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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

This Half Term's Value: Justice



'Phrases of Faith'

'So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them' - Matthew 7:12



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year all! Welcome back to school and to what is our first newsletter of the year.

We hope that everyone enjoyed the Christmas break and had the opportunity to take time to catch up with friends and family – as well as eat lots of mince pies!

It is lovely to have the children back at school following the break; they have all settled back into the school routine and it is great to see such a high uptake of this terms after school activities on offer, Gymnastics and Young Voices Choir.

As we start the new year, I would just like to take the opportunity to update a few housekeeping matters.

Firstly, I would like to remind parents of the importance of punctuality, as well as consistent attendance, at school.

**Punctuality**

Please remember that school starts at 8.45 am (with the gates being opened from 8.40am). The gates will close at 8.45am and lessons begin at this time. Being late for school, even if it is only 5 minutes, adds up over the course of the week. 5 minutes late five days of the week equates to almost 30 minutes of lost learning time and being 10 minutes late equates to almost an hour of lost learning time.

Lates and absences are monitored on behalf of the Local Authority by the Educational Welfare Officer, with regular visits into school. Persistent lates or absences will be picked up and could ultimately result in a fine being issued. Letters and fines are issued by the Local Authority.





## **Lunches**

We hope that last week's 'Free Lunches for all' initiative helped everyone to 'ease' their way back into the school routine! There were lots of empty plates and it was wonderful to see how many children took up the offer of free lunches. Remember school lunches are cooked and delivered to school every day by Ms Farley our Cook. Menus are available at the bottom of this newsletter and can be booked via school spider on a daily, weekly or even monthly basis!

## **Operation Encompass**

I have been asked, on behalf of West Mercia Police and Shropshire Local Authority, to attach the letter relating to Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass is a process whereby the police and the council will inform a member of staff within a school, the Head Teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead' if a child or young person has experienced any domestic abuse incident; this includes witnessing any such events. This information will be shared prior to the start of the next school day. Information sharing between professional agencies allows school staff to provide emotional and practical support to their pupils experiencing domestic abuse. Further information relating to Domestic Violence and the support available to anyone experiencing Domestic abuse can also be found at the bottom of this letter.

## **Mrs Jones – Oak Class**

Mrs Jones from Oak class will, as part of her apprenticeship, be taking a step away from Key Stage 2 for a few weeks, to spend some of her time observing Teaching and Learning in EYFS/ Key Stage 1. In exchange we will be joined by Mrs Whittingham, also an apprentice Teacher who will be spending some time away from her much larger placement school to gain some experience of a smaller, rural school. The exchange will begin on Monday. However, Mrs Jones will remain very much involved at Adderley and will return to full time teaching at the end of the exchange. Miss Von Dinther will remain a constant in class. The children were all excited, for both Mrs Jones and to meet Mrs Whittingham last week and have already made her feel extremely welcome.

That leaves me only to wish you all a final Happy New Year and a relaxing weekend,

With all Best Wishes,

Mrs S. Henney





## Important Dates and INFORMATION

### JANUARY

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Application deadline for Reception class 2024</b> Music lessons for those that have booked with Mrs Newman
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Vision Screening for Reception Children Basketball Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Oak Class – Reading the Game with Shrewsbury Town Guitar lessons for those that have booked via School Spider
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Young Voices Choir Club, 8.15am – 8.45am Basketball competition at Whitchurch Junior School for selected children PE for Oak and Chestnut Class Gymnastics Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School for Willow and Chestnut Class
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Music lessons for those that have booked with Mrs Newman
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Basketball Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Guitar lessons for those that have booked via School Spider
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Young Voices Choir Trip in Birmingham PE for Oak and Chestnut Class Gymnastics Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School for Willow and Chestnut Class

### **Future Dates:**

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability for years 5 and 6
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	School photos – individual and family
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Swimming lessons begin – every Friday for 10 weeks
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School photos



## Attendance



This week's winners are Oak Class! Well done!

