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This Half Term's Value:



Dear Parents/ Carers.

A busy and jampacked edition of the weekly Newsletter this week!

We have our usual class news as well as updated attendance figures! It is great to see that out attendance figures compared to previous weeks are becoming much more consistent. The number of pupils recorded as arriving late has also reduced significantly so well done everyone! Keep up the amazing work!

This week marked 'International Women's Day 2022'; across the globe the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of Women have been celebrated. As a school whose vision and values celebrate diversity, inclusivity, and equitability it is vital that we make our children alert to potential bias, stereotype and discrimination and events such as this enable such topics to be brought to the fore and challenged.

In other news we are pleased to highlight a number of informative parenting groups and specific support Networks across the Local Authority. These are free to access and offer support across a wide range of topics. The groups not only offer guidance and support but also offer access to a network of professionals and parents who can advise and support families.

Finally, wishing everyone a peaceful weekend,

Mrs S. Henney















#### **Attendance**

This week's winners are Classes 1 - Well done!



| <u>Class</u>               | <u>This week</u> | Previous week |
|----------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1                          | 98.33%           | 100%          |
| 2                          | 91.34%           | 98.08%        |
| 3                          | 95.45%           | 100%          |
| 4                          | 97.78%           | 98.33%        |
| Whole School               | 95.09%           | 98.97%        |
| National Average this week | -                | 90.3%         |

### This week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

<u>Nursery</u> – Nora Knowles for super mark-making. Nora is beginning to form the letters of her name. Well done Nora!

<u>Class 1</u> – Alfie Phelps - For being sensible and following the class rules and routine - Alfie has been very helpful this week and has worked hard in all his lessons. Well done, Alfie.

<u>Class 2</u> – Isabelle N - for writing her own poem about a museum and for beautiful presentation and neat handwriting.

Class 3 – William- for continued and consistent effort in all his work.

<u>Class 4</u> – Lily-Ann- for always being a good friend and helping others when they need it: clearly demonstrating one of our core values of kindness.

#### **Class News**

### **Nursery**

We are enjoying another very exciting 'pirate' week in nursery.

We used cups and string to make pirate telephones- These seemed to help all children to develop their communication skills.

We have been to the forest for a pirate adventure of hide and seek! Everybody practiced counting to five before going to search for their ship mates! Well done everyone!

We noticed many snowdrops and daffodils growing within the school grounds so the nursery children have been for an adventure to find and then count them! The children were also interested in the colours and shapes of the different flowers.

#### Best wishes, Mrs Butler and Mrs Arblaster.















### **Reception**

We have had another fantastic and busy week in Reception. This week we have continued to embed our knowledge of number bonds to 10. The children have enjoyed playing with our number bond themed tuff tray this week.

In Literacy we have started out new topic book 'The Pirates Are Coming', the children were so excited to have a visit from a pirate. They found large footprints in the classroom and sand. They also found a map! The children used their phonics knowledge to read the clues and Ezekiel found the treasure chest in the Forest School Area. The children found gold coins, shells, necklaces, glitter and a pirate's flag and eye patch in the treasure. The children have enjoyed listing the items they found in the treasure chest as well as drawing and writing about items they treasure.

In R.E we have started looking at the Easter story and the children enjoyed watching the biblical story all about Easter.

This week we were lucky enough to have a visit from Layton Dykes who showed us his tractor and talked to the children all about farming. Thank you, Layton, for coming into school! This followed on nicely from our poetry literacy topic last week, which was based on the poem The Farmyard by A. A. Attwood.

It's been another great week. A very well-done to Reception.

## Miss A. Clarke and Mrs H. Dykes

### Class 2

#### Dinosaurs!

Excitement filled our classroom this week at the discovery of some rather large bones in our forest! After a closer inspection, we decided they must have belonged to a dinosaur! We were all very excited and were able to use lots

of descriptive language to tell others what we had found. Among the leaves we also found pieces of a puzzle, after working as a team we pieced it together to find a picture of a woolly mammoth. Perhaps this is who the bones belong to?





