



Wrockwardine Wood Infant School and Nursery Newsletter

'Love, Laugh, Learn'

25 November 2024. Autumn Term: Week 11

A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful snowy week it was! The first sprinkling of snow always brings a touch of magic to the school, and it has been lovely to see the children excited by the wintery weather.

Last week, we've had quite a Music Week here at school. Our 1:1 music sessions with Music Heroes have begun, and it's been fantastic to hear the sound of guitars, ukuleles, and pianos filling the corridors. The energy and enthusiasm from the children have been truly inspiring! We finished off the week with a Music Minors session in Nursery, where the children enjoyed moving and grooving to music. It was wonderful to see them express themselves through dance and rhythm.

In other news, I'm delighted to inform you that we raised a total of **£150.73** for Children in Need! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed and supported this great cause.

Looking ahead, I'd like to remind you that next **Friday, 29th November**, will be a Non-Uniform Day. We are inviting both children and staff to come dressed in bright, bold colours and sparkles to celebrate the end of the month in style! In return, we ask that everyone bring in a bottle for our bottle tombola. This could be anything from bubble bath to sauce, juice, or even wine. We really appreciate your support, and I know the children will have fun taking part.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Wishing you a restful weekend

Mrs Jenny Gascoigne

Executive Headteacher





Attendance and Punctuality



Attendance award

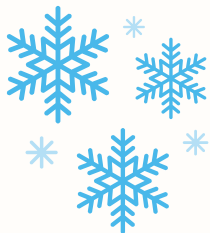


This week the attendance cup winner is:

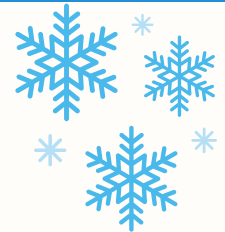
Wrens

95% attendance

Well done!



Extraordinary School Closure



In the event of bad weather, or unforeseen operational difficulties, the Headteacher may take the difficult decision to close the school for all or part of a day. Every effort would be made to keep the school open or give parents as much prior notice as possible.

If the school must close part way through the day, for example because of a threat of freezing or dangerous conditions, then a text message and or a telephone call would be made.

In the event of severe weather parents need to listen to the radio stations giving out information on school closures:

BBC Radio Shropshire being the main source of information for our school.

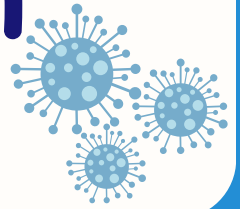
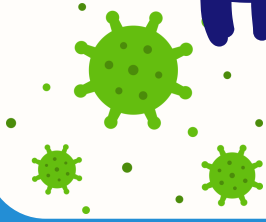
Details would be updated on the Telford and Wrekin website. Click on the links below:

[Telford and Wrekin School/Nursery Closures](#)

[We will also post on Facebook](#)



Health Protection Advice



We've been asked by the Health Protection Hub to share the information below with you, to help keep everyone well as we head into winter:

Teaching good hygiene habits

Parents/carers are urged to encourage good hygiene habits in their families, such as handwashing and using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes. Regularly washing hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitiser when convenient, is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of germs.

Knowing when to keep your child at home and when to send them to school

Children are encouraged to stay in school or nursery with symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough (if otherwise well and do not have a high temperature), but should stay at home if they feel too unwell to attend and/or if they have a fever. They should stay home until the fever has passed and they are well enough to attend. If they have diarrhoea and/or vomiting they should stay home for at least 48 hours after these symptoms clear up. Let the school know if your child is diagnosed with other illnesses such as scarlet fever and they can advise you how for long your child should stay off school.

Stopping the spread of stomach bugs

Stomach bugs spread easily in schools and nurseries. If you or your child have diarrhoea and/or vomiting, washing hands with soap and warm water and using bleach-based products to clean surfaces will help stop infections from spreading. Don't prepare food for others if you have such symptoms or for 48 hours after symptoms stop. If you are unwell, you should also avoid visiting people in hospitals and care homes to avoid passing on the infection to those more vulnerable. It's important not to return to school, nursery or work until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

Getting vaccinated

Infections such as flu, which see a seasonal increase in winter, are easily protected against with vaccination. All primary school age children, those aged 2 years (who have turned 2 years old before the 1 September 2024) all 3 year olds and secondary school children from Year 7 to Year 11 are eligible for the flu vaccine. This will protect the children themselves, the school community and elderly relatives.

It's also important to ensure your children are up-to-date with their routine vaccinations, which protect against diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria and polio. If you are unsure of your child's vaccination status, you can check their "red book" or contact their GP.

NHS UK also provides easily accessible guidance for parents to help manage winter illness at home. Click [here](#) to access the guidance.



