



MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND

The school has been informed that there has been an increase in diarrhoea and vomiting outbreak notifications over the past few weeks within the county.

If any pupil shows signs of acute respiratory illness or diarrhoea and/or vomiting or any other infectious disease they should not attend school and should not return until 48hrs symptom free.

Norovirus symptoms are diarrhoea, vomiting, nausea, raised temperature, headache, and aching limbs.

It is important to ensure hands are washed and surfaces and main points of contact are wiped regularly.

SCIENCE FAIR – REMEMBER YOUR EXPERIMENT APPLICATIONS

Applications to enter the fair must be handed in by Friday 28th February.

Get those Science thinking caps on to create an incredible project to present during our **Science Fair on Thursday 13th March** (set up from 1:30pm, fair open 2-3:10pm). All the information about our Science Fair is on the School website under – Children- Science Week.

NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFERS DAY

As national offer day is nearly upon us (3rd March), could parents of all Year 6 pupils check they can access their account on the Parent Portal.

If, for whatever reason you cannot access your account or are locked out, please email school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk or phone 0345 678 9008 as soon as possible.

A colleague in the Admissions Team will look into this and re-set/unlock accounts accordingly

ROTA KIDS BOOK FAIR – Thursday 6th March

Are you able to donate some old books?

Books in good condition that can be passed on to a new home?

If you have any such books please can you donate them to school by Tuesday 4th March so that our Rotakids can include them in the Book Sale, with all proceeds going to provide books for children in hospitals charity. The books will cost 50p each and all children will have the opportunity to buy at least one book. If there are more books in the sale they could buy

extra (£2.00 maximum). Please help your child to bring their money in on the day, in a purse/wallet. Thank you

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 6th March

To celebrate World Book Day, **all pupils are invited to dress up as a character** from any book.

The World Book Day website has some fantastic free ebooks and many other wonderful resources, including ideas on sharing stories with your child.

Don't forget our Readathon starts this weekend. Read lots of books and collect some sponsorship if you can.

TERMLY CHALLENGES

We would like to encourage all children and their families to take part in one home activity or holiday project a term.

Your child can bring them into school at any time to share and celebrate them in class. There are different challenges each term, this term includes either an arts, a science, community or literary challenge:

Values Challenge: Arts Focus

Create an artistic representation of one of our school values to share with your class.

Science Challenge:

Plan and try out an investigation to enter the Spring Term Science Fair.

Community Challenge:

Can you suggest a way to improve our local community?

Design a poster with your brilliant ideas to bring to school and share with our school community.

Why do Animals Matter?

Please reflect and think with care about humanity's relationship with the other animals who share the earth with us.

Write a poem dedicated to an animal in your life and perform it in the Poetry Recitals at school.

Which one inspires you?

Don't forget your **Activity Passports**, bring them in after half term to show to your class!

FoTS NEWS

Friday 14th March Non-Uniform Day. Please bring a gift donation for the Mother's day wrap (or if unable to please send in cash towards one).

Friday 28th March. Mother's day wrap. Letters to follow after half-term.

DARWIN WORKSHOP FOR KEY STAGE 1

On Thursday 20th March Shropshire Museums is provisionally booked to come in to school to run a Charles Darwin workshop for Robins and Nightingales Classes. Unfortunately as previously stated, if we do not get enough contributions we will be unable to go ahead with this wonderful experience. Payment of £5 can be made via ParentPay.

CLASS NEWS

ROBINS

Lovely to see Robins back after their half term break 😊

In maths this week, Year one, have been solving number problems and finding fact families while reception have been looking at doubles within 10.

Cooking this week was creating their own pasta dishes. Lots of chopping and mixing in their chosen toppings. We are super excited about making pancakes next Tuesday. Yummy!

In squirrel school Robins started hunting for signs of spring. We found daffodils and noticed house sparrows starting to build their nests around our outdoor area.

