



Helping others to feel welcome

To make the school community a better place'

This year, Church Preen pupils were invited to take part in the FIRST® LEGO® League Challenge, facilitated by Concord College. FIRST® LEGO® League Challenge is a global STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programme which encourages an interest in real-world themes and develops key skills that are crucial for future careers. Our pupils have been working together to design, build and program an autonomous LEGO® robot to solve a series of missions. This amazing opportunity has seen our children develop resilience, creativity, and collaboration skills. Look out for how their LEGO® challenge develops over the coming months.





Severn Class

This term in Class Severn, we are learning about how life changed from the stone age to iron age in Britain. Bringing our topics to life, we donned our 'furs' and headed outside to learn how to survive as a stone age hunter-gatherer. We foraged for berries, nuts and edible leaves, carved our 'flints' ready for hunting, and built shelters. We then gathered around the fire, trying different techniques for fire-lighting. The bow drill was tricky, but we soon got the hang of it! We finished our experience with a tasty bowl of traditional stone age berry stew.

What a wonderful few weeks we have had in Class Severn! We completed our neolithic stone age stories, begun mastering our calculation skills in maths, and explored food packaging in Science. Moving onto the bronze age in history, we have learned about the smelting process and built bronze age houses with 'daub'! This week we also celebrated National Poetry Day, performing and analysing classic poems, then creating our own acrostic poems about our wonderful school.

Letters have been sent home for our upcoming education visit to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre on the 17th October. This wonderful experience will enrich the children's learning and deepen their historical knowledge. We can't wait!

Thank you to all parents for your brilliant support this term. If you ever have a question, please do send me an email, grab me at the school gate, or arrange a meeting through the office.

Best wishes, Mrs Williams

Cound Class

We would like to draw your attention to a new page on our website 'Phonics and Early Reading.' [Phonics and Early Reading | The Edge Schools' Federation \(churchpreenschool.org.uk\)](https://www.churchpreenschool.org.uk) We hope you will find the link to the articulation of sounds (phonemes) particularly helpful when reading with your child. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUWv-1s> It is important that just a pure sound is heard and not an **-uh** at the end. For those that have had children in Cound class for a little while now, you may still wish to take a look and refresh your knowledge! Any questions, please ask a member of the Cound staff.

We have also been enjoying the late autumn sunshine in Forest school carrying out science investigations and making delicious mud kitchen recipes.



New events (in bold) so please keep an eye on the diary

October

12th - High 5 Netball WBS 4pm

13th - Balance Bike training - Reception children

19th High 5 Netball - 4pm

25th - KS2 X Country WBS

27th - PD DAY

30th - 3rd November Half Term



Are you following us on our
social media platforms or missing out?

Twitter: @churchpreen

Facebook: @churchpreenprimaryschool



PTA NEWS

Thank you to the parents that took the time to attend the PTA meeting on Thursday 28th September. PTA play a very important part in raising funds to pay for the extras in school that the children will remember for a life time but they really need the support of every parent in our school community as its your children that benefit. Look out for a PTA update and disco letter this week.



Congratulations to our September Winners

1st - No 1 Laura Hayward

2nd - No 17 Jo Ainsworth

3rd - No 4 Sarah Downes

KS2 X Country

Severn Class attended the first of this years X country events held at William Brookes school on Wednesday in beautiful Autumn sunshine. Well done for your efforts.



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SHROPSHIRE YOUTH CHOIR
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For pupils in Years 1 to 6

A fun (free) weekly choir for primary children who love to sing musicals, Disney and Pop!

Rehearsals take place weekly in term time on Mondays at 4.30pm at Sundome Infants, Haughmond Federation, SY1 4QN.

Follow the link or scan the QR code for more details and to sign up. Or attend a rehearsal for a free trial.

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Menu Weeks & Additional Information

WEEK 1

04/09/2023
25/09/2023
16/10/2023
13/11/2023
04/12/2023
01/01/2024
22/01/2024
19/02/2024
11/03/2024
15/04/2024
06/05/2024
03/06/2024
24/06/2024
15/07/2024

WEEK 2

11/09/2023
02/10/2023
23/10/2023
20/11/2023
11/12/2023
08/01/2024
29/01/2024
26/02/2024
18/03/2024
22/04/2024
13/05/2024
10/06/2024
01/07/2024

WEEK 3

18/09/2023
09/10/2023
06/11/2023
27/11/2023
18/12/2023
15/01/2024
05/02/2024
04/03/2024
08/04/2024
29/04/2024
20/05/2024
17/06/2024
08/07/2024

Each day your child can enjoy:

- A choice of main meals and seasonal vegetables.
- A dessert, piece of fresh fruit or yoghurt.
- Access to our salad bar, fresh bread and water station.

