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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,

Well - what an incredibly busy week it has been! I can hardly believe we are almost at half term already! We had barely time to recover from the excitement of Young Voices on Thursday last week before we were joined by SIAMs for an inspection of Adderley Church of England school! The inspection itself, which took place last Friday, was led by a SIAMs inspector, on behalf of the Diocese and was attended by staff, pupils, parents and Governors.

Whilst the report has yet to be published and we are unable to disclose details of the outcome, what I can say is of how immensely proud I am of our Federation, its staff, its pupils and their families. Whilst the Inspection was indeed one of Adderley the staff of the Federation, which included Moreton Say Staff, all contributed, and I am extremely proud of the close way in which both schools within the Federation have worked together during both this and previous inspections.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events coming up after half term. The week beginning the 4<sup>th</sup> March sees the launch of 'Science-Fest' where we will be investigating, experimenting and exploring all things Scientific! We will be welcoming visitors and guest speakers in and there will be an opportunity for our young scientists to demonstrate their scientific knowledge during our Super Science open afternoon. More Details to follow!

You will also be being sent (if not already) links to Parent Consultation appointments.

Well done to Lawley class for being this week's highest attending class. An amazing result - and one step closer to being this half term's winning class and the big prize!

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend,

Mrs S. Henney







# <u>Attendance</u>

This week's joint winners are Lawley – Well done!

<u>Class</u>	<u>This week</u>	Previous week
Lawley	98.95%	92.63%
Wrekin	98.26%	100%
Caradoc	92.50%	96.43%
Stiperstones	97.89%	100%
Whole School	96.52%	97.30%

#### This week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

**<u>Ercall</u>** – Asher for always trying his best and for feeling proud of his achievements. Well done Asher!

Lawley – Jack, for trying really hard and making great progress. We are so proud of you!

Wrekin - Arianna - for always being so kind and helpful.

<u>Caradoc</u> – Ayla for trying really hard with all your work this week and working on your concentration! Well done

<u>Stiperstones</u> - Eve- For having a hard working attitude and always giving 100 percent to everything you do!!

# <u>Class News</u>

#### <u>Ercall</u>

Our nursery children have had a wonderful week, it is really lovely to see them all so happy and engaged in their learning.

During our phonics sessions we have been focusing upon the initial sound 'o' for octopus, ostrich, otter and orange. We had to rewind a little and teach the children what some of these animals are (Ostrich and Otter) to begin with.

We have been painting and then counting penguin footprints during our maths sessions. The children have done really well and are beginning to count in 1:1 correspondence.

We explored ice in provision, linking to our literacy topic, 'We are going to find the monster'.

Later during the week we used duplo bricks to build model boats which we then trialled to see if they floated on water.







In our topic books we have all been designing our own jungle, mountains and ocean-super language was used to describe their designs.

# Well done Ercall!







Best wishes, Mrs Butler and the Nursery team.

#### <u>Lawley</u>

This week, we have been continuing on our adventure in literacy. As the heroes in our book carried on their hunt for a monster, they travelled through the bubbly 'seas'. The children had fun fishing phonic bubbles from the bath and writing lists of things found in the bathroom. We have also been inspired to design our own boats.

In music, we have been moving to the beat. Listening carefully for changes in rhythm, stopping and starting. We really enjoyed learning about the African talking drums and creating our own conversations using different percussion instruments.

#### **Blue Planet**

As part of our 'Pirates' topic in the Spring 2 half term, Lawley class will be going on a trip to Blue Planet Aquarium on Wednesday 13th March. As well as exploring underwater habitats in the aquarium we will be taking part in a Sensory Habitats session for a more hands on experience!



#### Mrs Rawsthorne, Mrs Jones and Mrs Arblaster







# <u>Wrekin</u>

Exciting news! Just before Christmas we entered a story writing competition and this week we found that some of our stories have been selected for publishing in a book full of Super Pet adventures!

This week we have continued on the theme of adventures and set off in a rocket headed for the moon. After getting into our very big and heavy space suits we stepped onto the rocket and sealed the door. Off we blasted, all the way to the moon. We returned safely, ready to write a diary entry of our travels.

In Science we carried out an experiment to find out how we can make paper stronger. We tested one piece of paper, two pieces together and the third one we twisted two pieces together to make rope. We worked in groups to see how many pebbles each piece could hold. We were amazed how strong the twisted rope piece was!

We have had great fun during number day, spending money in a shop, painting patterns with shapes and finding a secret message with addition and subtraction skills. We then cracked the code to escape just in time for lunch. At Woodland school we had great fun measuring, counting and hunting using various maths skills.

