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ST. PETER'S NEWS

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Message from Mrs Brown

The Town Council, has asked me to pass on their thanks to the pupils of St Peter's involved in the parade on Sunday whether they were marching the parade, laying a wreath or reading out the names of the fallen. It was very poignant to see so many young people pay their respects.



Last week, year 4 and year 6 returned from very successful residential trips and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They demonstrated resilience and great teamwork and it was exciting that we could finally take the children away like this after so long.



I am sure that their experiences have helped to develop their confidence and sense of adventure and this was shown in the way they tackled the challenges and activities even when they were out of their comfort zones!

I'd also like to say a very big thank you to the adults who gave up their family time to accompany the children. I imagine everyone slept very well at the weekend!







Nursery



We had a fantastic visit from Shropshire Falconry with some beautiful owls. The children loved seeing the owls and were amazed that they were real owls!

We have been making owl nests and looking at nocturnal animals in our owl den.

















Year 1

In Art, we have been learning how to mix primary colours to create other colours. We did some art work linked to Autumn so we mixed our paint to create 'warm' colours. We then looked outside for signs of Autumn and used these to inspire our work.







We had a great time learning about our senses in Science! We went outside to find out what we could see and hear, used a feely bag to describe what we could feel, sorted some foods into those we like the taste of and those we don't and smelt lots of different types of food and spices.





Year 3

In Science we have carried out an investigation, Does the person with the longest arms throw the furthest?







3G have been consolidating their new learning in maths. Through playing special board games they have been applying their knowledge of adding 3-digit numbers.





In RE we have reflected on the importance of water, by writing in chalk outside and washing it away.









We worked in teams to work out definitions of words from our new texts. We worked out words like 'blizzard' and 'lacquered'.

Year 5







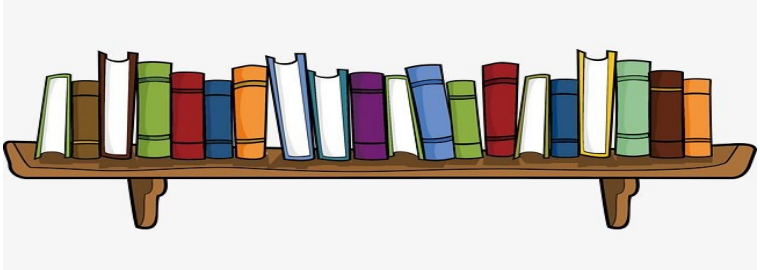
Year 5 have been busy sharing their 100 word stories with Year 2. We had to think carefully about our audience and make sure our writing captured the interest of pupils in Year 2.











Update from Public Health England- Find out what has changed in relation to contacts of confirmed cases

What is a suspected case?

A suspected case is anyone with at least one of the 3 COVID-19 symptoms . These are a:

high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

Management of a suspected case

Anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 should immediately self-isolate and have a PCR test. Their household members should also self-isolate unless they meet the exemption criteria for self-isolation (table 1). The suspected case should not attend the setting until 10 full days after the onset of their symptoms unless they have a negative PCR result, are well, do not have any household members with symptoms awaiting a test result and they have not been asked by Test & Trace to self-isolate.

Table 1. From 16 August, you will not be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

If anyone is at school when they become unwell with a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of or change in their normal sense of taste or smell, they must be sent home as soon as possible.

What is a confirmed case?

A **confirmed case** is an individual who has received notification of a positive PCR test result.

Contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19

A **contact** of a **confirmed case** is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. You can be a contact anytime from 2 days before the person who tested positive developed their symptoms /tested positive if they do not have any symptoms, and up to 10 days after, as this is when they can pass the infection on to others. A contact can be:

⇒ anyone who lives in the same household as another person who has COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19
⇒ anyone who has had any of the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19:

- face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within one metre
- been within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
- been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day)
- travelled in the same vehicle or a plane

Update for contacts of confirmed cases: From 16 August 2021, anyone under the age of 18 years and 6 months is no longer required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case.

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed that they have been in close contact with a confirmed case and advised to take a PCR test. They do not have to isolate when waiting on the PCR result unless they have symptoms of COVID-19.

18-year-olds will be treated in the same way as children until 6 months after their 18th birthday, to allow them the opportunity to get **fully vaccinated**. At which point, they will be subject to the same rules as adults and so if they choose not to get vaccinated, they will need to self-isolate if identified as a close contact.

Fully vaccinated people / anyone who meets any of the self-isolation exemption criteria are no longer legally required to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case, but they will also be strongly advised to take a PCR. These contacts can continue to work until the results of the PCR are available.

POLITE NOTICE TO PARENTS

Children are not to bring trading cards and other personal items from home as this can cause issues at playtimes.







On **Wednesday 1st December,** the children from nursery to year six will have a chance to do some Christmas Shopping in school. They will be able to buy a present for someone at home which will be gift wrapped ready to put under the tree as a Christmas day surprise.
Prices start from 50p up to £2 so please send them in with some money on the day if you wish for them to take part.

Last year, we informed you that we had have updated our school website to ensure that all parents are aware of our school policy on water bottles. This can be found under 'drinks and snacks' in our parent handbook section.

Please DO NOT send your child to school with anything other than water in their water bottles.



Why do we use water bottles?
The medical profession has been telling us for many years that children do not drink enough water during the school day – and that the resulting dehydration contributes to a number of short and long-term health problems.

THE LINKS BETWEEN WATER, DEHYDRATION, HEALTH AND LEARNING

How does drinking water link to health?

