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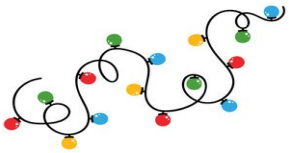
ST. PETER'S NEWS

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Message from Mrs Brown

We have had a very busy time this week with Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 performances all taking place. It has been a joy to see parents, relatives and carers finally back in school and the children thrived on having an audience to perform to. I can't wait to see our 'Oliver' Production with key stage 2 children next week. I'd also like to say a big thank you to our year 2/3 choir and Miss Kynaston for singing beautifully at the Wem 'Christmas Lights Switch On' last Friday- it was a great treat!







Another big thank you goes to 1st Wem Scouts for donating a beautiful Christmas tree again this year which takes pride of place in our school foyer. Mrs Whitehouse, Chair of our Friends Committee, organised for the school to receive free hedgerow plants last week and our school council and special helpers from RAF Shawbury planted them- and even helped to put our large Christmas tree up in the hall. We have also had a huge amount of Advent Food dropped off by parents for the Foodbank. Thank you to everyone who has been so generous with their time or donations during this Christmas period.







Just a reminder that it's the last week of term next week- our Christmas Dinner day is on Thursday and children can come into school wearing Christmas jumpers on Friday for a £1 donation to the 'Friends of St Peter's' who do a phenomenal job in raising funds for our children.

Have a lovey weekend!
Mrs Brown.

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

Reception



We have been reading the story of Owl Babies over the past few weeks and we have learnt lots about owls and words to describe them. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Mr Smith and we learnt how to use a Green Screen.

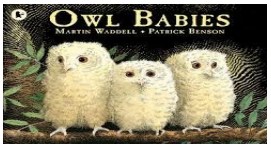


During child initiated learning the children have written letters to Father Christmas and created decorations for the Christmas tree.











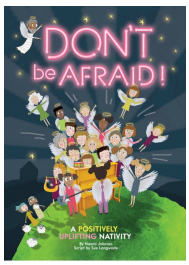


'It was magic, we were next to the owls in the nest!' says Matthew. 'The ones with the disc face are baby Barn Owls', says Robert.

Year 2

Y1 and 2 were fantastic in their nativity 'Don't Be Afraid'. Well done, Everyone!





Fun learning new songs with Mrs Hawke in music.



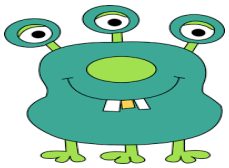






We have been learning about fractions this week. We explored making halves in different ways...

We really enjoyed the visit by the poet Josh Seigal. We wrote our own poems about monsters.













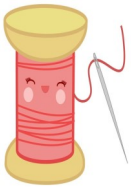
Year 4

Needlework in Year 4 this week

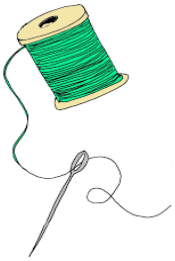








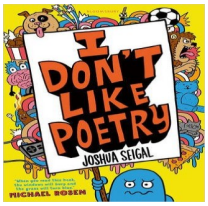








Joshua Seigal, the famous poet, came to visit us this week

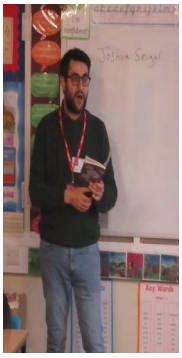










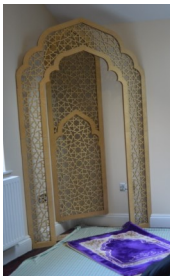




Year 6

Year 6 visited the Mosque in Craven Arms





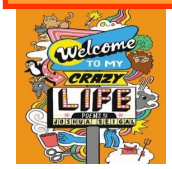








Some of Year 6's met Joshua Seigal on the very wet Wem Train Station





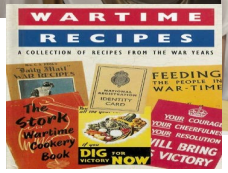
We've been cooking war time dishes this week too. Eggless sponge anyone?













St Peters After School Club

Some of our Wrap Around care members have been making Christmas Biscuits this week at After School Club













Advent for others

This Christmas, instead of the usual idea of an advent calendar and getting a chocolate behind each door, we would like to support our local foodbank in the lead up to Christmas.