We have continued to spend lots of time outside exploring micro-habitats this week. We have made observations by taking photographs and notes. We were amazed at how much wildlife we found just in our little space and are looking forward to exploring other habitats over the rest of the term.

Congratulations to Pheobe Grove who took part in several dance competitions last weekend. She was presented with 1st place in Tap Novice Baby and 2nd place for her group performance. Class 2 were treated to a short performance during Show and Tell this week. **Miss S. Jones** 















### Class 3

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Class 3 will join Oak Class children from Adderley on a day trip to Xplore! This is a Science discovery centre in Wrexham.



Children will spend time exploring the exciting science experiments throughout the centre and will take part in a workshop linked in with our topic of forces and magnets.

Here is a link to the Xplore! website in case you want to have a sneaky peak! <a href="https://www.xplorescience.co.uk/">https://www.xplorescience.co.uk/</a>

A letter with all the information will be sent to you soon!

# Class 4

Class Four have had a creative week! We enjoyed making our flapjacks last week as the grand finale piece in our DT. Many of us thought they were quite simple to make and were keen to make some for our families.

We also enjoyed an art session, where we designed our calendar entries for the annual Market Drayton Arts Fest Competition. This year we were asked to create some pieces of art representing the month of March. We created some wonderful pieces and are looking forward to finding out whose work has been chosen!



Mrs V. Baillie

In other news ....

### **Eco-council**

We met outside for this half terms meeting. First, we hung up our new 3D printed bird feeders, kindly made and donated by Ayda. Next, we set to work measuring our Forest School area, created a scale plan and started to plan how we want our forest to

look. We have taken ideas from other pupils in school and plan to work alongside gardening club to create a fantastic outdoor space! We may need your help, so watch this space as our plans progress and develop.



**FOREST SCHOOL** 









# Red Nose Day, Comic Relief - Friday 18th March

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, children are invited to support and fundraise for Comic Relief's 'Red Nose Day'. We would love to raise as much as possible to send over to Comic Relief to support people living in poverty and discrimination. Any money that we raise will also go to funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine, and those attempting to cross the border.

We will have lots of exciting events going on in school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March to raise money for Comic relief. All activities have been organised by us, the schools Fun and Games Council.

### **Red Nose Day Events:**

- · Cake Sale 50p per cake/biscuit.
- · **Non-uniform Day** We are asking pupils/staff to dress up in something red, whether it's a red nose, red hairband, PJ's etc.
- · Guess the amount of red bonbons (red noses) in the jar 20p per guess.
- . Guess the Teacher from their baby photos 20p per guess Answers to be drawn on Monday 21st March in assembly.
- . **Fun Run** (10 minutes per class) Children to take part in a disco themed daily miles run–Miles to be added up and discussed in assembly on Monday 21st March.

Any donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies, flapjacks etc. towards our cake sale would be much appreciated. We kindly ask that these donations are brought into school on the Friday morning. Cake prices will start at 50p.

If you wish for your child to participate, please bring any money in a named envelope or purse so it is easy for your child's teacher to distribute particularly for the younger children.

## **Science Week**

Each year, the British Science Association runs a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths called British Science Week. People from all over the UK take part in events and activities to develop their skills in these areas. In 2022, British Science Week will take place from the 11th to the 20th March and across all educational age groups, from Early Years to Primary and Secondary. British Science Week is represented in and outside the classroom with a series of exciting activities and events to help promote the benefits of scientific involvement.















To mark this exciting event, next week children will take part in a whole school science investigation with big questions such as; Which biscuit is best for dunking? (Linked to materials and their properties) and Can larger hands hold more? (Linked to growing). We will also be exploring important scientists and their discoveries and how these impact on us today/

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# **A R Richards**

In light of the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, A R Richards, a local waste management service, are now operating a drop off point at their main office, Warrant Road, Stoke Heath,TF9 2JJ. They have had an amazing response to the appeal so far and aim to fill artic lorries, which will transport donations to Poland in the coming weeks.