- Drinking adequate amounts of water regularly throughout the day can protect health and contribute to well-being.
- Drinking adequate amounts of water can help prevent a range of short and long-term health problems from headaches, bladder, kidney and bowel problems to cancer.
- Water has none of the health problems associated with drinks containing sugar, additives, sweeteners, acids or caffeine.
- To help keep teeth healthy, as well as brushing teeth regularly and visiting the dentist, we should cut down on added sugars. These are the sugars found in fizzy drinks, juice drinks, sweets, cakes and jam. It's best to stick to having these kinds of foods and drinks at mealtimes.
  It's also important to avoid sipping sugary and acidic drinks or sucking sweets too often. This is because the longer the sugar touches your teeth, the more damage it can do.

How does drinking water improve learning?

- The key to boosting the capacity to learn is to keep well hydrated throughout the day.
- When we are thirsty, mental performance deteriorates by 10%
- Pupils concentrate better because they are not distracted by the effects of dehydration such as thirst, tiredness and irritability
- It can aid behaviour management by helping to settle pupils in the classroom.
- Children will achieve more when both their health and learning needs are met. Ensuring access to water and promoting a regular water intake throughout the school day is a vital role for schools in promoting health and providing a healthy learning environment.
- Children are able to access their water bottles during lesson time- please make sure to LABEL your child's water bottle and clean it at the end of each day.
- **ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED IN WATER BOTTLES - STAFF WILL EMPTY BOTTLES AND REFILL THEM WITH WATER IF THEY CONTAIN OTHER LIQUIDS.**



WEM TOWN COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO

PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE

A PROJECT TO PLANT 70 TREES IN LOCAL GARDENS TO COMMEMORATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART AND RECEIVE A FREE TREE TO PLANT IN YOUR GARDEN, PLEASE CONTACT WEM TOWN COUNCIL FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
TEL 01939 232733 OR EMAIL INFO@WEM GOV.UK



Reception School Applications for September 2022

Some pupils currently in Nursery are due to transfer to their next school phase in September 2022. It is therefore essential that you make an application before the closing date of 15 January 2022. Pupils will receive a letter directly from Shropshire Council at the beginning of October. Please note that there is NO grace period for LATE applications. All Applications are to be made online at www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Do you think you may qualify for Free School Meals?

Parents/carers can make an application online through the Shropshire Council website https://shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/. When a parent/carer applies online the system will be able to confirm eligibility at point of application.



Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity



Friday 3rd December - In school dress rehearsal
Monday 6th December 9.30 performance to parents
Tuesday 7th December 2pm performance to parents
Tuesday 14th December - Nativity filming day



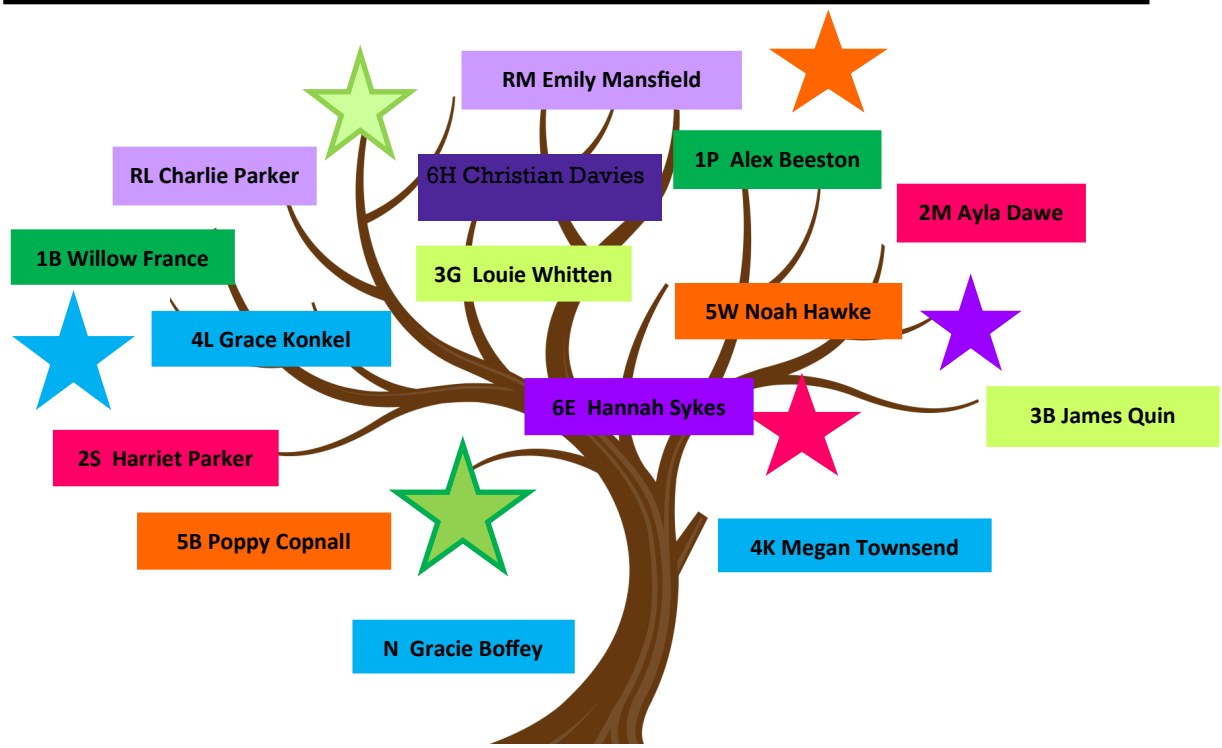


Class Photographs will be taking place on Monday 22nd November.

Individual and sibling photographs will take place on Wednesday 24th November.

If you would like any sibling photographs (for siblings not in our school), please bring your children to the fire exit doors of the hall at 8.15m on Wednesday 24th November.

Please inform the school of any absence your child may have. Failure to do so may trigger Educational Welfare action.



Stars of the Week

** Readiness * Reasoning * Reflectivity * Resilience * Resourcefulness * Respect **