



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your understanding regarding the snow last week. I hope it wasn't too much of an inconvenience and that you were able to enjoy the wintery scenes - we don't see snow very often! A huge thank you to our staff who did their very best to get into school, but with trees blocking roads and cars sliding off driveways, closing the school was the right decision to keep everyone safe.

This week, the children enjoyed an assembly led by Josie, our local Community Rail Officer. She introduced an exciting art project that will begin during the week commencing 26th January. As part of this project, the children will be creating collages, printing and line drawings to represent everything that is special to them about living in this area. Their artwork will then decorate Prees Station, creating a vibrant display for the whole community to enjoy. It's a lovely initiative, and we feel privileged to have been selected to take part. We can't wait to see the creativity and pride shine through in their work!

Couple of reminders...

- 1) Children should arrive before 8:45am. Learning begins promptly at 8:45. Late arrivals can disrupt the start of the day, so please be respectful to others and help us all by ensuring your child is on time.
- 2) A gentle reminder about our safety rules: hair should be tied back, jewellery and 'apple-type' watches should not be worn in school. These measures help keep everyone safe during lessons and play.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a safe, happy and productive place for learning.

Helen Reynolds
Headteacher



CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

No birthdays this week!



AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to this week's **Award winners**, who are:

Molly, Mary, Harper G, Hattie.

UPCOMING EVENTS



- 26th January: Art Week (KS1 and KS2)
- 2nd February: Story Telling Week
- 9th February: Prees Sports and Social Club Lower Heath Bingo Fundraiser (6pm)
- 10th February: Skylark Trip to British Ironworks Centre
- 12th February: Saltmine Theatre Company whole school performance
- 12th February: Parents' Evening 1
- 13th February: Break up for Half Term
- 23rd February: PD Day – school closed for children
- 24th February: Collaboration Day – school closed for children
- 25th February: Back to school
- 26th February: Parents' Evening 2
- 3rd March: Colour Run for the Community
- 26th March: Whole school Easter Service
- 27th March: Break up for Easter

Parent / School Home Learning Expectations

	HOME LEARNING ACTIVITIES	TIMING AND FREQUENCY	SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
EYFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read schoolbook - record in reading diary • Letters and graphemes practice • Numberwork – Numbots, number recognition, counting objects, more/less than etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-10 minutes daily (or at least 5 times a week) • 5-10 minutes daily • 5-10 minutes daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check reading diaries weekly • Class 'reward' system to encourage regular home learning • Offer support if home learning expectations are not being achieved • Ensure children are given regular opportunities to choose age-appropriate reading books from school • Class system to keep a record of what books children are reading, reviewing regularly • Weekly and termly class prizes for child who reads most/has improved their reading and maths at home • KS2 spelling and times tables tests - results sent home weekly • KS1 spelling and number bonds tests - results sent home weekly • Support for families in how to use school systems • Guidance resources accessible on our website
KS1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read schoolbook - record in reading diary • Spelling / grapheme practice • Number bonds / times tables practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 minutes daily (or at least 5 times a week) • 5-10 minutes daily • 5-10 minutes daily 	
LKS2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read schoolbook - record in reading diary • Spelling practice • Number bonds / times tables practice • English and Maths workbook activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-15 minutes daily (or at least 5 times a week) • 5-10 minutes daily • 5-10 minutes daily • 15-20 minutes weekly 	
UKS2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read schoolbook - record in reading diary • Spelling practice • Times tables practice • English and Maths workbook activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15-20 minutes daily (or at least 5 times a week) • 5-10 minutes daily • 5-10 minutes daily • 15-20 minutes weekly 	

WORSHIP



This half term, our Christian value is RESPECT, inspired by the Bible story of Moses and the Burning Bush. In this story, Moses learns to approach God with reverence, reminding us that respect begins with recognising the worth and dignity of others.

We'll be encouraging children to listen carefully, treat people kindly and value differences, helping them build a community where everyone feels valued and cared for.