In light of the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine we are now operating a drop off point at our main office; AR Richards Bensite Warrant Road TF9 2JJ.

We will be open from 7am – 6pm Monday – Friday and 7am – 1pm on Saturday

Donation Ideas: Clothing, Bedding, Baby Food, Sanitary Products, Blankets, Towels, Pillows, Toys, Non Perishable Food, Air Beds.

Suggestions for donations include: Clothing, bedding, baby food, sanitary products, blankets, towels, pillows, toys, non-perishable food and air beds.



# Parent's Questionnaire

I would like to thank all those of you who completed the Parent Questionnaire issued after this term's Parent's Evening Session; those of you who have yet to do so or have not yet collected a copy are invited to request one from Mrs Mitchell.

May I firstly take this opportunity to thank you all for taking the time in the first instance to complete the questionnaire and secondly for your suggestions and ideas as to how we can work together more closely to further improve















communication and our ability to work together further. As a Head Teacher new to the school, I recognise that there is still great capacity for growth and also that I have a huge amount to learn about our whole school community and its history; recognising that communication between home and school is vital to encourage progress and change - so please keep the suggestions coming!

One area for development as identified from the feedback is that of keeping parents informed and up to date with updates in regard to your child's learning. This is an area that we as a staff and Governing body have also identified as an area for future development and are looking at opportunities such as parent/ teacher workshops (which coincidently we are inviting you to one such event in this week's newsletter!) and open events in which updates around the curriculum can be shared. I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight other places where you can access information regarding the school and your child's learning in the meantime; this includes the school website, class pages in particular hold weekly updates and hold your children's timetable, current curriculum, and events. In addition to this is the weekly Headteacher's Newsletter which contains key information at both school and local level and holds regular updates from our school councillors. Subject Leaders also provide information linked to their subject, for example Mrs Baillie's Reading Newsletter provides updates in these areas. In addition to this we also host twice yearly Parent's Evenings, issue yearly reports, termly SEND reviews for children with additional support needs.

May I finish by also taking this opportunity to invite any parent who feels that there is still work to be done; maybe at more personal level to contact us here at the school. It is important to us that we address any outstanding issues and ensure they are drawn to a positive conclusion no matter how big or small. As a school we encourage empathy and understanding, and it is important to us as a staff that we demonstrate these same values with our wider community.

# **School Lunches**

There remain a significant number of outstanding unpaid school lunch invoices; in line with our debt policy, follow up letters will be issued to those families yet to settle outstanding bills on Monday. If you are experiencing difficulties in paying your lunch invoice please contact the office as soon as possible.

Your support in this is greatly appreciated.



### Phonics Workshop

Early Years and KS1 are excited to announce the launch of a new 'Phonics' programme for learning. In order to outline the programme and how this will now shape your child's early reading we would like to invite all parents to attend an information workshop. The















workshop will include support and guidance of how to help your child to develop as a reader, outline the programme of study and what it entails and provide examples of the new reading books your child will be bringing home from now on. In addition to this we will be showing you examples of the expectation in terms of reading fluency and comprehension that will now be looked for by the end of Reception and Year 1, we will also be sharing samples of the End of KS1 assessments that your child will sit at the end of Year 2 as well as explaining the type of catch up programmes we will be offering for those pupils needing an extra boost to help ensure that they stay on track with these newly elevated expectations. The Workshop will be led by Miss Clarke and attended by Mrs Henney and our English Link Governor, Mrs Diana Rosie on Wednesday 23rd March at 3.30pm. We would encourage ALL parents to attend this valuable and informative session.

# Local offer updates ...

# Message from the Parenting Team

The Parenting Team are trialling a Parenting Helpline starting from next Tuesday, 15th March. (see below for further details).

The way they are working and how families are accessing information and support has changed over the past 2 years and they have therefore made the decision that this Helpline will replace their parenting clinics offer.

