

Mail on Monday

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Reach for the Stars

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new term and welcome to all our new Reception children who have settled in so well in the first few weeks of term. Welcome also to Miss France who is now teaching Year 6 and immersing them all in Harry Potter, they even got to use a very life like sorting hat the other week to be put into houses!

The term has started well and the children seem to have settled into their classes and down to work very well indeed, there is some lovely work evident, they should be proud of how hard they are trying.

We are working on a curriculum planner which will enable all our pupils to SHINE... Be Successful, Happy, Independent, Nurtured and Empowered. The children have been asked to think about what the word empowered actually means and even to think of an example they could use to explain it in next Monday's assembly, please help them out if you get a chance.

I know that teachers have sent out their plans for the term and added how you can help your children at home. We will be sending out specific targets each half term for your children to work on but I would also like to firmly encourage all parents to help your children with reading, both by reading their book at home and writing in planners regularly as well as enjoying reading books, newspapers, comics, letters, labels together and trying to make sense of the world through discussion. Talking about reading and what words mean will help our children develop the fluency in reading they will need throughout life.

We are looking forward to sporting events such as the inter-school netball tournament and cross country coming up shortly and I am in the process of getting a team sorted to take part in a local football league. I hope you will support these activities in transporting your children to matches and events when and if they are picked for the teams.

As the governors investigate federation with Hinstock please remember there are consultation events coming up in the next few weeks that may answer any questions you may have or any concerns you have for the school going forward. Flyers and posters will be going out this week.

Please don't hesitate to make an appointment or come in and see me if you have any concerns about anything your child is doing in school, I will always try to see you as will the teachers if you would first like to speak to them.

Regards

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Mrs Rachael Williams (Acting Headteacher)

Note from the school office:

A reminder that in accordance with our E-Safety policy, no teacher can befriend a parent on Facebook so please do not be offended when teachers turn down friend requests, this is what they need to do to safeguard themselves in the work place.

Would you kindly pop into the school office if there are any changes to be made to your child's personal information form such as changes in phone numbers, addresses, allergies etc. We always require two contact numbers so please ensure that the school has this in case of any emergency. Thank you.

Please be advised that from Monday 4th November 2019 school lunches will rise from £2.10 to £2.25 per meal due to an increase by our suppliers.

Are you eligible for free school meals?

There are two types of free school meals:

- free school meals
- Universal free school meals

Who qualifies for government free school meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of pension credit
- Child tax credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working tax credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit

In addition, the following pupils will be protected against losing their free school meals as follows:

- From 1 April 2018, all existing free school meals claimants will continue to receive free school meals whilst universal credit is rolled out. This will apply even if their earnings rise above the new threshold during that time
- In addition, any child gaining eligibility for free school meals after 1 April 2018 will be protected against losing free school meals during the universal credit rollout period

- Once universal credit is fully rolled out, any existing claimants that no longer meet the eligibility criteria at that point (because they are earning above the threshold or are no longer a recipient of universal credit) will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education (i.e. primary or secondary).

The universal credit rollout is currently expected to complete in March 2022.

Who qualifies for universal free school meals?

Universal free school meals are provided for all pupils in reception and years 1 and 2. In order for your child's school to recognise who's eligible for universal meals and who qualifies for free school meals for funding purposes, we would encourage all parents to register with their school by completing an application form, even if the child doesn't wish to receive a meal.

How do I apply for one or both of the free school meal schemes?

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2, an application form for universal free school meals can be obtained from your child's school, or you can [complete the online universal application form](#).

Similarly, if your child is in year 3 or above, you can obtain a government free school meals application from your child's school or [complete the online government scheme application form](#).

What is pupil premium?

The government will continue to provide schools with additional funding to support or enhance the learning of pupils who are currently or have been entitled to free school meals within the last six years. It's essential that parents/carers apply for free school meals even if the pupil doesn't wish to receive a free school meal.



To all those parents and friends who contributed to our Mrs Mac memorial garden and benches. It was a lovely opening at the end of last term and a fitting tribute to the work and dedication of our dear friend and colleague Mrs Mac.

We always welcome your support in our school. Do speak to Mrs Williams or the school office if you are able to offer help in school, particularly hearing readers in younger years.



Celebrating our latest Headteacher Awards...



Class 1: Archie Arnold, Cooper Mazan, Lydia Bullock and all Reception in their first week.

Class 2: Owen Bell, Ollie Worrall, Katelyn Parsons, Shea Williams

Class 3: Lily Worrall, Sam Jones, Louise Brown, Ebony Davies

Nursery: Clara Mazan, Keian Weston

If your child achieves three headteacher awards they will win a special prize for doing so well.

