

Mail on Monday

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Reach for the Stars

Dear Parents and Carers

It is nearly the end of term and we have had a very full few months with lots of changes and developments across the school. Mrs Jones returned to Class 1 from maternity in January and has settled back in brilliantly, finishing the term with a very curious crime scene in the classroom which is presently being investigated by all the budding police officers I met as I came into school today. Class 1 also enjoyed a trip to Wonderland in Telford a few weeks ago and couldn't stop telling me about all the exciting characters they met and the different homes they went into. If you get a chance come in and see the display in the hall, it shows just what they got up to during the event.

Mr Church is now teaching full time in Class 2 and the children have been immersed in making papier-mache volcanoes in the last couple of weeks. This week they are going to create eruptions!! Class 2's projects on mountains were fantastic earlier in the term and the children have really enjoyed developing stories relating to a yeti adventure and poetry as well as reports on a mountain of their choice. They should be very proud of the progress they have made in all areas over the term, well done Class 2.

Class 3 have had to spend some time preparing for SATs, which will be with us sooner than we'd like after Easter, but they have still enjoyed studying the timeless Wizard of Oz in English and recently designing and making catapults and firing them against each other in a really active afternoon of technology. There has been lots of fun as well as learning across the school which has been lovely to witness.

Last week we were very surprised when we came into school on Monday to find a new garden had been made next to Class 3 on the field. We now have five raised beds and an area for seating after Key Stage 2 children worked on designs which were presented to parents the Thursday before. Thank you to Mr Reynolds, Mr Wilson and his team for doing such a good job so speedily, it is now ready for use and we are about to plant some strawberry plants this week for our first crop. The support of the PTFA in developing this garden is much appreciated and recently for providing us with two sheds which are a real improvement on the ones that went before, thank you to Mr and Mrs Field for all their hard work erecting these over the weekend.

Next term promises to be another busy one with lots going on in school, thank you for all your support over the past term and well done to all the children who have made excellent progress this year so far and are a complete pleasure to work with. I hope everyone has a lovely Easter Break.

REWilliams

Mrs Rachael Williams (Acting Interim Headteacher)

Thank You

for your Kindness

We extend our grateful thanks to Mrs Glover, Mrs Griffiths, Mr Reynolds, Mr and Mrs Field, Mr Wilson and his team as well as Mrs Parish and all on the PTFA for their help and hard work for our school recently.



Celebrating our latest achievements ...



Recently Headteacher Awards have been awarded to:

Class 3: Nicholas, Sirena, Lucy, Will, Brandon, Jamie, Ebony, Ruby, Harvey, Bella, Millie, Tilly, Sienna, Evan, Sam Jones, Jasmine.

Class 2: Harvey, Henry, Noah, Lois, Melodie, Shea, Fuchsia, Emily, Ollie, Charlie, Will, Katelyn

Class 1: Evie, Nia, Ellie, Billy Nadine, Kayden, Elli-Mae, Sophie, Billy-Jo, Harry and one week all Class one achieved Headteacher's Award for working together.

Nursery: Lydia, Amelia H, Zac, Evie, Amelia B.

Remember to use the **Suggestions Box** under the outside board for any suggestions you would like to make to the school. **Recently you said:**

- We should get new football posts - these will be ordered in the Summer term.
- Everyone should get golden time - no, it needs to be worked for and achieved by a Class each week.
- Swimming lessons all year round - this would be impractical, we couldn't staff this or afford it.
- School football and netball teams - we took part in the netball competition in the Autumn term and had a team for that. In September 2019 we will be signed up to a local schools' football league which should ensure that we have a variety of football matches for a girls' and a boys' team over the school year.
- Water bottles on desks in Years 3/4 - teacher needs to be free to make that decision. Sometimes younger children can use them as 'soothers' and they become a distraction whereas the older ones often have better control. The teacher has to judge what works for the individual classes. Children are always encouraged to drink and can fill their water bottles up if needed, which they often do.

The school council have also set a suggestions box up for children inside the school, which they are checking and responding to regularly.

Attendance Achievement

Class 1 with Mrs Tranter and Mrs Jones	98.10%
Class 2 with Mr Church	94.81%
Class 3 with Mr Taylor	94.55%



Congratulations to Class 1!

Our attendance target is attendance over 96%



	Class 3 Spelling Test	Friday
	Class 2 Spelling Test	Monday
	Class 1 Spelling Test	Friday

More details on events, activities, school trips, Mail on Monday dates and term dates can be found under the 'Calendar' section on our website.

