

Moreton Say CE Primary School Moreton Say, Market Drayton

Shropshire TF9 3RS

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## Friday 21st January 2022 XVII

This Half Term's Value: Kindness

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Hello again! I hope you have all had a good week and enjoyed the blue sky and crisp weather that this week has had to offer!

On my drive to school this morning I saw my first new-born lamb of the year; a sure-fire sign that

Spring will soon be on its way and that the lighter mornings and evenings are just around the corner!

The usual updates are attached alongside this is information from our Educational Welfare Officer who manages attendance across schools in the Local Authority. Bearing in mind this information I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that requests to the Headteacher for leave during term time are **only** considered for authorisation if the following apply:

- It is highly unlikely that the event will occur again in a child's school life.
- It is **necessary** for the child to be in attendance at the event.
- The event **cannot** be organised outside of the school term.
- Taking part in the event will be of greater value to the child than attending school.

If this requested period of absence has not been authorised, details will be passed to Shropshire Council's Education Access Service.

The Council may, in the following circumstances, issue a formal warning, serve a Fixed Penalty Notice or take court action in respect of non-school attendance for this and any future unauthorised absence:

- Parents have not sought permission from the headteacher before taking their child out of school for a holiday in term time
- The headteacher has refused the request but the absence occurs anyway; or
- A pupil has not returned to school by the agreed date with no satisfactory explanation

















Any requests should be completed on the Shropshire Council **'Request for Pupil Leave of Absence in Term Time in Exceptional Circumstances'** form, which can be found below or from the school office, and returned to school well **before** the proposed absence.

We have strict guidelines and criteria to refer to and holidays in term time cannot be authorised. I hope that you will support us in adhering to the guidelines as set out to us by the Local Authority.

Aside from that ... please enjoy reading our newsletter and celebrating our children's fantastic achievements!

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend!

Mrs S. Henney

## <u>Attendance</u>



<u>Class</u>	<u>This week</u>	Previous week
1	95%	98.33%
2	96.31%	99.20%
3	99.53%	93.64%
4	100%	97.06%
Whole School	97.83%	96.93%

## This week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

**<u>Nursery</u>** - Edie Moore for super mark-making on her Journey to school literacy work.

**<u>Class 1</u>** – Ferne Spencer - Ferne has been writing independently and is starting to write short paragraphs on her own! She has also been helpful in the classroom.

<u>**Class 2**</u> - Xander Sokolov - for always contributing in class, sharing his ideas, thoughts and opinions.

**<u>Class 4</u>** - Corey Prescott - for super English work















#### In other news ....

## Eco Council

Eco club are excited to announce that they are working towards the **RSPB Go Wild Challenge** for Schools. This award encourages schools to get outside and get wild. There are 24 challenges to choose from and if we manage to complete 18, we will be presented with the gold award and logo for our letterhead which will be a great boost for the school – not to mention how pro-

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## Playground Leaders

Our Playground Leaders are enjoying their training and will soon be ready to head out into the playground and support our younger pupils during their lunch breaks. They have been busy finding out what makes a good leader and planning a whole host of new and exciting games. We can't wait to see them in action!

## Miss S. Jones

## AddMore Federation Reading Newsletter

This week we are delighted to share with you our first ever edition of the AddMore Federation's Reading Newsletter. Each edition will explore the ways in which we are supporting your child's reading and how you can further support your child's love of reading at home? You will find recommended reads for their age group; we will be sharing new releases, plus keeping you updated on events, both in and outside of school. We hope you find it helpful in supporting your child on their reading journey.

## Covid-19 Update - Reminder

The self-isolation period for people who test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) has been cut to five full days as of Monday 17 January. People are able to leave isolation after producing negative lateral flow device (LFD) test results on days five and six of their isolation. As a federation we will be reviewing and updating our coronavirus-related risk assessments and procedures for the recording of absences with this new information.

Neither asymptomatic nor symptomatic individuals need to arrange confirmatory PCR tests after receiving positive LFD test results. This is in line with the UK Health Security Agency's 'Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'.













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## <u>Class News</u>

## <u>Class 2</u>

Class 2 continue to enjoy our Science topic of 'Materials' with investigations on stretchiness and strength this week. After making predictions, we measured the strength of various types of paper by counting how many marbles each one could hold before ripping. Our yogurt pots weren't big enough for the strongest types so we had to find a bigger pot, the wallpaper held 71 marbles!

## Miss S. Jones





## <u>Class 4</u>

This week, class four have been learning about air resistance. To demonstrate how air resistance works, we designed and made our own parachutes. We then tested our parachutes and used eggs as our passengers to really put our designs to the test. Only two eggs smashed!

## Mrs V. Baillie















And finally ....



# Moreton Say Diary Dates 2021 – 2022



## JANUARY – Happy New Year!!

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to School/Nursery W/C 10<sup>th</sup> January - School clubs commence - full details to follow Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January- F1 Club 3.15-4.30pm Y5 & Y6 only (weekly) Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January- Music Club KS2 1.35-1.00pm (Lunchtime - weekly) Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January – Choir Club 12.30-1pm (Lunchtime - Weekly)

## FEBRUARY

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Tempest Photography – Individual school photographs Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for spring half term Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February - PD Day - School closed

During the seven-day period between 7-13 January 2022:















- 2,815 new COVID-19 cases reported
- A decrease of 47% on the previous week
- The 7-day infection rate for Shropshire was 865 per 100,000
- It was 1128.9 per 100,000 for the West Midlands, and 1025.5 for England
- 69 beds were occupied by COVID-19 patients
- 3 COVID-19-related deaths in a local hospital