In English we have started a new book by Jon Klassen called 'I want my hat back'. We had lots of hats to sort and describe using adjectives in our writing.

Things to remember: PE next half term will be ball skills. Normal PE kit for Monday and Wednesday please.

Squirrel School – Thursdays (please remember wellies, gloves, hats, scarfs and an extra pair of socks)

Bring in your water bottle every day. Make sure that your jumpers/coats have your child's name in. Most importantly, remember to read regularly and write in the reading record, stating up to which page you have read.

NIGHTINGALES

What a great first week back! In phonics the Year 1 children have been learning the phonemes aw, au and al. The Year 2 children have been looking at words ending in -el. In English, we started our new book, Toys in Space. The children wrote some lovely found posters linked to the book.

In maths, the Year 1 children have been continuing to add and subtract numbers. The Year 2 children have been using arrays and have finished the first unit on multiplication and division. They have been learning about the division sign.

In religious education we are looking at the religion, Christianity. They were looking at the qualities in people that they admire. In history, we looked at who Mary Seacole was and why she is remembered.

Things to remember:

Please can the children bring in small boxes, no larger than a cereal box. This is for our DT lessons. Don't forget our Readathon starts this weekend. Read lots of books and collect some sponsorship if you can.

Please make sure that your child brings in a water bottle every day. Make sure that your jumpers/coats have your child's name in. Most importantly, remember to read regularly and write in the reading record, stating up to which page you have read.

WRENS

Before half term we completed our 'A Million Dreams' dance. We performed to Nightingale Class who spotted all of our hopes and dreams for the future.

We have finished our Science unit of 'Forces and Magnets' by using our knowledge to create magnetic games. We used magnets with paper clips to move players on football pitches, pieces through mazes and catch fish. Ask us about what we made as a game as we thoroughly enjoyed it.

This half term we are looking at 'Living Things and Their Habitats' and begun this week by sorting animals using different categories.

Next Thursday is World Book Day so get thinking on costumes and favourite books! Wren Class will perform their poems during English lessons on Thursday too. All pupils have one to learn and know to try memorising it.

PUFFINS

Donations please! For our new Design Technology unit on textiles, the pupils are busy researching and designing an appealing, useful and innovative purse/wallet/washbag/cushion cover. They want these to be made from reused/sustainable materials, so please any donations of material that you think would suit this brief please and thank you to the parents who have already donated items.

We have also started our new history topic on the fascinating Indus Valley Civilization and have much to learn by looking at the findings of archaeologists.

In PE we had lots of fun this week with table tennis and dance, as well as some active miles outside in the lovely spring sunshine. In dance we used props such as pom-poms, ribbons, hats and scarves. In table tennis we practised serving and control.

HAWKS

This week in Hawks Class we have started our new mystery, adventure story 'Paradise Sands' which we have begun deciphering with clues by the pictures in the first pages of the book. We have made inferences based on these pictures and have worked on building descriptive phrases, thinking carefully about our language choice to create atmosphere and mood. In PE we have started our new unit - football - and been working on our first touch and passing technique. We have also revisited life cycles which ties in with our next science topic - the 'circle of life', so that children are familiar with the concepts of metamorphosis and reproduction in insects and animals which will be important as we delve deeper into the topic in the coming weeks.

Notice

We have had many book donations so far - thank you so much. We have until Tuesday 4th March to keep getting these in for our Book Fair so please if you have more books continue to bring them in so they can go on to a new home! We appreciate your support with this. Have a fantastic week, everyone.

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB REMINDER

It's still a bit wet and muddy outside so please remember that pupils do not need to wear their PE Kits for Cross-country. Something comfortable to run in and old trainers with good grips that you don't mind getting dirty would be perfect. While it's still cold a light coat or jumper too. Thank you from Mrs Phillips

COMMUNITY NOTICES

In relation to the following notices the school accepts no responsibility for verifying the suitability of the providers for the events. Parents should exercise their own judgement.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Church services are now generally at 10.00am on a Sunday though there are exceptions. Please try and arrive at the church with some time available to be shown to your seats.