Coffee Morning



Coffee Morning Thank-You



Thank-you to all parents who attended our recent coffee morning. It was lovely to welcome you into school along with our visitors from the school nursing service who shared information regarding sleep and eating routines.



Thank-you for the responses to our feedback questionnaire.

It was nice to get lots of advice but also talk to staff and other parents about things, makes you feel like you're not alone and can always ask for any advice.

Helpful tips were given.

It was beneficial to talk through any issues we may be encountering with the health visitors and teachers.

Looking forward to another session.

We were made to feel very welcome, and we were encouraged to stay afterwards to talk about anything we needed to discuss. I would recommend the coffee morning to all parents.

The coffee and talking amongst parents with teachers were really nice. It was nice to feel welcome and great to talk with other parents and teachers.



Coffee Morning Useful Links shared




the national sleep helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541
Available Sunday - Thursday 7pm - 9pm

NHS Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust

Useful Information

Preparing fruit and vegetables: www.bbc.co.uk/food/techniques



Access effective, evidence-based tools and resources to help you to establish healthy eating habits in your children
www.childfeedingguide.co.uk/tips/tips-tools/

Why 5 a day?
www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/why-5-a-day/

Me-sized meals
www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/article/food-children-me-sized-meals

The association of UK dietitians – let's cook videos
<https://letsgetcooking.org.uk/lets-get-cooking-at-home/youtube-videos/>

Shropshire Community Health – Self Restricted Eating
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtJHyd_tD0

Improving Lives In Our Communities

NHS Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust

Useful Sleep Information

<http://cwpcamhscentre.mymind.org.uk/mysleep-guide>

<https://www.scope.org.uk/advice-and-support/help-disabled-child-sleep/>

<https://www.sleephealthfoundation.org.au>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/types-of-mental-health-problems/sleep-problems/about-sleep-and-mental-health/>

<https://www.sleepscotland.org/>

<https://www.thechildrenssleepcharity.org.uk/>

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/sleep>

https://contact.org.uk/media/389272/helping_your_child_sleep.pdf




Improving Lives In Our Communities

EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORT

Is your child a fussy eater?

Don't worry - help is at hand

Child Feeding Guide

The Child Feeding Guide website and web app provide you with

- Tips to help you and your child enjoy happy, healthy mealtimes
- Tools to help you track your child's eating behaviour
- Advice on how to avoid common feeding pitfalls

Visit the website today:
www.childfeedingguide.co.uk

Loughborough University



Our next Coffee Morning will be in the Spring Term.
The focus will be on Managing Behaviour at home. The date will be confirmed closer to the time.
Please come along. We would love to see as many of you there as possible.

Sports and Wellbeing



Puddle Ducks are running a free lesson fortnight for our Telford baby and pre school classes in December

Monday 2nd and 9th December - Telford Hotel, Spa & Golf
Tuesday 3rd and 10th December - Mercure Telford Centre Hotel

Class times can be viewed on the pool pages here - <https://www.puddleducks.com/local-teams/north-west-midlands-south-cheshire/our-pools-classes> and free lessons can be booked by completing the form on our website <https://www.puddleducks.com/local-teams/north-west-midlands-south-cheshire/telford-free-trial-fortnight/> or contacting our office. 01952 872090



Christmas Performances

**A paper copy of this letter is
coming home Monday 25. 11.24**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Nativity Performances 2024

We are excited to inform you that our Christmas performances will begin week commencing 9 December 2024.

EYFS (The Nest, Chicks 1 and Chicks 2) 'The Nursery Rhyme Nativity.'

KS1 (Robins, Wrens, Swifts and Swallows) 'Simply the Nativity.'

At previous Christmas performances, many parents and friends have said that they were unable to hear their children and fully enjoy the performance because of the background noise made by younger siblings. In response to this feedback, we ask parents to arrange alternative childcare for younger siblings for the main performances. If you are unable to arrange childcare, you are more than welcome to bring them along to our dress rehearsals.

As older school-age siblings should be in school we do not allow them to attend any of our performances.

The Nursery and Reception children will watch the KS1 dress rehearsal and vice versa.

For health and safety reasons admission to the celebrations will be by ticket only, each family is entitled to 2 tickets unless siblings are in different key stages.

Please complete and return the slip below as soon as possible. We will do our best to give you the date you request. If you require an adult sized chair because of health reasons or space for a wheelchair, please let the office know in advance.

All staff thank you for your support and look forward to sharing our celebrations with you in the hall.

We know as proud parents you will want to take photos/videos of your child performing in the nativity.

However please note several parents have not consented to photos being taken of their children in school and some of the children in school are currently in care.

Therefore, the taking of photos/videos does cause the school some safeguarding concerns.

