

Dear Parents and Carers,



Next Friday, 2nd February, we will be taking part in the NSPCC Number Day. This is a day that raises much needed funds for the NSPCC volunteers. They will be visiting us in the summer term to deliver an assembly and workshop. As well as participating in fun maths activities during the day, children are invited to dress imaginatively in a number inspired outfit and bring a donation of £1. Don't forget your carrot and potato!

Our PTA is still in need of volunteers to help with preparing the ground for the new play equipment at half term. Any time that you can offer will be gratefully appreciated. Without this preparation, the new equipment cannot be installed for the children during the Easter holidays.

The PTA are also holding their AGM at Church Preen Village Hall on Thursday 24th February at 7pm. They are very friendly and refreshments will be served. It is vital that you attend as without your support, they are now in a position that they may have to fold. Over the years, the PTA have supported our school with fundraising events involving both adults and our children which have paid for projects such as our guided reading books, playground equipment and iPads. I am sure you are aware that school budgets are being increasingly squeezed and so, without your support, there would be little funding available for such projects.

Mrs Phillips

Head of School



Cound Class

Everyone continues to enjoy our class reading book Fantastic Mr Fox. We are getting very close to the end!

In Geography we have been learning about the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom, looking at the national emblems and flags of each. Last week we took a hot air balloon journey from Church Preen to Shrewsbury taking in a bird's eye view of the earth beneath us. After half term we will be experiencing a different view of Shrewsbury when we visit for the day.

Next Wednesday afternoon (31st), we will be taking part in a PE event at William Brookes School so PE kit should be worn to school. There will **not** be PE on Friday (2nd).

Future dates:-Stay & Play 7/2, Dress to Impress Mufti Day 9/2

For our D&T this term we are learning about freestanding structures. Please could we ask families to do donate the following to help us to explore different ways of joining and make prototypes

Small and large cardboard tubes (we need lots of them!)- for Tuesday next week

Small and large fairly thin cardboard boxes

Small flat plastic trays.

Any donations can be brought in as soon as possible please but especially cardboard tubes!

Plus a friendly reminder that Mondays is when we share the Reception childrens scrapbooks and we really enjoy this activity so please endeavour to send them in.

Y1 and Y2 weekly spelling patterns covered in our lessons can be found on the Cound Class page of the website

Severn Class

Dear Parents,

What a brilliant start to the term we've had! The children have explored OS maps of the local area and developed their scientific understanding of rocks and fossils during our topic this term – 'Life on the Edge'. Our class reader, *Lightning Mary* by Anthea Simmons, has introduced us to inspiring historical figure Mary Anning, and her life as a fossil hunter! We have completed our folktales in English, and look forward to sharing them with Amy Douglas, professional storyteller, and author of *Shropshire Folktales for Children*. Amy will be visiting the school on Monday 29th January, to host an assembly, book-signing, and storytelling workshop for our pupils. Take a look at our wonderful outdoor learning session, where we performed folktales from around the world, in front of the fire with a cup of hot chocolate! Magical moments in our learning such as this are treasured in Class Severn.



The children have been rehearsing for the Dance Festival with great creativity, focus, and teamwork. It is looking fantastic, and we hope to see you at the festival on Wednesday 7th February. Remember to book your tickets using the link below:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/edgeartscentre/t-vvkxrrm>



This year, Church Preen pupils has been invited to participate in the Wenlock Olympian Live Arts Festival. We will perform a poem together as a group. Individuals are also invited to enter the competition for poetry performance or prose reading. This wonderful opportunity will allow the children to develop their vocal skills, use of body language, and listening and interacting with one another. These essential communication skills are skills for life, and I will always be on hand to support pupils entering the individual competition. Please see the letter sent on 25.1.24 for details.

Upcoming Events:

Amy Douglas, Storyteller Visit – Monday 29th January

NSPCC Numbers Day – Friday 2nd February

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6th February

Dance Festival – Wednesday 7th February



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. You can catch me on the playground at the start and end of day, email, or book an appointment via Mrs Plant in the office. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Williams

Church Preen Primary School PTA

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.

Stay informed and get involved.

Thursday 29th February 2024

7pm

Church Preen Village Hall

Our PTA needs your support. We are on the verge of having to
cease if we don't.



Parentkind
Member Association

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

February

2nd - NSPCC Numbers Day

7th - Cound Class Stay & Play

WBS KS2 Dance Festival 6pm

9th - Dress to Impress Mufti Day

Monday 12th - Friday 16th - HALF TERM

21st - 22nd - Y5/Y6 Bikeability

29th - PTA AGM 7pm Church Preen VH

March

Tuesday's in March - Special Lunch Menu

Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April - Easter Holidays

April

Thursday 11th to Friday 12th April - Y3/4 Residential

May

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

Monday 27th - Friday 31st - HALF TERM

Friday 19th July - End of Term



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

Twitter: @churchpreen

Facebook: @churchpreenprimaryschool



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?

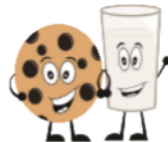
Could you be entitled to Free School meals,

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/>

WEEK 1

Fresh DINING



MONDAY

Everyday favourites

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

Mid-week roast

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Take-away day

SAMMY SWEETCORN SAYS...

'Enjoy your lunch'

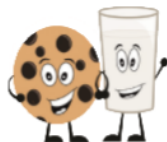


OPTION 1	Pork Sausages & Gravy	BBQ Chicken	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Chicken Nuggets
OPTION 2	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans v	Vegetarian Sausage Roll v	Cheese & Potato Pie v	Vegetable Goujons v	Pizza Selection v
CARBS	Mashed Potatoes or Crusty Bread	Pasta or Diced 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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lunch'



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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freshly prepared seasonal salads, crusty bread, fresh fruit salad & yoghurts

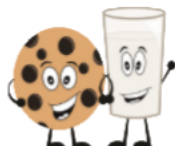
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Food allergen & intolerance information - before ordering speak to our staff about your requirements

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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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A selection of chilled,
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fruit desserts

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New workshops beginning in the Spring Term . Book Now

Shropshire Council

- 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. All you need for the virtual groups is an email address and an electronic device, and we will talk you through the rest.

Our workshops run for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

Starts on Friday 12th January 2024 from 09.30am to 11.30am in Shrewsbury, venue to be confirmed.

Starts on Friday 12th January 2024 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm Virtually via MS Teams

Starts on Friday 23rd February 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am in Shrewsbury, venue to be confirmed.

Starts Friday 23rd February 2024 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm Virtually via MS Teams

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

www.shropshire.gov.uk
General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000

Shropshire Council

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

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

Understanding YOUR TEEN

www.shropshire.gov.uk
General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonlinecollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

7 You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it, if it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're sitting from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos; this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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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