



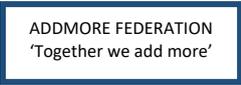
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This Half Term's Value Truthfulness

'Phrases of Faith'



'With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love' – Ephesians 4:2

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and looking forward to the busy weekend ahead. Our avid Gardeners have been diligently working to maintain and enhance the school grounds. Despite facing some unexpected late frost, the team has persevered, and we are delighted to see new growth emerging, brightening up our surroundings.

For those families attending the Bluebell Walk this Sunday at Shavington Hall, I am certain that you are in for a delightful and colourful family day out. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to connect with nature and enjoy quality time with loved ones.

Parents with children in Nursery, please keep an eye out for a brief staffing update included within the main newsletter. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further queries. I will of course continue to keep you updated and thank you for your continued support.

As the weekend approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a restful and enjoyable time ahead.

With all Best Wishes,

Mrs S. Henney





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Attendance



This week's winners are Lawley – Well done!

<u>Class</u>	<u>This week ...</u>	<u>Previous week</u>
Lawley	99%	100%
Wrekin	94.35%	95.65%
Caradoc	96.43%	93.21%
Stiperstones	95.79%	97.89%
Whole School	96.33%	96.33%

This week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

Ercall – Thomas – For showing great courage at nursery this week.

Lawley – Ellis for great maths. Ellis has done some fast subitising this week and also for great attitude towards learning.

Wrekin – Grace - For amazing progress in your writing. You are using many skills such as including subordination, contractions and suffixes in your work. Well done!

Caradoc – Neve, for your perseverance and hard work with your handwriting. Your presentation looks amazing, and we love how proud you are of your work.

Stiperstones – Rupert- for an absolutely outstanding diary entry based on the main character of our class book 'The Paperbag Prince'. You thought carefully about all the features you needed to include to produce a super piece of work - well done Rupert!!

Class News

Ercall

We have had a busy time this week in Nursery

During our literacy topic we have been exploring the story 'Gigantosaurus'.

Our sound of the week was 'v' so we have been learning the initial sound of objects such as, 'volcano', 'van' and 'vegetable'.

In provision for maths this week we have been using 2D shapes to make our own dinosaurs, the children really enjoyed the game "What's the time Mr dinosaur?, we all counted our stomps! We have been painting dinosaur's in our topic books, exploring big & little.





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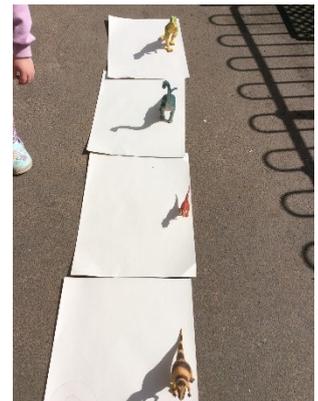


The children had fun problem solving, trying to break the dinosaurs free from the ice, we had some great ideas such as "warm water".

We made the most of the sunny weather, the children tried to draw around the dinosaur shadows.

We have spent time exploring the forest, looking for dinosaur eggs!

Well done everyone for a great week,



Best wishes, Miss Hughes, Miss Sanders, Mrs Arblaster & Miss Emily

As you may be aware Mrs Butler has been absent from Nursery for the last week or so. She is absolutely fine I promise you! The reason for her absence is that she has been providing support at Adderley due to a recent absence within their Nursery Setting. This arrangement is temporary, as we are actively seeking a more permanent solution for the Nursery staffing at Adderley.

I want to assure you that at Moreton Say, we are fortunate to have a strong and experienced team in place. It is because of my confidence in the team that I am able to draw on Mrs Butlers support and expertise, in the knowledge that our Nursery continues to operate smoothly and that all children are well-cared for.

I understand that continuity and stability are vital, especially for our Nursery children. Please be assured that Mrs Butler's temporary absence will not impact the quality of care and education provided to your child and I assure you that Moreton Say is in extremely safe hands during this time - as I am sure you already know.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Henney





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Lawley

This week we have been sooooo egg-xited that our dinosaur eggs have started cracking! We are really hoping they are going to fully hatch next week so that we can look after our baby dinosaurs.