Free school meals:

Your child may be eligible for free school meals please contact your school for further information.

Theme day calendar

Look out for these fun menus throughout the year!



for further information
T: 01743 250250
www.shireservices.co.uk



Are you in receipt of any benefits?

Could you be entitled to Free School meals,

Even parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Free school meals generates funding for your school so follow the link and see if you are entitled.

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/>



Fresh DINING



MONDAY

Everyday favourites

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

Mid-week roast

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Take-away day

SAMMY SWEETCORN SAYS...

'Enjoy your lunch'

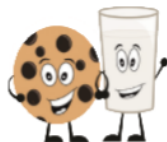


OPTION 1	Pork Sausages & Gravy	BBQ Chicken	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Chicken Nuggets
OPTION 2	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans v	Vegetarian Sausage Roll v	Cheese & Potato Pie v	Vegetable Goujons v	Pizza Selection v
CARBS	Mashed Potatoes or Crusty Bread	Pasta or Diced Potatoes	Roast & New Potatoes	Garlic & Herb Bread or Potato Wedges	Potato Crunchies or Pasta
PUDDING	Mousse	Waffle	Iced Cake	Cookies	Fruity Friday A selection of chilled, frozen & fresh fruit desserts

ALL SERVED WITH - A choice of two vegetables, baked beans, freshly prepared seasonal salads, crusty bread, fresh fruit salad & yoghurts

WEEK 2

Fresh DINING



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Everyday
favourites

Mid-week
roast

Take-away
day

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OPTION
1

Fish Finger
Fish Cake
or Fish Shape

Breaded
Chicken Steak

Roast Beef
Yorkshire Pudding
& Gravy

Chicken Tikka
Masala

Pizza Selection

OPTION
2

Mac 'n' Cheese v

Quorn
Bolognese v

Roasted
Quorn Fillet
& Gravy v

Jacket Potato
with Cheese
& Baked Beans v

Nacho Bites v

CARBS

Diced Potatoes
or Crusty Bread

Potato Crunchies
or Garlic & Herb
Bread

Roast & Mashed
Potatoes

Rice
or Potato Wedges

Chips

PUDDING

Chocolate
Crunch

Waffle

Ice-cream Tub

Toffee Apple Slice
Custard

Fruity Friday
A selection of chilled,
frozen & fresh
fruit desserts

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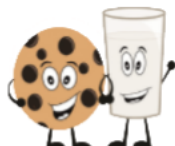
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WEEK 3

Fresh DINING



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Everyday
favourites

Mid-week
roast

Take-away
day

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OPTION
1

Sweet & Sour
Chicken

Beef Burger
with tomato ketchup

Roast Pork
Yorkshire Pudding
& Gravy

Mac 'n' Cheese
Chicken Bake

Shepherd's Pie

OPTION
2

BBQ Veggie
Hot Dog v

Vegetable &
Bean Burger v

Meat (free) Balls
Yorkshire Pudding
& Gravy v

Jacket Potato
with Cheese
& Baked Beans v

Pizza Selection v

CARBS

Pasta
or Potato Crunchies

Diced Potatoes

Roast & New
Potatoes

Potato Wedges
or Garlic &
Herb Bread

Chips

PUDDING

Flapjacks

Iced Cake

Waffle

Apple Puff Slice
Custard

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TERM DATES 2023-24

Monday 4 th September	Training Day for school staff – school not open to pupils
Tuesday 5 th September – Thursday 26 th October	Pupil days
Friday 27 th October	Training day for school staff – school not open to pupils
Monday 30 th October – Friday 3 rd November	Half term holiday
Monday 6 th November – Wednesday 20 th December	Pupil days
Thursday 21 st December – Tuesday 2 nd January	Christmas holiday
Wednesday 3 rd January	Training day for school staff – school not open to pupils
Thursday 4 th January – Friday 9 th February	Pupil days
Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February	Half term holiday
Monday 19 th February – Friday 22 nd March	Pupil days
Monday 25 th March – Friday 5 th April	Easter holiday
Monday 8 th April – Friday 24 th May	Pupil days
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday - school not open to pupils
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Half term holiday
Monday 3 rd June – Friday 19 th July	Pupil days

Relationships can be difficult, complicated, fun, satisfying, exciting, annoying, bring out the best in us and bring out the worst in us. We are often in one, but we don't often spend much time on them. So here is your chance to make the time and come to one of our workshops.