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




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 Ms Dunn and Mrs Jones	94.74%
Class 2 with Mr Church	98.23%
Class 3 with Mr Taylor	99.26%

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

Monday 2 nd September	P D Day	School closed to pupils.
Tuesday 3 rd September	8.45 am	School re-opens to all.
Thursday 19 th September	3.15 pm	PTFA Annual General Meeting.
Tuesday 24 th September	6.30 pm – 8.00 pm	<i>At Hinstock Primary School - Consultation on Federation open surgery style meeting for parents, carers, staff and the wider community. The members of the Federation Committee, with representatives from both schools, will be available on both dates. Parents, carers and staff are welcome to attend a surgery at either school, regardless of which school you use.</i>
Thursday 3 rd October	3.30 pm – 5.00 pm	<i>At Cheswardine Primary School - Consultation on Federation open surgery style meeting for parents, carers, staff and the wider community. The members of the Federation Committee, with representatives from both schools, will be available on both dates. Parents, carers and staff are welcome to attend a surgery at either school, regardless of which school you use.</i>
Friday 11 th October	All day	Y6 to Safety Scene event at Shawbury.
Thursday 17 th October	4.00 pm	Autumn Term Full Governing Body Meeting.
Tuesday 22 nd October	All day	Y6 Bikeability Day 1. Flu immunisation visit by school nurses. 1 pm – Class 1 and Nursery forest school session with parents.
Wednesday 23 rd October	All day	Y6 Bikeability Day 2.
Wednesday 23 rd October	1:30pm	Class 2 Experience Harvest at St Swithun's Church
Thursday 24 th October	2:15pm	Harvest Festival at St Swithun's Church
Thursday 24 th October		Reminder Friday 25 th October is deadline for return of consultation on Federation responses.
Friday 25 th October	P D Day	School closed to pupils. Consultation on Federation responses deadline at 12.00 pm.
HALF TERM Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November		
Monday 4 th November	8.45 am	School reopens to all.
Tuesday 5 th November	3.30 – 5.30 pm	Parents evening by appointment
Wednesday 6 th	3.45 – 6.45 pm	Parents evening by

November		appointment
Wednesday 6 th November	2pm	Shropshire Music Service Rock Band Concert for the school
Thursday 12 th December	9:30am	Experience Christmas for Class 1 at St Swithuns
Friday 20 th December	9:30am	Christmas Carols at St Swithuns.
Friday 20 th December	3.15 pm	School closes for the Christmas break.
CHRISTMAS BREAK Monday 23 rd December to Friday 3 rd January		
Monday 6 th January 2020	P D Day	School closed to pupils.
Tuesday 7 th January	8.45 am	School reopens to all.
HALF TERM Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February		
Monday 24 th February	P D Day	School closed to pupils.
Wednesday 1 st April to Friday 3 rd April		Cheswardine and Hinstock joint Arthog trip.
EASTER BREAK Monday 6 th April to Friday 17 th April		
Monday 20 th April	8.45 am	School reopens to all.
Monday 4 th May		BANK HOLIDAY - school closed
Tuesday 5 th May	8.45 am	School reopens to all.
Week commencing Monday 11 th May	During the week.	KS2 SATs assessments during this week.
HALF TERM Monday 25 th May 29 th May		
Friday 17 th July	3.15 pm	School closes to pupils for the summer break.
Monday 20 th 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

Welcome back! We have started this term as we mean to go on, beginning with our new topic 'This is Me'. The children have drawn pictures of themselves and we will actually draw a new picture every few months to see how their mark making skills are developing.



Last week we focused on learning the names to our different body parts by singing lots of songs and playing games.

Parents / Carers, please don't forget our 'Nursery Library'. We have lots of books available for you and your child to share together. Once your child has reached the top of the ladder they will get a reward!

We also really look forward to hearing about your child's 'Wow' moments from home.

Please ask if you require any of the above postcards to take home and we will happily provide you with some.

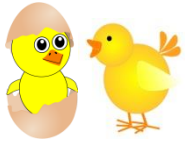
Leanne and Claire.

Makaton:

Our Makaton sign is: 'me'.



★ Our Makaton Star Signer is Matthew Jones - well done Matthew! ★



CHES CHICKS:

Ches Chicks is back and continues to be held once a month on a Monday morning. The new time is 9:15am until 11:15am. Here are the dates and what is already arranged for those dates.

First session of Autumn Term:

- 23rd of September (Nurturing Touch Story and Rhyme Toddler Yoga - Dear Zoo)
- 21st October - to be confirmed
- 25th November (Sing and Sign with Rachael - Christmas)
- 16th December (Christmas crafts and party)

Please note the new fee of £2.50 per child and £3.00 per family. This is due to the fact that some of the activities are from outside agencies and we will now provide Parents / Carers with hot drinks too. The first session is still free! Please spread the word about Ches Chicks and feel free to pop in or call the school on 01630 661 233 for any information. Thank you for your continued support!

The next 'Mail on Monday' will be published around the 14th of October.
Also, keep watching the website for updates on School and Nursery news.