

The Friday Post

Friday, 22 October 2021



AUTUMN 2021

	PE	PE	Woodland School
Dormouse	Monday	Friday	Thursday
Red Squirrel	Monday	Friday	Thursday
Hedgehog	Monday	Friday	Tuesday
Badger	Tuesday (swimming)		Wednesday

MESSAGING

Most communications are now being sent by email. Please make sure that we have the most up to date contact information for you. Please let us know if any key details change.

As a matter of routine, any injury above the neck means that a text is sent home as well as the 'bump note'. In the event of serious injuries, we will always contact parents directly by phone.

ATTENDANCE

	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
DORMOUSE	91%	94%
RED SQUIRREL	98.7%	96.9%
HEDGEHOG	100%👏	95.1%
BADGER	97.6%	98%👏
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.9%	96%

WATERPROOFS

If you happen to be disposing of waterproof dungarees, due to them being outgrown, Nursery would be very happy to receive them for Woodland School activities or when playing in the water tray!



Covid

With cases rising we would ask that you remain vigilant to Covid symptoms and let us know if you are seeking a PCR test for your child. There is an online form for positive PCR results that would help us with completing the absence returns that we have to complete daily. Please see the website for a copy of the letter sent last week with a link to the form. Please also continue to follow the guidance around maintaining safety measures.

DOGS

If you bring a dog on the school run, could you please keep it on a lead when around the children. This will help alleviate some children's anxieties around dogs and maintain their safety and wellbeing. Many thanks.

SUMMER 2022

Due to the additional bank holiday for the [Queen's platinum jubilee](#) falling during the May half term, we are able to finish the summer term on Wednesday 20th July 2021 (not the Thursday 21st as published).

DIARY DATES

Monday 1st November - Red Squirrels to RAF Cosford
Friday 17th December - End of term

BEAR GRYLLES' WORDS OF FAITHFUL WISDOM

"When you see someone isolated, alone or struggling, bring them into the fold. We are a family, each and every human being: wonderfully made and created to be with God and each other".

READING

Reading is so important for children - both with and to them. Researchers in the United States who had looked at the impact of parents reading with their children quoted the following figures in a news release about their findings: Here's how many words children would have heard by the time they were 5 years old: Never read to, 4,662 words; 1-2 times per week, 63,570 words; 3-5 times per week, 169,520 words; daily, 296,660 words; and five books a day, **1,483,300** words.

GLOBAL LEARNING

Our Global Learning Club will be relaunched after half term. It will be run by one or two of our Year 6s, with adult support, and will take a tour round the world, country to country, looking at food, customs and traditions.

MENU

We hope that your child(ren) is/are enjoying the new look menus. There are lots of choices. Please ensure that your catering purses are kept in credit as far as possible. Children in Reception, Years 1 & 2 are entitled to free meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. If you receive certain benefits, you may be entitled to claim Free School Meals. Please speak with Mr Watts about this.

Next Week: Week TWO.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

We will be selling poppies and other British Legion merchandise (pencils, wrist bands, snap bands, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, zip pulls) after the half term break.



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INTERNET SAFETY

We are **deeply concerned** about some adverts and programmes that children are watching on platforms such as YouTube. Please check what your children are watching, especially the adverts.



'[YouTubeKids](#)' has more age appropriate content and adverts. There is now a video powerpoint on our website with some information for parents. Please do take some time to watch the video [here](#) (click the link).

TODDLER GROUP

Clive baby and toddler group meets on a Wednesday morning (term time only) from 9.15-11.15am at Clive Village Hall. Come along to meet other parents and little ones. Hot drinks, snack and activity included. To book, contact Catherine on 07769 309664.



SEESAW

We are continuing to make use of the Seesaw Online Learning platform. Some classes use it for weekly spelling and other home learning tasks. Other classes use it for 'Show and Tell'. It will also continue to be used to provide work for the children in the event of ANY Covid related absence (ie a positive test or whilst waiting for PCR results). The children can also use it for word processing or desktop publishing as there is a lot of functionality with it in this respect. If you are unsure how to access Seesaw, please contact the office.

WEBSITE

If you haven't already, please download the School Spider App from your App store. This is for our website provider. The App allows you to access the website and also receive smartphone messages.



This will be a further method of communication next year as it is free! There are also additional functions that we shall be trialling through the App next year too.

Look out for News on the Blogs section too!

Thanks

PARKING

When dropping children off in the mornings, and picking up at 3pm, please ensure that cars are parked legally (not on zig zag markings) and sensibly so that traffic can flow through the village unimpeded and **residents can exit their properties easily**. There are some large vehicles passing through, as well as the service and school buses. Look out for 'Pat the Police Patrol' and her colleague, 'Pete', near to the Medical Practice! Thanks



HYPERLINKS

You may have noticed that some of the headings in this newsletter are blue and underlined. These are hypelinks and when clicked will take you to linked pages on our website.

The SEND Local Offer



Lots of information and support for children and young people with SEND and their families, including:

- Education
- Health and wellbeing
- Family support
- Social care
- Preparing for adulthood
- Early help
- Things to do
- Education, health and care plan (EHCP)
- Travel and transport
- 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 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 [Shropshire's SEND Local Offer](#) can help you.

The Local Offer sets out in one place useful information and provision for education, health and social care for children and young people in Shropshire who have SEN or are disabled, including those who don't have education, health, and care (EHC) plans.

You can also keep up to date with Local Offer news and events by following The Local Offer on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

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