The Friday Post

Friday, 17 March 2023







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

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

Tuesday 21st March - Cricket - <u>All in PE kit</u> Wednesday 29th March - Easter Service in church Friday 31st March - Comic Relief fundraiser (Badger) Friday 31st March - End of Term

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April - Easter Holiday Monday 17th April - Term starts

Tuesday 18th April - Swimming for Red Squirrels starts Thursday 20th April - tennis workshops - All in PE kit

Monday 1st May - May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May - Coronation Bank Holiday

Friday 26th 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.

MENU

Next Week: Week ONE

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.

-SCHOOL—KEEP—CLEAR—

HOLIDAY CLUB

During Easter, holiday club will run from 3rd—6th April and from 11th—13th April. Bookings for holiday club can be made by emailing admin@clive.shropshire.sch.uk. We request that all bookings are made by Wednesday 29th March in order to give time for us to plan staffing to cater for ratios of children.

Holiday Club will once again take place at Prees School and the cost will be £10 per day.

SCHOOL TIMES

Following the survey of parents and discussion by Governors, the decision has been made to change the school day times to 0850-1520. This is to take into account the government expectation that schools are open for 32.5 hours a week. This change will take effect from **September**. The taxi times will adjust accordingly.

SEESAW AND WEBSITE

Don't forget that messages about what the children have been doing in class may be posted on Seesaw or in the Blog/News pages of the website.

MESSAGING

Office hours are from 8.30 - 3.30.

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

IRONBRIDGE GORGE MUSEUM

Ironbridge Museums are running special 'Early Bird' sessions at Enginuity for families

IRONBRIDGE

Valley of Invention

who would prefer a quieter experience. Check out <u>Ironbridge Early Birds</u> for more details.

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)



SHROPSHIRE STAR

We are collecting tokens again this year. Please pass any to the school office. Thanks

SAFER SCHOOLS

Thankyou to those who returned the Safer Schools questionnaire. These were analysed for Monday's meeting and were very positive. There



were a couple of comments about there being no signage to the school in the village. There is one sign at the bottom of the Glat which also notes that there is no vehicular access via The Glat. Whilst the route opposite the medical practice is a public footpath it is also a private drive. School users access this by car with permission from Mr Whitley. It is felt that having signage at the bottom may encourage unauthorised users driving up, putting pedestrians at risk and further damaging the surface of the path.

Thankyou, also, for taking heed of the yellow road markings and also parking considerately, especially along High Street. The Parish Council has heard from residents commenting on how much improved the parking situation has been of late.

We have spoken with the children about what to do in the event of someone moving around school without one of the lanyards (staff/visitor) around their neck. These individuals should, rightly, be challenged by staff and asked to report to the office. On high visitor number days, visitors may be given a "visitor" sticker to wear.

PLACE 2 BE



There are some, potentially, useful videos and articles about managing children's mental health on the Place2Be website. Click here for more information

STAR PUPIL

Eliza is doing so well with her guitar lessons. She is doing lots of practice at home and learning one of the songs we use in Worship.



Thankyou to all the parents who came for Parent Meetings. It was great to see you all in school.

NEW MEMBERS

New members of the school arrived this week - a

bagful of wiggly worms for our newly acquired wormery in the community veg garden! They have the exciting task of digesting all the fruit cores and lots of tea bags that come out of school. We shall then have some lovely compost and fertiliser for the vegetables that the children and staff (and



parent helpers) are planting. We are very grateful to Steve and Cathy Varga for donating the wormery and the Village Show committee for making a donation that has allowed us to buy the worms.

WHAT 3 WORDS

Have you considered finding the What 3 Words app to identify your location? The emergency services

are increasingly using this



service to identify incident locations. There is often little 'local knowledge' in the control rooms but What 3 Words can help identify where a caller is located. It all works by splitting the globe into 3 metre squares. Each square has its own, unique set of 3 words. This allows the user to locate that square anywhere in the world! The 3 words for the school office are "teachers.toolkit.newer". You do need to be careful if using the three words to give someone your location that you speak clearly and clarify any words that may be misheard, especially words with plurals. "teacher.toolkit.newer" (no s on teacher) takes you to

COMIC RELIEF

Badger Class are organising a coffee afternoon for their parents on Friday 31st March (last day of term) and will also be selling cakes at the gate at the end of school. More details to follow.

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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> <u>services yourself.</u>

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



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.