Our school council will be on the gate each school morning, **throughout December,** to accept any donations to contribute to our Advent foodbank collection. It would be lovely if everyone could contribute at least one item during this time (a tin of beans or a packet of soup!) – or one item a week if you are feeling generous! We all have items in our cupboards that we never get around to using, so why not have a rummage and send them in.

START DATE WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER



Tickets for our school production of Oliver! are on sale now at the



office.

Tuesday 14th December 1.45pm and 6pm

Adults £3, Concessions £1

St Peter's Primary School
Year 4/5 Drama Club
Presents

Oliver! JR.

Book, Music, and Lyrics by
LIONEL BART

Monday December 13th 6 p.m.
Tuesday December 14th 1:45 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Tickets on sale December 1st from the office
£3 adults £1 children

All ticket revenue to pay for licensing
and filming costs

**Lionel Bart's Oliver! JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, New York, NY
(212) 541-4684 mtishows.com**



MONDAY SHOW SOLD OUT!

Christmas Dinner
Thursday 16th December

Roast sliced Turkey with Pork Sausage

Quorn Fillet with Vegan Sausage

Roast Parsnip, Cheese and Cranberry Quiche

All served with

Roast Potatoes, Mash, Baby Carrots, Peas

Stuffing & Gravy

Christmas Puddings

Festive Cookies

The Grinch Cupcakes

Trifle Pots

Festive Pudding and Custard

(Fruit salad, yoghurts, Cheese & Biscuits & Fruit Smoothies are readily available as an alternative to deserts of the day)

Additional Gluten free, vegan and dairy options will be available






Change to usual Menu

Wednesday 15th December

Beef Bolognese Served with Pasta Twists

Quorn Bolognese Served with Pasta Twists

Fish & Chips

Filled Jacket Potatoes

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All served with A Choice of fresh vegetables

Salad Bar & Bread

…….

Selection of Biscuit's

Ice cream Topped with Mini Donut

Fresh Fruit salad/Melon

Yoghurts



Christmas Jumper Day
FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER
£1 donations welcome for the school fund



Please inform the school of any absence your child may have. **Failure to do so may trigger Educational Welfare action.** Please call 01939 232292 to speak to the office or leave a message.





We are pleased to announce that violin lessons will start in January 2022.

Follow the link below to register your interest.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d9KNe5f8nUSmrAU16L-NafsATh_u3FJEhj5Ss2EWtfpURDBRSUs1SlpOMkJVWlQ4V0VTRjRCRVRUUS4u

Shropshire Music Service can offer the continuation of Year 5 Cornet lessons on a private basis. Please contact the office with your child's details to express an interest.





6 December 2021

NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS
SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2023/24

There are no changes proposed to Shropshire Council's admission arrangements for 2023/24 for community and voluntary controlled schools requiring consultation. However, the Council is co-ordinating a consultation exercise for own admission authority schools, such as academies, whose governing bodies are responsible for setting their admission arrangements and who wish to make changes to those arrangements. We wish to notify all parents/carers that the consultation will begin on **6 December 2021** and continue for more than 6 weeks until **21 January 2022**.

Proposed changes to Shropshire's admission authority school arrangements are shown below.

- **The Priory School** in Shrewsbury is refining the definition of sibling to extend to younger sibling connections as well as older siblings.
- **Thomas Adams School** in Wem is proposing the addition of '**children of staff**' criterion to their policy to align with the policies of other schools in the 3-18 Trust and extending the sibling connection to apply to younger as well as older siblings.
- **Ludlow Primary School,** part of the Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust, is proposing a reduction to their Published Admission Number from 75 to 60.
- **Claverley CE Primary School,** a voluntary aided school, is proposing a reduction to their Published Admission Number from 17 to 16.

The following voluntary aided schools are not proposing changes, but they are consulting on their admission arrangements to comply with the 7-yearly consultation requirement of the School Admissions Code:

Worfield Endowed CE Primary School **St Mary's Bluecoat CE Primary School**

The consultation documents and further information can be found on the individual school websites and on the Shropshire Council website www.shropshire.gov.uk in the link to Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2023.