Well done to Year 2, champions of this week's TT Rockstar tournament and to Isaac for being the top player.





Miss Jones, Mrs Jones and Miss Henshall















# <u>Caradoc</u>

Caradoc have had a very 'Spacey' week this week! The children have found out all about the Apollo 13 mission and explored Katherine Johnsons part in ensuring the crew got back to earth safely. They have taken notes, and written these up in full sentences, with subheadings. They have very much enjoyed learning about this!

In maths the children have been practicing their measuring skills, measuring in mm and cm, then using these skills to measure the perimeter of shapes.

In history, the children have started learning about the Bronze Age in Britain, and how the discovery of making this metal changed the way we live.

This week some of Caradoc enjoyed taking part in the Young Voices concert in Birmingham. It was a long day, but an amazing experience for all involved.

# Miss Mclaughlin, Mrs Burns and Mrs Ritchings

#### **Stiperstones**

We have had a fun week in Stiperstones week! We enjoyed our trip to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre where we found out more about the Vikings and their way of life. We were able to make our own flour and butter and chop up our own vegetables. We used all these ingredients to create some delicious flatbread which we added our own butter to- most of us went back for second helpings as it all tasted delicious! We did all agree it was a lot of effort for a basic meal though! We created words and riddles using runes and did some drama as if we were in a court of law.

We played some Viking games too including a nail-biting game of Kubb- which was great fun but really simple game to play. We also got to explore the museum and step back in time to pre-historic days too. It really was a busy day but great fun! A huge thank you to the PTA who subsided the cost of the trip.

#### Science

As part of our science work looking at forces we have been focusing on air resistance, we designed and made our own parachutes. We had to think carefully about our designs as when tested them we wanted them to be efficient enough to be able to hold some mass. We launched them off the highest point we could create in the school and were impressed to find that they all worked but Millie and Logan's parachute took the longest to float to the ground. This week we have been designing and making boats when thinking about water resistance and buoyancy. We hope to launch them next week!

Coach Neil has chosen Jamie and Izzy this week as his Star Footballers. Well done!

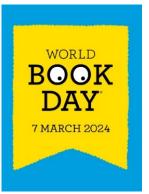
#### **Mrs Baillie and Miss Yeomans**







# World Book Day



Our school will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2023. We have planned some special reading activities to promote reading, share with children what a joy reading can be and remind them how reading can open up new worlds to them.

We feel that the purpose of the day is celebrating the pleasure of reading- so we are asking that children 'come in reading clothes'. This means you can come in school uniform, own clothes, sports gear, pyjamas – or fancy dress if you wish-any clothes will do- as we can read anytime, anywhere!

#### Children's Mental Health Week 2024



We're delighted to be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week 2024

Launched by Place2Be in 2015, the week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to every child in the UK. This year's theme is My Voice Matters. 1 in 6 children and young people now have a diagnosable mental health condition. By taking part in Children's Mental Health Week 2024, we can help to ensure that children and young people across the UK feel listened to and know that they're not alone.

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. As adults, we should empower children and young people, and provide them with time, space, and opportunities to express themselves.

To launch our mental health week, on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February, we are inviting children to come into school wearing something that 'expresses themselves' this could be something they would like to be when they are older, a kit from a hobby/interest or maybe just something that shows their personality.

#### Safer Internet Day

As a school we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day on February 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

Miss Jones

# Moreton Say Diary Dates 2023 – 2024



# FEBRUARY

# Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Mental Health Day – (children to come into school wearing something that 'expresses themselves')

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February – F1 Club – Regional Finals at Aston University

Friday 9th February – School breaks up for Half Term

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Keeping Children Safe Online, 7.00-8.00pm **(To receive login details for this Zoom meeting please register your interest with the school office)** 

# MARCH

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Lawley and Caradoc visit to Blue Planet















# **Online gaming** and keeping children safe

NSPCC

# Do you know your whispers from your skins? Your Fortnite from your EA Sports FC 24?

As part of the NSPCC Game Safe Festival, we're encouraging parents, carers and those working with children and families to have conversations about online gaming.

GamCare will be sharing expert advice, and you'll hear directly from young people.

# Our webinar will help you:

- understand how young people game online.
- learn about tools and resources that support safe play.
- gain the knowledge you need to keep children safe.



7 February 2024, 7pm-8pm, via Zoom. Book your place via this link: nspcc.org.uk/gamesafe/tickets

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