# The Friday Post

## Friday, 17 February 2023



<u>PE Kit</u>			
	PE	PE	Woodland School
Dormouse	Monday	Friday	Thursday
Red Squirrel	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Hedgehog	Tuesday Swimming		Monday
Badger	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday

PE kit should be worn to school on the appropriate day. Woodland school kit should consist of waterproofs, <a href="https://https://html.ncb.nlm.ncb.n

#### **ABSENCE**

The government is placing a lot more emphasis on good school attendance. We are therefore required to ask for reasons for absence.

Please let the office know (via phone, email or website) if your child is off school for illness.

For appointments during the school day (doctor, dentist, hospital etc) please ask the reception for an appointment card and hand this in to the office.

Alternatively, a copy of the appointment letter (we can photocopy for you).

It would be most beneficial if appointments could be avoided during school hours as the children often miss important teaching points or activities.

Obviously, there will be occasions when this isn't possible and we understand that.

#### **Dogs**

Please keep dogs on leads when walking up to, and waiting outside, school. We have had incidents of dog mess in school too! Thanks.



#### DIARY DATES

20th - 24th February - Half Term

Monday 27th February - Lent Journey Day

Tuesday 28th February - Red Squirrels to Chirk Castle

15th & 16th March - Parent Meetings

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Mothering Sunday Sale (FOCS)

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Service in church

Friday 31st March - End of Term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holiday

Monday 17th April - Term starts

Tuesday 18th April - Swimming for Red Squirrels starts

Monday 1st May - May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May - Coronation Bank Holiday

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May - PD Day - school closed to children

#### CONTACT DETAILS

If you change your contact details for any reason, especially **phone number** or address, please let the office know.

#### **M**ENU

Next Week: Week TWO

Updated menus are available on the website. Please make sure your catering purse is regularly topped up.

#### PARKING

Please remember to park safely and considerately. The yellow zig zags are painted on the road to keep children safe by allowing

drivers to clearly see pedestrians. Thankyou.

### MESSAGING

#### Office hours are from 8.30 - 3.30.

<u>Urgent messages outside these hours (from 7.45am</u> and until 6pm) should be phoned through please.

#### MATHS COURSES FOR ADULTS

Shrewsbury Colleges Group are providing maths courses for adults. Check out their website for more details: Free maths courses for adults (scg.ac.uk)

#### WORLD BOOK DAY



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. During the day the children will be undertaking activities around

stories and story writing. It would be great if they want to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We would emphasise that this need only consist of what they already have available. Please do not go to great lengths and costs to buy costumes. Each child will also receive their World Book Day voucher than can be used to contribute towards buying a new book or paying solely for one of the specially commissioned WBD books.

#### STAR PUPILS & STAFF

Well done to all the children and staff. It seems like it has been quite a difficult half term with lots of illness. The children, however, have continued to work



children, however, have continued to work hard and manage themselves really well. Well done everyone

#### COMMUNICATIONS

We maintain an 'open door' policy for parents to speak with staff when the need arises. This may not always be practically possible, especially in the mornings when teaching staff need to be in class to attend to arriving children (if the TA is not present). In this case, please speak with Mrs or Mr Watts (who are usually stood at the gate) to arrange an appointment or pass a message to. If you prefer, please call school or email and Mr Watts will be happy to assist. Most staff come to the gate in the afternoons. Thankyou

#### SCHOOL SPIDER

The School Spider is free to download from playstore or Apple App store. Using the App allows you to quickly access your



account and receive messages and emails as well as bookings and absence notifications much quicker. We can also send smartphone messages which are free!

#### Follow us on



Twitter: @CliveCEPrimary



Facebook: Friends of Clive School

#### **G**RAVEYARD

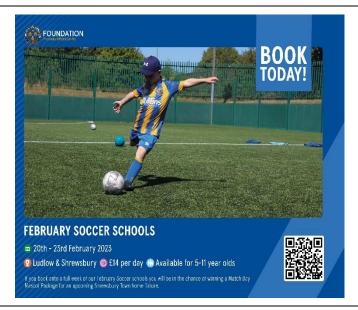
Please encourage the children to be careful and respectful when walking through the graveyard. Some of the gravestones are very old and, whilst they are regularly checked for safety, may fall. Similarly, with grave decorations. Thanks

#### IRONBRIDGE MUSEUMS

https://www.ironbridge.org.uk/events/familyevents/february-half-term-2023/?utm source=email&utm medium=email&utm c ampaign=es-feb&utm id=feb

As well as the amazing events we have on we are also offering Kids Eat Free at many of our sites.

https://www.ironbridge.org.uk/events/family-events/kidseat-free-this-february/



#### **SEESAW**

You can now access multiple users on one device! Click: How do users switch between Seesaw accounts?

- Seesaw Help Center



### How old is your child online?

Has your child (or you on their behalf) signed up to access social media/or a game online but have said that they are older than they are so they can have an account? For example, did your 8 year old join TikTok and put their age as 13 or did you create their account and put your own age? If so, please read some of the implications outlined below that you should think about.

If TikTok thinks your child is 13 when they join but they are in fact 8, then by the time your child reaches 13, the app will think they are 18. This puts your child at risk of viewing content that is not age appropriate and may mean your child will view adverts aimed at adults.

In addition, now the app thinks your child is an adult, they will have access to all functionalities (whereas some apps place restrictions on access to under 18s for example to direct messaging).

The following news article from Ofcom explains this in further detail as well as providing tips to help keep your child safe online:

https://www.ofcom.org.uk/news-centre/2022/risks-of-children-using-false-ages-on-social-media

#### Age ratings

Parent Zone provide some advice on age ratings and why they matter in this blog:

https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings

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#### EARLY HELP

Being a parent can be very rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be worrying, frustrating and exhausting. There may be times when you feel that you need some extra help and support to be able to manage the



challenges that many parents face.

These may be challenges that come from a sudden upheaval, ongoing change or just from everyday family life. They could then impact on the whole family or on individual family members, and place stress on relationships within the family.

In Shropshire we give parents the support and guidance they need to be able to meet the needs of their children, through offering parents early solutions to challenges that arise.

These early solutions could be through services which are available to all parents, or it could be that services will be offered through more targeted support.

In the first instance you can contact the Family Information Service to find out which services are available by calling 01743 254400, or <u>search for</u> services yourself.

If you want to talk about your concerns you can call 03456 789 021.

#### The SEND Local Offer Lots of information and support for children and young people with SEND and their families, including: Preparing for Education Education, health Health and wellbeing adulthood and care plan (EHCP) Travel and transport Family support Early help Social care Things to do Financial support local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk 0345 678 9063 www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/ If you need help accessing the Local Offer Shropshire. please speak to your school or local library.

## Support for parent carers of children with SEND - Shropshire's Local Offer

Having access to good quality information to help you understand the world of SEND is important when making decisions about your child's life. This is where websites such as the <u>Shropshire's SEND Local Offer</u> can help you.