



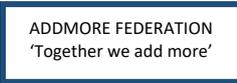
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This Half Term's Value: Justice



'Phrases of Faith'

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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I hope everyone had an enjoyable half term break. It is wonderful to see the first signs of spring emerging and the days getting just that little bit longer. Warmer and brighter days are ahead of us!

I would like to start by sharing some good news from our federated school Adderley. On 26th January (yes it was the day after Young Voices!!) Adderley was inspected by SIAMS (Church of England statutory inspection) and I am delighted to share with you this week the inspection report which was published on Wednesday.

As a Federation our staff, Leaders and Governing Body work extremely closely together and therefore although an inspection was of Adderley the positive outcome is as a result of our federation's combined efforts and cohesive leadership. I am sure that you will share my sense of enormous pride at how wonderfully our leadership, vision and values have been reported upon. Well done to all!

Within this week's newsletter you will also see an update regarding Healthy Schools. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries.

Next week, myself and Mrs Rawsthorne will be meeting with Ian Bartlett from the Local Authority and a representative from West Mercia Police to discuss the safer school agenda and review current measures in place. Thanks to all that have completed and returned the safer school survey your input is greatly appreciated.

In other news, also included with this week's newsletter is a letter of introduction from our recently appointed Chair of Governors, Helen Dutton. Following on from the exceptional and dedicated work of our previous chair, Jenny Nixon, Helen wishes to introduce herself and provide a brief overview of the important and strategic role of the Governing Board. I am sure there will be many future updates to come.

I will finish then, by wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

With all best wishes,
Mrs S Henney





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Attendance



This week's winners are Stipermstones – Well done!

<u>Class</u>	<u>This week ...</u>	<u>Previous week</u>
Lawley	98.75%	98.95%
Wrekin	94.57%	99.13%
Caradoc	96.43%	97.86%
Stipermstones	100%	96.32%
Whole School	97.22%	98.09%

This week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

Ercall – Arlo for engaging well during group activities.

Lawley – Oliver for a fantastic first week at Moreton Say. Oliver has come into class ready to learn and has got stuck into all learning and class provision. Oliver has been confident to chat and get involved with new friends and share his ideas in class. Well done Oliver.

Wrekin – Edward - For working hard on presenting your work neatly and improving your handwriting.

Caradoc – Ruben S - for impressing Miss Pugh with your story completed at home. Well done!

Stipermstones - April- Mrs Burns and Mrs Ritchings both agreed that April really worked hard at the Dance Festival at Shrewsbury school and listened really well to ensure that she did the best performance that she could

Class News

Ercall

We have enjoyed a wonderful first week back after half-term.

This week our literacy topic book was 'Car, car, truck, jeep' so our children have enjoyed building trucks with modelling materials, exploring vehicles in cereal and painting with trucks- creating marks with the wheels.



Our sound of the week was 'u', together we have been learning initial sounds in words such as, 'upset, under and umbrella'.

We have built a boat in our role-play area and the children have been singing, 'A sailor went to sea, sea, sea' and 'Row, row, row your boat'.



Well done Nursery, a super week!

Best wishes, Mrs Butler, Miss Hughes and Miss Sanders.



Lawley

This week the children have been focusing on rhyming in literacy linked to our poetry topic 'The Farmyard'. We have been super impressed with the children's rhyming knowledge. They have been able to suggest lots of rhyming words within many stories and poems we have read this week and have also enjoyed writing rhyming pairs too. We have also looked at prepositions this week linked to the farm story 'Rosie's Walk'. The children went outside to find the positions on their flashcards these included 'around', 'next to', 'on top', 'under', 'over', 'across'.

In Science we have started our 'pirates' topic linked to our new topic book 'The Pirates are Coming'. The children enjoyed exploring the pirate themed sand pit. They had to use a treasure map to search for the buried treasure. They also explored lots of other pirate/sea related objects. We also had magnets in the tray where the children looked at objects that 'attract' and 'repel'.