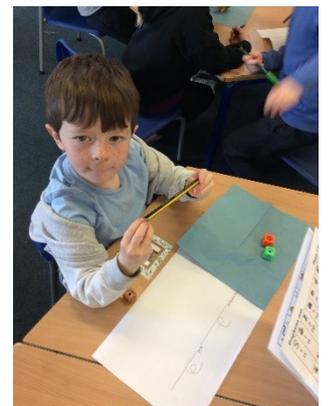
In provision this week the children have been practising their subitising and they have enjoyed playing with the playdough that they made last week in Art. We linked our playdough into maths using it for the dinosaur ten frames, they have been rolling their playdough into balls to make counters for the ten frames. They then used these to look at number bonds. We have seen some lovely maths language being used this week in provision. Well done everyone.

We have been continuing our Giganotosaurus topic book this week and the children have wrote a letter this week looking at all its features. We are super proud of the children's writing this week seeing lots of longer words being sounded out and sentences developing using the connective 'and'. This week we have looked at adjectives to describe foods the dinosaurs might have eaten. We came up with some silly food suggestions and the children enjoyed writing them.

In Science we have continued looking at camouflage and the children have been painting their model dinosaur structures they made last week using camouflaged colours. We then went outside to see if they were camouflaged with our environment.

Maths we have been looking at composition this week. The children had 5 counters with their partner to start with. Partners hid some counters under the paper towels and they had to then remember how many made five with the ones that were left. This showed good subitising and composition skills.

A great week Reception we are all really proud of you.



Mrs Greenway, Mrs Arblaster and Miss Hughes



Wrekin

This week we have been exploring our book 'The Last Wolf', through a range of activities, such as role play and conscious alley. We imagined what it would have been like for the last remaining animals in the 'good old days' and what it might be like, living in a tiny cottage with a bear, a wolf and a lynx. Through the use of conscious alley we were able to develop a persuasive argument for why the animals should, or should not eat Little Red.



In History we continued to find out about the monarchy. This week explored how William the Conqueror became king by looking at the Bayeux Tapestry online. We couldn't imagine how big 70 metres was, so we went outside and measured it. We went up, across and back down our entire field! Wow!



Miss Jones and Mrs Jones

Caradoc

In science, the children have set up their experiments. Taking responsibility for planning, setting up and recording. We look forward to seeing which of our plants thrive over the next few weeks and if our predictions about what plants need for growth were correct.

Forest school

Year 4s took our science outside, learning about different roots structures. We dug up and sorted tap roots and fibrous roots plants before drawing and painting them. We also helped some poor pot bond plants by repotting and planting out. Adderley should be fully in bloom by the time we have finished all this planting!



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Year 3s used clay to make models taking inspiration from forest around them. They continued developing den building and knot tying skills, creating even more adventurous structures. Miss Archer was really impressed with how everyone has grown in confidence when exploring the outside environment, using tools and working together.



Caradoc would like to say a fond farewell to Miss Pugh, we will miss you loads and thank you for everything you have taught us.

Mrs Rawsthorne, Mrs Burns, Mrs Ritchings and Miss Pugh

Stiperstones

We have been really enjoying our Computing work this term as we have been using Google Draw to create Vector drawings. We have looked at how we can use very basic shapes to create quite complex designs. We have managed to use many features on the programme in order to change shapes, resize shapes, layer shapes, use zoom to add more intricate detail and rotate shapes. The children all have a log-in so they can access this tool at home if they wish.

We have learning about the Muslim faith during our RE and what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today. We have found out about the five Pillars of Islam and have focused on the





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Hajj. through this exploration we now know what the pilgrimage to Mecca entails and why it is such an important part of the faith. We watched a video of a young Muslim girl planning her upcoming pilgrimage and thought about it thought about what the experience might be like.

Mrs Baillie and Miss Yeomans

other news

Chickens



Our beautiful chickens, who have now been named by the children after a vote, are now officially named Pumpkin and Nugget.

The children have enjoyed having them at school and during the last two weeks many of them have been involved in their care, from feeding them, cleaning them and moving their pen around to new pastures. Many children spend their breaktimes and lunchtimes watching them and talking to them.

We have now been able to let them out of their pen to explore the school field; as they will happily go back to their pen at the sound of food! We are certain that they are happy, as they have laid many eggs since they have been with us. We will use these eggs in school but will also draw family names out of a hat each week, when we have extra, to send home with a family. I think we all agree they are a fantastic addition to the school!

Mental Health Week

In school we will be taking part in Mental Health Week during w/c 13th May.

As green is the colour for the mental health association we are asking that instead of uniform on Friday 17th May that children come to school wearing something green or comfy. We will be doing a whole school assembly on mental health.

This year's mental health focus is "movement". During the week the children will be taking part in 20-minute exercise classes and we will be doing some dance classes at lunch times. Lucy our school mental health worker will also be popping in to do workshops with the children throughout the week.

