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This Half Term's Value: Compassion



'Phrases of Faith'

'Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you' – Ephesians 4:32

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter and I hope you are all well. It has been another busy week at school. It is wonderful to see some of our Spring/ Summer Term clubs back again, such as Gardening Club, after their winter hiatus! I am looking forward to seeing the garden grow as the season progresses.

Further along in the newsletter Mrs Rawsthorne will be sharing with you the results from the recent Safer Schools Parent Questionnaire. Thank you for the tremendous response to the survey. Your feedback has been invaluable, and we are very pleased by the positive response.

As a result of your feedback, we have noted the need to review the signage at the front entrance to the school. This review aims to enhance the guidance for visitors to the reception area and improve the overall safety and efficiency of our school entrance. More on this to follow!

One specific concern that was highlighted in the survey was the presence of dogs being brought onto school property at the start or end of the school day. While we understand that dogs are wonderful family pets, it may not be a view universally shared by all children and adults, and some children are less comfortable in the presence of dogs. Therefore, we kindly request that dogs are not brought onto the school site. Your cooperation and support in this matter are greatly appreciated.

I would also like to draw your attention to some useful posters included at the end of this newsletter. These links lead to workshops which will be running in the Summer Term courtesy of the 'parenting Team'. We often receive requests to provide support with sleep or parenting, and these courses (available to attend either in person or via teams), are excellent, so I encourage you to take a look.

With all best wishes,

Mrs S Henney



Attendance



This week's winners are Wrekin – Well done!

<u>Class</u>	<u>This week ...</u>	<u>Previous week</u>
Lawley	91%	98.75%
Wrekin	98.26%	94.57%
Caradoc	95%	96.43%
Stiperstones	96.84%	100%
Whole School	95.33%	97.22%

This week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

Ercall – Clementine for being keen and willing to join in with nursery activities.

Lawley – Annalise, for her amazing attitude to learning in phonics and reading. Her hard work is paying off and we couldn't be prouder, well done Annalise!

Wrekin – Mason - For making a great effort in all of his work, in particular, producing some wonderful pieces of writing in English. Keep up the good work Mason!

Caradoc – Ayla - For showing kindness to lots of your friends in class this week. Keep it up!

Class News

Ercall

This week in nursery we have begun our new literacy topic, 'The pirates are coming'. The children have been matching coloured fish and we used fine motor skills to collect coins from the cereal/mud tray.



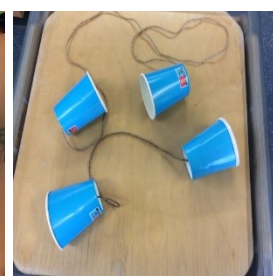
We have been counting boats in the water tray and also exploring sea creatures.

Our sound of the week is 'r' so the children have been learning words which begin with this initial sound such as: rice, rabbit, rainbow and rocket.

We created pirate masks, cup phones and painted daffodils this week too!

Well done Ercall!

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



Lawley

This week, we have had a great time being pirates! On Monday we followed clues around the whole school looking for buried treasure, we have also been busy creating our own treasure maps and writing messages in bottles in provision.



In literacy we have created wanted posters to capture the worlds most wanted pirates! We have been working hard on our handwriting and presentation, we have been really impressed with the pride everyone is taking in their work.

Well done to Olivia and Matthew who completed their reading reward book marks this week, completing 50 reads at home and received their prize books. Keep up the great work!

Mrs Rawsthorne, Mrs Greenway, Mrs Arblaster and Miss Hughes



Wrekin

This week we enjoyed looking through old photo albums and records from our school. We recognised some of our teachers and wondered if some of the pupils were our parents and grandparents. We looked at how the building was different and the school uniform, as well as the different activities the children were doing in the pictures. We found the corporal punishment book and read what things pupils were punished for, comparing that to the expectations we have in school today, and what happens if we don't follow these behaviours.

In Science we discussed the stages of a human's life and used clay to show these stages. We thought about how we look different as we grow, as well as how our needs change and the things we can do increase. We also looked at our live feed to the bird boxes and have seen that we have 4 Great Tits and 2 Blue Tits regularly visiting. Our caterpillars arrived today too! They are so tiny but we are really excited to see how they change over the next few weeks. If you want to check in on the live feed to the nest boxes, here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7HvPwvymVxI>

Miss Jones, Mrs Jones and Miss Henshall



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Caradoc

In English Caradoc have begun to plan a letter to a whale expert. The children will be composing their letters next week and will be thinking of questions to ask their experts in view of our upcoming aquarium trip!

We have continued our fractions fun this week in maths, exploring equivalent fractions and comparing and ordering unit fractions.

