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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 XVIII

This Half Term's Value: Kindness



Dear Parents/ Carers,

We've had a very busy week this week! On Tuesday we were visited by 'Jake the Storyteller' to help us celebrate '**National Story Telling Week**'. Jake arrived with just himself and his 'tales'! Jake is an intrepid adventurer and is always on the look-out for new inspiration and material for his stories; be it staying in a haunted deer keeper's cottage deep in the Scottish Highlands to kayaking down a very cold River Dee! We learnt such a lot about the beautiful art of oral storytelling and experienced the sheer pleasure of just 'listening' and enjoying a story; as an observer it was wonderful to see the children in class open mouthed and in complete awe of some of the stories Jake relayed! Thank you Jake, you have really inspired us!

Today we have taken part in the annual '**NSPCC Number Day**'. We join hundreds of other schools across the country in helping to raise money for this great cause; enjoying a range of maths activities whilst helping to raise funds for children who need our support. The day has provided a host of opportunities for all the children to apply their maths skills in practice, this years theme being Problem Solving, whilst also raising money for this fantastic cause!

Thank you all so much for taking part!

So, let's find out what everyone has been up to and learning about in school this week!



## Attendance



This week's winners are Class 3 – Well done!

<u>Class</u>	<u>This week ...</u>	<u>Previous week ....</u>
1	98.23%	95%
2	98.21%	99.06%
3	99.09%	100%
4	96.25%	96.25%
Whole School	98.05%	96.58%
National Average this week	89.1%	90.6%

## This week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

**Nursery** – Oscar Black, for always being polite and using good manners.

**Class 1** – Arianna Kennett, for such lovely manners in school. Arianna has listened well this week and has a 'can do' attitude to learning. Arianna has been working hard in her literacy too and is now able to write sentences independently. Well done.

**Class 2** – Jess Goulter, for being a great friend and setting a good example to younger pupils in the school.

**Class 3** – Charlie Goodwin, for putting in much more effort with his work this week!

**Class 4** – Arthur, for always working really hard and doing your best. You are always willing to share your ideas and help others when they need it. Well done!

## Class News

### Nursery

This week we have been learning all about Chinese New Year - 2022 is the year of the Tiger.



We have been creating crocodile models to link with our literacy book, 'Let's all creep through crocodile creek'. We munched and crunched our way through the creek!

In maths we have been exploring colour, categorising objects and counting to five.



**Mrs E Butler**





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### **Class 1**

Reception alongside Class 2 had a fantastic trip to Chester Zoo last Friday. The children were impeccably behaved, and they all represented the school very well. We were lucky enough to see some amazing animals. The children were able to talk about them and their habitats. We saw the chimps, giraffes, orang-utans, elephants, meerkats, rhinos and many more. We had such a lovely day.

**Miss A. Clarke**

### **Class 2**

Class 2 had a wonderful, yet tiring visit to Chester Zoo last Friday. We learnt about many facts including that some animals live in hot and cold places and just like the Lion in our current English story, we found some animals that live in the Savannah. We learnt about how these animals have adapted to living in extreme heat and cold. We had so many memorable moments from the day but the jaguars coming right up to the window and the huge Komodo dragons were possibly some of our favourites; as well as the giraffes popping their heads out to say hello, just as we sat down for our lunch!

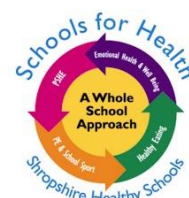
We also enjoyed a visit from Jake the Storyteller this week! He told some really exciting stories that had us all on the edge of our seats, including Miss Jones! Perhaps you could ask us to tell you our versions of the story with the Sloth-mouse, as Jake explained the beauty of storytelling is that you can change it in whichever way you like and adapt it to please the listener.



**Miss S. Jones**

### **Class 4**

Class 4 have been investigating water resistance this week. In order to do this, we designed and made longships like the Vikings might have had and then tested them out. Not only did these longboats need to be able to float on water, they needed to be able to move across it with as little water resistance acting on them as they travelled. Some of us made some successful boats so we even decided to race them!





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***In other news ....***

**Library**

Congratulations to our Librarians, Kathleen, Matthew, Jamie, Callum, Lily-Ann and George, who have successfully completed the Library Assistants training scheme. Following a training session, delivered by Shropshire Library Service in September, they have been working incredibly hard as a team to make our little library a hive of activity. Among their many tasks they were asked to tidy the shelves and keep the library in order, create engaging displays, prepare new books for use and help other children to find their way around the library. We have been very impressed with their attitude and enthusiasm and look forward to watching them as they now prepare to train the next group of library assistants.