Parents/Carers can call the Helpline number and will be transferred to a Parentina Practitioner. They can discuss any queries and concerns around parenting they have and might be offered other services or be signposted on.

Please note that it is **NOT** an emergency helpline to discuss safety concerns. If parents/carers are concerned about a child's safety or well-being they should call First Point of Contact on 0345 678 9021.



PARENTING HELPLINE

Call **01743 250950** 

**Tuesdays and Thursdays** 9am to 12.30pm



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

First Point of Contact 0345 678 9021

If you would like to find out about other services the Parenting Team offers please email

Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk





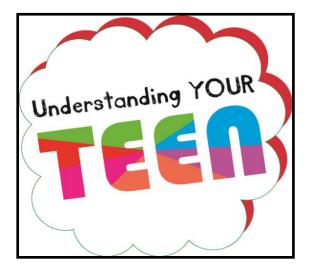












Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. Shropshire Council's Parenting Team is here to support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment. Do you have any questions around child development and parenting?

Why not call our Parenting Helpline where one of our trained

Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.

### **Autism West Midlands**

Welcome to our roundup of upcoming events and activities for March. We hope that you and your families are able to enjoy the half term break despite the awful weather – it was so bad that sadly we had to cancel our family event at Attingham Park, we will be offering it again over the Easter holiday instead and will be advertising it very soon. Keep an eye on the events page on the <a href="www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk">www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk</a> website for the listing to "go live". Otherwise this is what we are up to during March...

#### **FREE Webinars**

How Autistic People Process Information – Friday 18th March 9.30am-10.30am <a href="https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/how-autistic-people-process-information-webinar-18mar22/">https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/how-autistic-people-process-information-webinar-18mar22/</a>

#### ZOOM Together – Monthly online group for young people aged 12+

A fun, supportive opportunity for autistic teens to get together play games and share experiences hosted by Autism West Midlands staff. More details below <a href="https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/zoom-together-fun-sessions-for-shropshire-youngsters-6apr/">https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/zoom-together-fun-sessions-for-shropshire-youngsters-6apr/</a>

# WEEKLY Zoom Advice slots – every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

For those would like some face-to-face contact we are offering this virtually via video appointments. Zoom works well on mobile phones. To book a 45 min advice appointment with a specialist autism advisor please book via our shop

https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/online-autism-advice-shropshire/

# Virtual Support Group for Parents - Wednesday Mornings 10am-11am & Wednesday Evenings 8pm-9pm – NOW 1st and 3rd Weds of each month

From the New Year we moved our online support groups to twice a month via the Zoom platform. This is an opportunity to talk with other parents, share ideas, and offer support.















If you would like to join either of the support groups, please email the team here <a href="mailto:shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk">shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk</a>

### **Advice and support**

We continue to offer advice and support over the phone and via email. Parents/carers and professionals can contact our small team directly to arrange an appointment please call:

 Mon, Wed, Fri
 - Wendy Cowton
 07900784186

 Weds, Thu, Fri
 - Emma Hegenbarth
 07881109480

 Tue, Wed, Thu
 - Dawn Lewis
 07706309382

Email <u>shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk</u>

Helpline 0121 450 7575

# And finally ....

















<u>Market Drayton Swimming and Fitness Centre</u> are hosting a Big Open Weekend on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March where use of the centre is completely free of charge.

Please see below for details of a variety of sessions and activities throughout the weekend, including swimming lesson tasters, Aquacamp, free fitness classes, family swims and more.



































# Moreton Say Diary Dates 2021 – 2022



#### **MARCH**

Monday 28th February – Return to School for all!

Tuesday 1st March – Parents Evening

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

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day

Tuesday 8th March – Artsfest Workshop for Classes 3 and 4

Tuesday 15th March – Artsfest Workshop for Classes 1 and 2

Friday 18th March – Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Phonics Workshop 3.30pm

### **APRIL**

Friday 8th April – PD Day

Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April – Easter Holiday

Monday 25th April – Return to School for all!