Many thanks

Mrs Greenway and Mrs Rawsthorne School Mental Health Leads.



Gardening and Home Crafts Club

It's been chilly in the garden and our seedlings from last week haven't fared all that well. But we have been busy with more seeds as we learn more about planting and the weather. Here's hoping that Jack Frost will be gone before too long!

This week the children split into groups and each planted up a planter with edibles. We've sowed mixed salad leaves, french breakfast radishes, market carrots and nasturtiums. We even had time to get our seed potatoes into the ground. The children learned that they are part of the nightshade plant family and that you can plant any potato from the shop that has started growing 'eyes' in the pantry. Just pop it in the soil and see what you get!



Lastly, we went over to the reception and nursery garden to pick mint and lemon balm leaves which we will dry for making our own tea next week.



Mrs Truman, Mrs Greenway and the Gardening Club

Road Safety Superhero Squad – Design Competition

Primary school students across Shropshire are being invited to design a squad of superheroes to feature in a new schools' active travel and road safety programme which Shropshire Council is launching later this year. Students are encouraged to design a superhero based around the animal names used in crossing types – Pelicans, Toucans, Tigers or even a Pegasus. The winning designs will be selected and will be turned into animated characters by Shropshire Council's designers. The animated characters will be rolled out in the new road safety education films in 2024-2025

Your child will come home this week with a template to create their design on and need to return it back to school by Friday 10th May in order for it to be entered into the competition.

Mrs Baillie



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Shropshire Primary Schools Half Marathon

What a fantastic day we all had last weekend at West Midlands Show Ground, as our children all got to run their victory mile to complete the Shropshire Half Marathon. Thankfully the sun was shining all morning as over a thousand children from all over the county ran, skipped and hopped their way round the track to complete their 13th mile.

As an avid runner myself, it was amazing to see so many children taking part with smiles on their faces, made even better by the fact that the event was set up like a 'real' half marathon event with a huge start and finish line archway and music blaring for the runners as they took part. They all received medals and drinks on completion as well as their t-shirts that they all wore on the day.

For taking part, our school has also had trees planted in our name and when I know of the location of the trees, I will let you know. I don't know about the children but I look forward to entering us again next year!



Mrs Baillie





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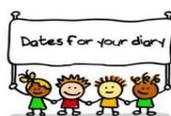


Maths mastery workshop – Tuesday 30th April, 2pm-3pm.

We would like to invite all reception parents to a mastery maths workshop, this will be a great opportunity for you to work with your child to develop their maths skills and learn more about how we teach maths as they move through the school. The workshop will comprise of 2 sections, firstly a presentation for parents/carers and then we will be joined by the children to complete activities together. We are hoping that every child will have an adult to work with whether this is parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle. At the end of the session each child will also receive a maths pack to take home.

Mrs Rawsthorne

Moreton Say Diary Dates 2023 – 2024



APRIL

Tuesday 30th April – Maths Mastery Workshop, 2.00-3.00pm **(Reception Parents)**

MAY

Monday 13th May – Wrekin class visit to BeWILDerwood

Monday 13th May – Caradoc visit to AICO, Oswestry

Friday 17th May – Children to wear something Green or Comfy

Tuesday 21st May – Stiperstones visit to AICO, Oswestry

JUNE

Wednesday 5th June – Tempest Photography in School (Y6 and Whole School Photo and Nursery Group Photo)

JULY

Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th July – Stiperstones visit to Arthog





and finally....

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Moreton Say Primary School PTA together with
Adderley Primary School PTA present

Spring Bluebell Walk

By kind permission of the Heywood-Lonsdale Family

All funds raised will go towards the PTAs including a donation to Calverhall and Ightfield Churches.



28th April 2024
Shavington Park

10-4pm
Last entry 3pm

Visitors will enjoy a 5km walk through the beautiful woods and parkland with a shorter walk available for smaller legs!* Dogs on short leads are also welcome. Along the way please do join us at the refreshments stand for tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches, cakes, and sweet treats.

Car Parking and Starting Point at Shavington Park please see event page for directions. *What3Words location: robots.window.awoke*

**The walk includes uneven tracks and woodland trails which are not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs.*



Tickets available from Moreton Say PTA committee or online at <https://ticketpass.org/event/ERPNO/spring-bluebell-walk>

Tickets for Morning or Afternoon Sessions:

£5 for Adults,

£2.50 for Under 16s; under 4s **Free**

Please contact Lucy Bower for tickets lucstokes@hotmail.com or 07977553842