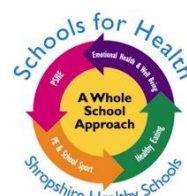
**Miss S. Jones**

**Mental Health Week**

Next week is Mental Health Awareness week and our theme will be 'Growing Together'. As a school we will be talking about this idea during assembly throughout the week as well as engaging the children with lots of exciting activities we will be encouraging them to participate in some lovely activities. On Monday we will be looking at some videos of celebrities as they discuss strategies from supporting their own mental health. We will also be carrying out 'Drop and Explore' sessions everyday where the children will embark upon, for 15 minutes a day, activities designed to encourage restfulness and mindfulness. On Friday we will be carrying out a '**Dress to Impress**' fundraiser day where the children can wear to school anything that makes them feel happy and comfortable (letter to follow on Monday); this could be a favourite cosy jumper, a favourite dress perhaps or even your pyjamas – everyone loves a pyjama day don't they! As a school we have decided to create a show stopping herb garden just outside the forest school area to celebrate mental health and growing together. We will be finishing the week off with a discussion of the week's activities and some well-earned goodies, hot chocolate and biscuits, as a whole school.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of not only our children but of our school's mission to support your child in their overall wellbeing.

**Miss A Clarke – EYFS Teacher and Mental Health Lead**





### Playground Buddies

Playground Buddies began running their sessions during lunch times this week and they have shown great leadership; supporting pupils to engage in a variety of games and activities that they have thought up independently. The buddies will be out every lunchtime and can be spotted by their bright red caps and blue tabards. The aims for this scheme are to introduce leadership skills and opportunities to apply these to our Year 5/6 pupils, to help to build the confidence and resilience of our children during social periods; encouraging problem solving and compromise, as well as increasing the amount of physical activity we participate in during break and lunchtimes. The scheme will also raise the self-esteem and self-confidence of the leaders and at the same time help younger pupils to feel part of something exciting.



### **Miss S Jones – SMSC Lead**

### Great British Bird Watch



Thank you to all who took time to take part in the Great Bird Watch last weekend. We have already started to receive some results and the **Eco Council** are looking forward to organising the data at the next meeting. If you didn't manage to take part last weekend, there is still time to get outside and enjoy some time with nature this weekend.

### **And finally ....**

Attached are some Half Term Dates for your diary that may be of interest to you; included is an exciting opportunity for those of you who may be interested in having a go at cricket. Sessions have started but I have been informed there are still spaces available for those who are interested!

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend!

Mrs S. Henney

Event Date: 23rd February  
Event Times: 10.30am-12pm  
or 2pm-3.30pm  
Duration: 90 minutes  
Event Address:  
Dogs Trust Shrewsbury,  
Roden Lane Farm, Telford  
TF6 6BP



# Half term fun for kids with Dogs Trust!



Join our Education & Community Officer, Alison, for a FREE, fun family workshop to learn all about safe behaviour around dogs and being responsible around our four-pawed friends!

Children aged 7-11 and their grown up welcome!

Places must be booked in advance.

To book or ask any questions please contact:  
[alison.donald@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:alison.donald@dogstrust.org.uk)

Children remain the responsibility of the accompanying adult and must be supervised.

No real dogs will be in attendance at this event.



[learnwithdogstrust.org.uk](http://learnwithdogstrust.org.uk)

Registered Charity Numbers: 227823 & 95007843

# February Half Term at Fordhall Farm

## Enchanted Woodland Trail

The natural world is waking up again! But the Spring enchantment isn't only experienced through sight, but through your other senses too. Follow the Spring Spirits around the farm and let them show you how to feel Spring's magic through sight, smell, sound and touch!

Feb half term - Easter, £2.50 per pack,  
pick up from the farm shop



## Woodland Now!

Experience our woodland haven with all your senses! Enjoy squishy clay play, making natural scented play dough in the wild kitchen, listening to the birds in the hide, slacklining, den building and napping in the hammocks!

23rd & 24th Feb, 10am-12noon & 1pm-3pm,  
£6 per child, suitable for ages 4+, pre-  
booking essential call 01630 638696



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# Woore Cricket Club - Junior Training

Starts Thursday 13th January  
At The Grove School, Market Drayton

U8's & U10s (Age 6 - School Year 5) 6.15pm-7.15pm

U12's & U14's (Year 6 - Year 9) 7.30pm-8.30pm

£2.50 per session

All Equipment Provided

ECB Level 2 Coaches

All Coaches DBS Checked

Come along and learn some new skill and have some fun!

New players, boys and girls, always welcome

For more information please do not hesitate to contact:  
Trudie Bloor: 07985731181, [trudie\\_bloor@hotmail.com](mailto:trudie_bloor@hotmail.com)



## Coronavirus in Shropshire 21 – 27 January 2022

2,993

New cases reported

0.9%

increase on  
previous week

919.7

per 100,000 Shropshire's  
7 day infection rate

1000.8

per 100,000 for the  
West Midlands

72

Hospital beds were occupied  
by COVID-19 patients

6

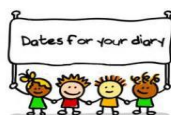
COVID-19-related deaths  
in a local hospital



Shropshire  
Council



## Moreton Say Diary Dates 2021 – 2022



### **FEBRUARY**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Chinese New Year (change of menu)

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Dress to Impress fundraising day (wear something that makes you feel happy and comfortable)

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

### **MARCH**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Parents Evening

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Parents Evening

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day (details to follow)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Artsfest Workshop for Classes 3 and 4

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Artsfest Workshop for Classes 1 and 2