with measles can spread the virus up to 4 days before a rash appears, and up to 4 days after.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure you and your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are unsure if your child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations, you can check their Red Book (personal child health record) in the first instance. If you are still not sure, or if you need to bring your child up to date with their vaccines, you should contact their GP practice to check and book an appointment.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room.





The online world is an important part of kids' lives nowadays. It's an exciting place for them to explore, with all sorts of fun and educational stuff to discover, but there can be some risks too.

'Keeping children safe online' will teach you how to help kids explore their favourite apps, games and sites safely. Our workshop will:

- help you understand how children experience the online world
- show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- empower you to guide them on their journey.



Date: Monday 12th February 2024
 Time: 7-8pm
 Location: Zoom - register through Moreton Say Primary School to receive login details.

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