To make comments on any of the proposed changes by **Friday 21 January 2022** e-mail school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk, or contact the school directly, or write to:

School Admissions, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, SHREWSBURY SY2 6ND

For information only (not part of the consultation):
Hadnall CE Primary School is increasing the Published Admission Number from 12 to 15.
Meole Brace School is increasing the Published Admission Number from 243 to 270.

Unfortunately, a small number of children are still bringing squash in their water bottles even though our school policy is clearly stated on our school website and a reminder was sent out at the beginning of this term.

Water Bottles
Please send your child into school with a water bottle. **This should be filled with water only**. We cannot make exceptions unless specifically requested to do so by a paediatrician or school nurse in individual cases and due to medical grounds.

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 Scouts are proud to support St. Peters School & will be donating a Christmas Tree to the school this year!



Scouts



1st Wem Scouts Christmas Tree Sales

Selling beautiful Nordman Fir Trees

Delivery to your door included (to Wem and surrounding areas)

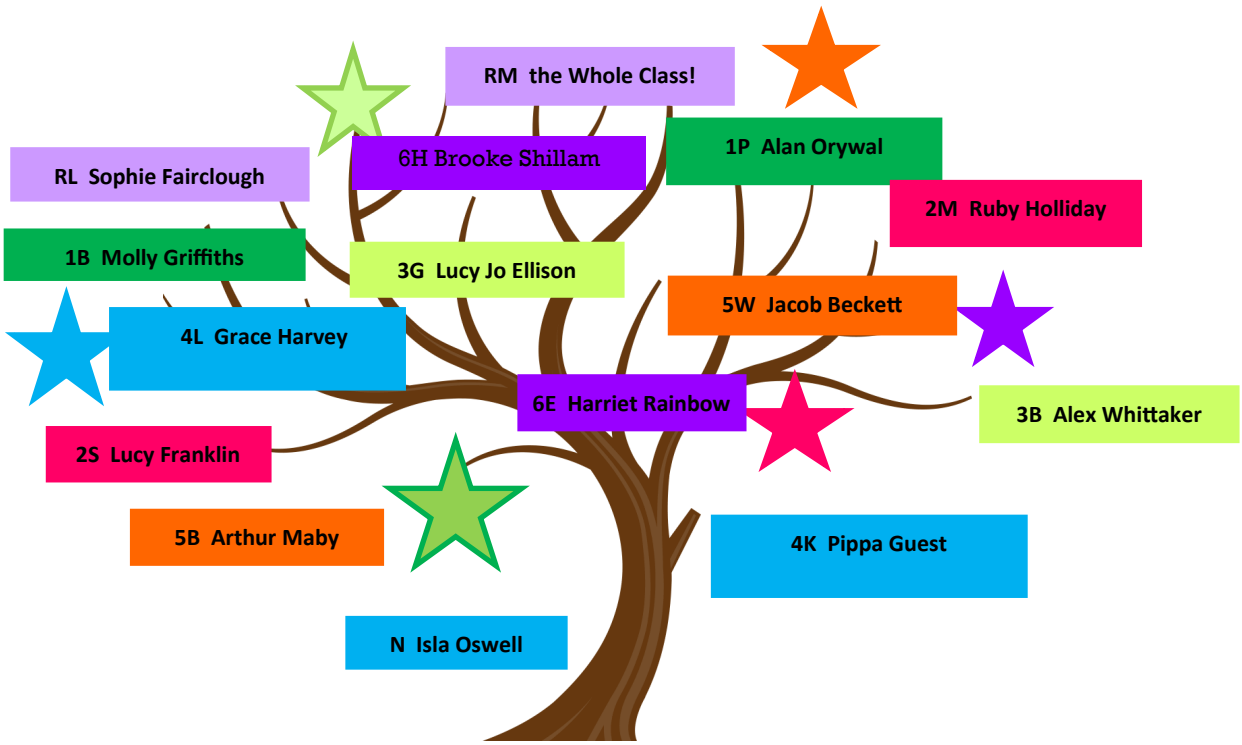
All proceeds to your local Scout Group

See our website for more details and to buy your tree!

Web: www.wemscoutschristmastrees.co.uk

Facebook: Wem Scouts Christmas Trees

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Stars of the Week

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