<u>Class</u>	<u>This week ...</u>	<u>Previous week ....</u>
Chestnut	98.18%	
Oak	99.09%	
Whole School	98.80%	

## Stars of the Week

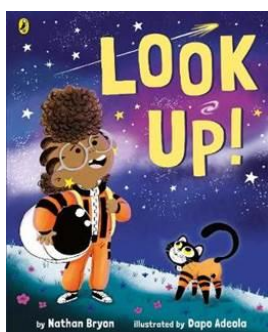
**Chestnut Class Star of the Week:** Harley D - For always trying to be kind and helpful.

**Oak Class Star of the Week:** Tom – for immense perseverance with his reading – I am super proud of his determination and achievements! Io posso!!

## Class News:

### **Chestnut Class News**

Chestnut have had a great week and have settled back into classroom incredibly well after a well-deserved Christmas break. In English, the children in Year 1 and 2 have started exploring our new story book 'Look Up!' by Nathan Bryan. This story focuses on a girl called Rocket who has a passion for all things space. She dreams of becoming an astronaut just like her heroine Mae Jemison. This week we have explored the achievements of Mae Jemison, the first African American woman in space and have learnt about her life. We have designed our own rockets and talked about what we would like to be when we grow up.



The children in Reception have been learning two poems this week, 'Daddy fell in the pond' and 'I'll promise I will be careful'. The children talked about how to keep safe around water and then wrote their own poems using our fantastic phonics knowledge.

## Chestnut Weekly Spellings

Children in Year 1 and 2 will now be set weekly spellings to practise at home. New spellings will come home every Monday and will be tested the following Monday. The Year 1 spellings are based on the tricky words and sounds we learn in Phonics. The Year 2 spellings are based on their learning from spelling sessions throughout that week.





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Please encourage and support your child to practise their spellings at least 3 times a week. There is also a helpful list of all the different ways you might want to try practising spellings at home.

Please can children bring their spelling books into school each day.

### **Oak Class News**

Oak Class have started the year with a bang! We have dived into our new topics with relish and enthusiasm. In science, we began with making predictions about how things move in relation to gravity and whether a round tin would roll uphill or down. The class were astounded to see the tin roll uphill, with one reason being given as magic! It was brilliant seeing the children getting excited about their learning.



In History, we began by having an introduction to our topic of Vikings, with a morning packed full of exciting activities. The children enjoyed learning their Viking names and had the opportunity to make a variety of Viking accessories, including shields, helmets and swords.

Reece, Summer and Penelope were issued with Oak Class's first Pen Licences, due to demonstrating their beautiful presentation and handwriting throughout their schoolbooks. We look forward to giving out more of these, with some children being very close to receiving theirs. Keep up the good work!

What a fantastic start to the new year ahead!

### **Other News...**

#### **Applications to Reception class 2024**

The deadline for applications for your child(ren) to start school in Reception in September 2024 closes on **Monday 15 January 2024.**

Please ensure that you make an application online via the Shropshire Council's portal - [Synergy - Homepage \(shropshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.shropshire.gov.uk)

**Please note that if you do not make an online application, your child will not be allocated a school place.**

If you have any queries regarding the application process, please contact the School Admissions Team via email [school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk)





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## Measles

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Shropshire soon.

Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Spending 15 minutes with someone with measles is enough to get the virus. Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet, fading after 5 to 6 days. If you've not been vaccinated against measles, you can be at risk, but it's most common in young children. Someone with measles can spread the virus up to 4 days before a rash appears, and up to 4 days after.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure you and your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are unsure if your child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations, you can check their Red Book (personal child health record) in the first instance. If you are still not sure, or if you need to bring your child up to date with their vaccines, you should contact their GP practice to check and book an appointment.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room. More information on measles can be found [here](#) and information on the MMR vaccine can be found [here](#).