- Do you feel your relationship needs some attention?
- Do you feel you are drifting a bit lately or things have been difficult?
- Would you like to meet with others and share ideas and thoughts?
- Are you looking for a way forward?

WORKING ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP

Why not join us for our 4-week workshop with 2 hours session each week. There are 2 different workshops on offer this Autumn:

Starts on Thursday 28th September 2023
from 10.00am to 12.00pm
at The Centre, Oak Street, Oswestry, SY11 1LW
or
Starts on Thursday 16th November 2023
from 10.00am to 12.00pm
at Helena Lane Community Centre, 20 Hamlet Rd, Ludlow SY8 2NP

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:
Emailing Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk
Or call us on 01743 250950

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General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000

- Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?
 - Does your child struggle with their sleep?
- Would you like to access support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines?
 - Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?

SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOP

The workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shrewsbury. Our workshop runs for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

Starts on Monday 25th September 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Virtually via MS Teams
Starts on Monday 13th November 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Virtually via MS Teams
Starts on Thursday 16th November 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
At Sunflower House, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury

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- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet & chat with other parents and carers?

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS

The groups are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire. All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays. SEND Groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed for our SEND Groups.

Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Monday 25th September from 9.30am to 11.30am
Virtually via MS Teams
Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 27th September from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Virtually via MS Teams
Understanding Your Child SEND starts Friday 29th September 2023 from 09.30 to 11.30am
at Sunflower House, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury
Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 8th November 2023 from 9.30am to 11.30am
at Market Drayton Infants School, Longslow Road, Market Drayton

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If you would like to find out about other services the Parenting Team offers please email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call us on 01743 250950

PARENTING HELP AND SUPPORT LINE

available
Monday to Thursday from 9.30am to 4.30pm
and
Friday 9.30am to 3.30pm
You can contact the Parenting Help and Support Line by calling
01743 250950

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. The 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 Help and Support Line where one of our trained Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.

(Please note the Parenting Help and Support Line will not operate Bank Holidays and between Christmas & New Year)

If you have concerns about a child's safety or well-being, please call
First Point of Contact 0345 678 9021

www.shropshire.gov.uk
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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SOCIAL MEDIA & MENTAL HEALTH

An increasing number of children have a smartphone, tablet, or laptop, so it's important that parents and carers know what young people are consuming, what they're posting, and the consequences. They're having fun, but social media is not the same as the old-fashioned letterbox. It's important to be watching as your child grows up, managing their 'digital footprint' and their online safety. It's important to be watching as your child grows up, managing their 'digital footprint' and their online safety. It's important to be watching as your child grows up, managing their 'digital footprint' and their online safety.

- 1. UNDERSTAND THE ALGORITHM**
- 2. AVOID THE MAIN FEEDS**
- 3. DISCUSS WHAT THEY'VE SEEN**
- 4. LEARN HOW TO HIDE CONTENT**
- 5. SET DAILY LIMITS**
- 6. MONITOR THEIR ACTIVITY**
- 7. TURN OFF PUSH NOTIFICATIONS**
- 8. USE DEVICES TOGETHER**
- 9. DISCOURAGE OTHER ACTIVITIES**
- 10. TALK ABOUT PEER PRESSURE**

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging app, with over 2 billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents. It's easy to use, but it's also easy to get into trouble. It's important to be watching as your child grows up, managing their 'digital footprint' and their online safety. It's important to be watching as your child grows up, managing their 'digital footprint' and their online safety. It's important to be watching as your child grows up, managing their 'digital footprint' and their online safety.

- 1. WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**
- 2. SCAMS**
- 3. DISAPPEARING MESSAGES**
- 4. ENABLING FAKE NEWS**
- 5. CREATE A SAFE PROFILE**
- 6. LEAVE A GROUP**
- 7. THINK ABOUT LOCATION**
- 8. DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES**
- 9. CHECK THE FACTS**

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