March

March 2nd – Family Service – 9.30am

March 9th – Family Service – 9.30am

March 16th – Family Service – 9.30am

March 23rd – Family Service – 9.30am

Trefonen Church is open during the day at least between 10 and 4 and can be used for prayer and quiet reflection.

Go to <https://borderparishes.org.uk/index.php/trefonen/> for details.

ANY SINGERS FOR A TREFONEN HILLWALK CHOIR?

After the fantastic performance the Trefonen school singers gave at Christmas for the Church, we've been asked if we can get another group of singers together to perform as part of the Trefonen Hillwalk Weekend (23-26 May). This will include singing at the church the morning of 25th May. If your child(ren) would like to take part please contact Fiona Ellis 07759 556541.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL INFORMATION

If anyone thinks that their child may be entitled to a Free School Meal, please complete the form online or visit the school website Parents – Lunch Menus - down load the form at the of the page.

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/are-you-eligible-for-free-school-meals/>

COMMUNITY CAFÉ – TUESDAYS

Due to rapidly declining attendances, the Village Hall Community Cafe will now be open between 9.45 (not 9.00am as before) and 11.30am. Tea, Coffee and various cakes etc. All are welcome.

PARENTING HELP AND SUPPORT LINE

A friendly listening ear and practical advice on everything from behaviours that challenge to sleep issues. No judgment, just support, through this anonymous and confidential service. Call 01743 250950 Monday - Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm or Friday, 9.30am - 3.30pm or email: parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

SHROPSHIRE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

The Shropshire Family Information Service (FIS) is a brilliant universal service, which your families (and possibly you) may not know about.

The FIS brings together loads of useful, local information for families:

- Childcare or baby and toddler groups
- Holiday clubs, events and things to do as a family
- Parenting, relationships, and emotional health and wellbeing support
- Cost of Living info and advice

Families can subscribe to our newsletter <https://orlo.uk/5RvZN>

EMERGENCY CLOSURE INFORMATION

In the event of an emergency closure, we will alert you through ParentPay email alert. We will also post information on our school website and through the Shropshire Council website: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures/primary-schools/>

Information will also be shared on Radio Shropshire 96FM

2025	
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day dress as a character, Rota-Kids book sale
Friday 7th March	Puffins Class Diary of a Disciple Workshop
Monday 10th March	Start of National Science Week 'Change and Adapt'
Tuesday 11th March	Puffins Class Wilfred Owen Workshop
Thursday 13th March	Science Fair
Friday 14th March	Non uniform Day for Mothers' Day Wrap donations
Monday 17th March	St Patrick's Day, Parent Meeting Week for Hawks
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day – Wear red/non uniform day £1
Monday 24th March	Start of Big Walk and Wheel Challenge Week
Friday 28th March	FoTS Mothers' Day Wrap pm
Thursday 3rd April	Balance Bike training Yr3
Friday 4th April	Balance Bike training Yr3
Thursday 10th April	Easter Service at All Saints Church
Friday 11th Apr	End of Spring Term
Monday 14th Apr – Friday 25th Apr	Easter Holiday
Monday 28th Apr	Start of Summer Term
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 8th May	Yr6 and Reception photos 9.15am
Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May	Summer Half Term Holiday
Friday 18th Jul	End of Summer Term
Tuesday 22nd – Friday 29th Aug	Summer Holidays
Spring Term	
Monday 1st Sept	PD Day
Tuesday 2nd Sept	Start of Autumn Term
Friday 24th Oct	PD Day
Monday 27th – Friday 31st Oct	Autumn Half Term
Monday 3rd Nov	PD Day
Friday 19th Dec	End of Autumn Term
Monday 22nd Dec – Friday 2nd Jan 26	Christmas Holiday
2026	
Monday 5th Jan	PD Day
Tuesday 6th Jan	Start of Spring Term

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