SCHOOL & NURSERY CALENDAR

Thursday 11 th April	Experience Easter	Class 3 to Church afternoon.
Friday 12 th April	3:15pm	Break up for Easter holidays
Monday 29 th April	8:45am	Return from Easter Holidays
Friday 3 rd May	11:15am	Guitars start
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 7 th May	8.45 am	Summer Term begins
Wednesday 8 th May	By 9.00 am	Bags2School ready for collection at 9.00 am
	TBC	Rounders Competition for Years 5 and 6 selected team
Tuesday 14 th May	3.15 pm	PTA Meeting
Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May	HALF TERM	
Monday 3 rd June	8.45 am	School re-opens to all
Saturday 15 th June		PTA 90's Disco
Thursday 20 th June	Afternoon	1 pm Sports Day events followed by Summer Fair at 2.15 pm.
Friday 21 st June	Morning	Stepping Out Pedestrian training for Class 2 - helpers needed please.
Friday 28 th June	Morning	Stepping Out Pedestrian testing for Class 2 - helpers needed please.
Friday 5 th July	All day	Shropshire County Games
Friday 5 th July	After school	Reports out to parents
Tuesday 9 th July	3:30pm – 5pm	Open Afternoon for parents
Wednesday 10 th July	9:30am-2pm	Cluster Sports afternoon at Cheswardine – Hinstock, Stoke on Tern and Buntingsdale to visit.

Monday 15 th July	4.00 – 6.15 pm Grove School	Shropshire Sings Around The County.
Wednesday 17 th July	Time tbc	Leavers' Performance
Friday 19 th July	3.15 pm	School finishes for pupils for the summer holidays
Monday 22 nd July	P D Day	School closed to pupils
While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the above information, some events may have to change at short notice. If this is the case, will inform you of any changes as soon as we can.		

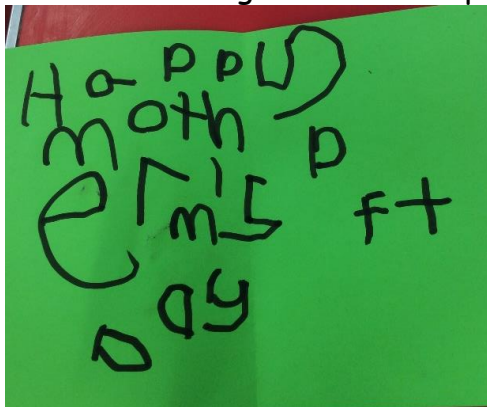
CHESWARDINE NURSERY

We have continued our 'Fairytale Stories' topic with 'Three Little Superpigs' and have dressed as Superheroes to keep the Big bad Wolf away.

We have also been very busy celebrating different events. We joined in with different activities for Down's Syndrome Awareness Week which culminated in a special performance for our families. We did lots of things including dressing up and talking about what we want to be when we're older.



We made some gifts for our 'Special Person' for Mother's Day.



Mother's Day cards.



Painting our feet for some gifts.

We also joined in with School's Crazy Egg Race.

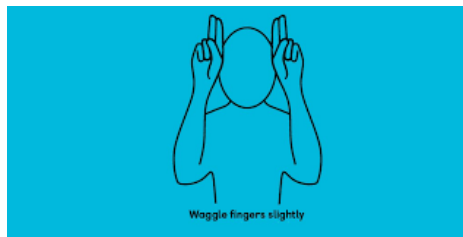


Please note that Nursery fees are now due. We ask that Nursery fees, lunch staffing and actual lunch money are all in separate envelopes.

If you or anybody you know is interested in visiting or registering at our Nursery please pay us a visit. Spaces are now limited for the Summer Term but please ask and we can look at the spaces available. We have a few spaces left for the Autumn term too.

Leanne, Claire, Lisa and Cathy.

Makaton:



Our Makaton sign this week is rabbit.



Our star signer is: Everyone!! Well done! You've all tried to use lots of Makaton.



Ches Chicks:

This week for Ches Chicks we will be doing Easter activities. We very much appreciate the support this group receives.

Please note Ches Chicks continues to run on a Monday. The time is also now in the morning from 9:30 am until 11:30 am.

The next 'Mail on Monday' will be due on the 20th May.
Also, keep watching the website for updates on School and Nursery news.