In phonics we are continuing to revise phase 3 sounds and the children have enjoyed writing words, sounds and farm related writing during continuous provision. We have also made Palm leaves this week as we started off our Easter topic looking at 'Palm Sunday'.



A fantastic first week back Reception.
Well done.

Mrs Rawsthorne, Mrs Greenway, Mrs Arblaster and Miss Hughes

Wrekin

This week we started our new Science topic 'what animals need'. To support us with this our classroom is going to be full of life! We have our live webcam watching the progress of six bird boxes in Germany, we've already spotted a Blue Tit coming to visit. Soon we will be welcoming 10 tiny caterpillars and watching them as they grow and change.



In Art we are going to be making clay tiles and so this week we got used to handling clay and seeing how we could change its shape. We also used a range of objects to make imprints and different patterns.

Our history this term is finding out how schools have changed. We will be finding out more about Moreton Say during this topic so it would be great if you could share any memories or even photos of your time in school to help us.



Miss Jones, Mrs Jones and Miss Henshall



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Caradoc

This week Caradoc have started their new topics. In English and Guided Reading, the children have started to look at the book 'This Morning I Met a Whale' by Michael Morpurgo. They have explored the figurative language used and thought about how it makes them feel when reading. They have written some of their own figurative language sentences using their writing skills.

In Maths, the children have started their new topic of fractions! Thinking about how fractions are represented and creating their own representations using concrete equipment.

In Science the children have enjoyed being taught by Miss Pugh and have begun to explore forces- pull, push and twist, even creating their own stress ball to demonstrate these.

Miss McLaughlin, Mrs Burns and Mrs Ritchings

Stiperstones

Many of us were lucky enough this week to attend Shrewsbury High School with other local primary schools to attend a Dance Festival. The day was split into workshops where we practiced different styles of dance and created routines in small groups. We had the opportunity to perform our pieces in front of an audience. We all had a great day and enjoyed the chance to work alongside pupils from other schools too. The children also enjoyed having the opportunity to experience dance lessons from experienced dance professionals. We hope to get the opportunity to go back again in the future.



As we have now completed the Read the Game football training with Coach Neil, PE will return to a **Thursday** again for the remainder of this half term, so pupils will need to wear their PE kits on this day.

Mrs Baillie and Miss Yeomans





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other news

F1 in Schools

A huge congratulations to all of our teams for a brilliant effort at the Regional Finals earlier this month. They did themselves proud in all elements of the competition and finished a very respectable 6th, 7th and 15th overall. Bolting Gingerbreads were awarded Judges Choice, meaning they now have a wild card to the National Finals in Rotherham on the 12th March.



Music Club

Some children have asked if they can practise their instruments at school and so we are offering a free drop in club every Thursday lunchtime up to Easter. It's called 'Practise makes Perfect' and will take place from 12.30 to 1.00 in Caradoc classroom. Initially it will be for any child who is learning an instrument in or out of school. We have a keyboard, guitars and ukuleles in school that can be used. Children can also bring in their own instruments.

Mrs Vaughan

Gardening and Home Crafts

What a great start to our club Thursday! It was lovely to see some new faces and to welcome back Mrs Greenway. This week we worked on two projects.

First, we created a science experiment to represent the gardening club at the upcoming science fair. We talked about what plants need to grow and we will investigate how sunlight affects the direction a plant grows. It was exciting to problem solve creating a cardboard maze for the plants.

We also created our own Lenten Garden to reflect on how we can grow and change for the better during this season of transformation before Easter. We sowed cress seeds and then placed some rocks and bark to create the tomb where Jesus was buried. Then we added white steppingstones and moss to create a beautiful scene.

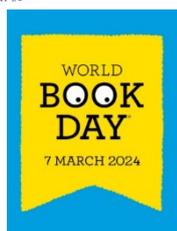


Mrs Truman, Mrs Greenway and the Gardening Club





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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!