In Geography the children have begun to explore Antarctica, studying the physical and human features found there and in Art, with Miss Pugh, the children created some fantastic soap sculptures!

Miss McLaughlin, Mrs Burns and Mrs Ritchings

other news



Safer School

This week myself and Mrs Henney met with Ian Bartlett from Safer Schools to discuss the safety measures at our school and results of our recent Survey that was sent out.

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to all those who participated in the Safer Schools Survey. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with 100% of the respondents stating that they find the school site to be safe, tidy, and welcoming. The feedback also highlighted the general awareness of the school, the maintenance of the premises, and the dedicated efforts to ensure the safety and happiness of the children. We greatly appreciate your support and positive input. So thank you!

While we are pleased with the positive feedback, we also acknowledge that there are areas in which we can improve. One such area is the need for improved signage. We recognise the importance of clear directions for visitors in order to direct them to the reception area. Rest assured, this is a priority and we are actively working towards enhancing the signage to ensure a smoother and more secure visitor experience.

Additionally, there were mentions of dogs on the site. While some children may be comfortable with dogs, it is important to acknowledge that not all children share the same level of comfort. We are taking steps to address this issue to ensure that the school environment remains accommodating and considerate of all students.

Moving forward, we are committed to continuing our efforts towards further enhancing safety measures and the overall security of our premises. We will keep you informed of any developments and updates in due course.

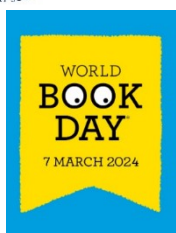
Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation in making our school a safe and nurturing environment for all our students.

Mrs Rawsthorne





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World Book Day

Our school will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**. 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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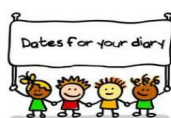


We are excited to announce that on **Thursday 14th March**, children in years 1 to 6 will be taking part in drama workshops building on our knowledge of British Values including mutual respect & tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. The workshops will be run by Altru, a creative organisation specialising in using drama to build confidence, develop skills and deliver messages.

Altru passionately believe in the value of drama and the arts as tools which can help children and young people to develop their knowledge and skills, as well as help them find and use their voices, express their opinions, develop their world view, and make positive and healthy choices.

To support this fantastic opportunity, we are asking for a voluntary donation of £2 to help cover some of the cost. This payment can be made via the bookings and payments section of School Spider.

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

Thursday 14th March – Altru Drama Workshop (Years 1 to 6)

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.



and finally....

Congratulations

Congratulations to Nora, Eliza and Ayla who have thoroughly enjoyed competing in the world qualifier competition in Irish dancing. The girls all performed amazingly and will be going on to compete in the World Championships in July!





- *Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?*
 - *Does your child struggle with their sleep?*
- *Would you like to access help and support to improve sleep and bedtime routines?*
- *Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?*

SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOP

Starts on Monday 15th April 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am
at Whitchurch Infants School, Station Road, SY13 1RJ

Starts Wednesday 17th April 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am
Virtually via MS Teams

Starts Monday 10th June 2024 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
at Bridgnorth Youth Centre

Starts Wednesday 12th June 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am
Virtually via MS Teams

The workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire
Our workshops run for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:

Emailing Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

Or call us on 01743 250950

All our Workshops are free to Shropshire Council residents.



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UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



SOLIHULL APPROACH

PARENTING HELP AND SUPPORT LINE

available

Monday to Thursday from 9.30am to 4.30pm

and

Friday 9.30am to 3.30pm

You can contact the Parenting Help and Support Line by calling

01743 250950

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. The Parenting Team is here to help and support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

Do you have any questions around your child's development and parenting?

Why not call our Parenting Help and Support Line where one of our trained Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.

(Please note the Parenting Help and Support Line will not operate on Bank Holidays)

If you have concerns about a child's safety or well-being, please call

First Point of Contact 0345 678 9021



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- *Would you like to know more about your child's development?*
- *Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?*
- *Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?*



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS

From Toddler to Teen

Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 10th April 2024
From 12.30pm to 2.30pm in Shrewsbury at Sunflower House

Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Thursday 11th April 2024
from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child starts on Thursday 11th April 2024
From 1.15pm to 3.15pm in Bridgnorth at St Marys Bluecoat Primary School

Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Friday 12th April 2024
From 09.30am to 11.30am in Shrewsbury at Sunflower House

Understanding Your Child starts on Friday 12th April 2024
from 12.30pm to 2.30pm Virtually via MS Teams

The groups are delivered Virtually via MS Teams or Face to Face at a venue in Shropshire.

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups.

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