Science Week – 4th to 8th March

Science Week is fast approaching, and excitement is building amongst children and staff.

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration with events running throughout the whole of the UK, with the aim of celebrating everything to do with Science, Engineering, Technology and Maths.

As a federation, we will be celebrating British Science week from Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March.

This is a reminder that on Monday 4th March, to kick start the week, we are inviting children to dress up as a Scientist. This could be a decorated t-shirt with scientific vocabulary or diagrams, making a scientific badge to wear for the day or even dressing as a famous Scientist from history.

On Thursday 7th March, to round off the week, we would like to invite pupils and their families to take part in a science fair. Children are invited to work on a science project of their choice with their families at home and present this at our very own Science fair. We hope that children have been excited to start creating their science projects and we can't wait to see what they have come up with. If you need some inspiration, here are some helpful websites that might give you some ideas:

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/parenting/g32176446/science-experiments-for-kids/>

<https://www.science-sparks.com/key-stage-2-science-experiments/>

<https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/top-science-experiments-for-kids/>

There will be a prize for the most interesting presentation from each class.

We would love to build on our links with parents and the wider community to further enhance our learning and give children a real context for learning. Do you have a science background? Do you work in a field of science? Do you know someone who does? If you have a background in any field of Science or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and would be willing to talk with our children about what a job in Science entails, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office.





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Parents Evenings

On Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March we will be holding our parent evenings. We would like to invite parents and carers to book an appointment to speak with their class teacher and to also have a look at some of the wonderful work the children have been doing. If you have not already done so, you can book a slot via school spider.

Healthy School

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be reviewing our Healthy School status and looking at ways that we can improve and support our children, staff and families to make healthy choices.

At playtime we encourage children to bring in healthy snacks that help contribute to their 5 daily portions of fruit and vegetables.

Children in EYFS and KS1 have a daily snack of fruit or veg provided for free by the government, but children are welcome to bring in their own healthy snack of their choice. Milk is also provided for Nursery and Reception children.

Throughout the school day we also encourage our children to stay hydrated and so we would like to remind everyone to bring a water bottle into school daily.



Although we recognise that this cannot be guaranteed, Moreton Say CE School aims to be a Nut-Free school. We have introduced measures to reduce the risk to those children and adults who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts to which they are sensitive. We ask parents not to include nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes and snacks.

After School Clubs

Booking is now open on School Spider for the following after school clubs for the second half of the spring term:

Ultimate Frisbee Club (Yr1 to Yr6) – Tuesdays 3.15pm to 4.15pm – 20th February to 19th March - £17.50

Clubbercise (Yr1 to Yr6) – Wednesdays 3.15pm to 4.15pm – 21st February to 20th March - £17.50

Gardening and Home Crafts (R to Yr6) - Thursday 3.15pm to 4.15pm - 22nd February to 21st March - £17.50

The F1 Club will continue to run on a Monday until 18th March for the children that signed up last term.



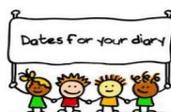


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On Thursday lunchtimes Mrs Vaughan will be running a "Practise makes Perfect" club as a drop in club (no booking required) for children to come along and practise their instruments. This will be in Miss McLaughlin's class from 12.30pm to 1.00pm for as little or as long as they like.

Moreton Say Diary Dates 2023 – 2024



MARCH

Monday 4th March – Dress up as a Scientist Day

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Thursday 7th March – Science Fair 2.00 – 4.00pm

Wednesday 13th March – Lawley and Caradoc visit to Blue Planet

Monday 18th March – Parents Evening from 3.30pm

Tuesday 19th March – Parents Evening from 3.30pm

Friday 22nd March – School breaks up for Easter Holidays

APRIL

Monday 8th April – School re-opens for Summer Term.



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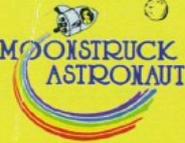
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6 - 12 year olds



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