Please can we therefore ask that if you do take photos/videos please try and only take images of your children where possible and do not post any images on your social media pages. Thank you.

Golden Lunchbox



The Class that received the Golden Lunchbox award last week was:



Robins

Well done for displaying our school expectations at Lunchtime and collecting the most amount of pom poms!

Important reminders.

Reporting your child's absence.

Please call the school office on **01952 387860** before **8:40am**.

Should you require to collect your child early from school for an appointment could

you please bring an appointment card or letter into the school office.



Collections.

In order to keep your child safe if we have not been notified in advance of any change in collection arrangements we will not allow your child to leave without contacting you first.



Click on the image to access our page



Early Help



'There are no problems we cannot solve together, and very few we can solve by ourselves.'

A message from Miss Teale our Pastoral Lead.

Dear Parents.

What a busy week! Well done to all the parents who battled through the snow to get your children to school. Not all heroes wear capes - so give yourselves a pat on the back from me, your attendance champion.

Well, standing on the playground the other day, it was an absolute pleasure to hear the children practising the Christmas songs ready for their performances. Christmas is fast approaching and along with children comes varying amounts of stress. Please remember to be kind to yourselves - **YOU CAN'T POUR FROM AN EMPTY CUP.**

Have you seen the Money Expert Martin Lewis's clip on buying Christmas presents? Please click on the link [It's time to ban unnecessary Christmas presents - YouTube Times are hard](#)

If anyone needs any support with proving food or gifts for the children over Christmas please come and see me. There are charities we can approach to help you out and you will be treated with **ABSOLUTE** confidence.

Finally, have you checked out our Family Hub.? I've attached the website address her for you to see [Children's Centre & Events for Families | The Wakes](#). Keep an eye on the **EVENTS** because they often have reasonably priced activities for Christmas.

Have a lovely week everyone!

Miss Teale (Pastoral Lead)





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'There are no problems we cannot solve together, and very few we can solve by ourselves.'

You can access our Early Help Page on our Website by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.wrockwardinewoodinfant.org.uk/discover-our-school/about-us/early-help-offer>

FamilyConnect Adult and Children Services

We enable adults, children, young people, parents, carers and professionals to get the right help at the right time.

You can contact us by:

 **01952 385385**
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

 **familyconnect@telford.gov.uk**

 **07537 453177**
Text back service

www.familyconnecttelford.co.uk



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Telford and Wrekin
FAMILY HUBS

Family Hub services aim to make a positive difference to children, young people and their families by providing the right help at the right time. Family Hub Services are delivered through local centres where families can get free information, guidance and support on infant feeding, mental health, healthy lifestyles, parenting and many other services.

Click [here](#) to access the family hub website

Telford Public Health Nursing Service



Healthy you, Healthy Future
Telephone Number 0333 358 3328

Text 07520 619 053

School nurse 07520 619 051
Follow on twitter @ShropPHNurse Open
9am-4.30pm excluding bank holidays

Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Dental Advice Line

Do you have an urgent dental problem or need dental advice?



Are you looking for an NHS dentist for routine care?

Monday to Friday
0800-2100

01743 237916

Shropshire Community Health **NHS**






Shrewsbury & Telford Family Grapevine Winter 2024

The Family Grapevine is a fantastic free source of information for local parents, carers and families. It has hundreds of listings in each issue, as well as a What's On section, competitions, and more.

Its main aim is to support local parents by helping them find relevant local businesses, organisations, support services and events.

<https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/shrewsbury-telford/magazine/the-shrewsbury-telford-family-grapevine-magazine-winter-2024/>

Date	Key Dates
W/C 25 November	The Nest/Nursery Parent Carer Stay and Play sessions
W/C 25 November	Parent/Teacher Consultations - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
29 November	Non uniform day Donate a bottle for the 'bottle tombola' at the Christmas Fayre.
4 December	Farm on Wheels 'Nativity Animals' in school: The Nest (Nursery) Chicks 1 and Chicks 2 (Reception)
5 December 	Reception Educational Visit to Weston Park 'Festive Fun'
6 December 3:15pm-5:30pm	Friends of Wrockwardine Wood Christmas Fayre 
9 December 10am	EYFS (Nursery and Reception) 'Nursery Rhyme Nativity' DRESS REHERSAL: Parents with young children invited today
10 December 10am	EYFS (Nursery and Reception) 'Nursery Rhyme Nativity Performance' <i>More information to follow</i>
11 December 10am	KS1 (Year 1 and 2) 'Simply the Nativity' DRESS REHERSAL: Parents with young children invited today
12 December 2pm	KS1 (Year 1 and 2) 'Simply the Nativity' Performance <i>More information to follow</i>
13 December 2pm	KS1 (Year 1 and 2) 'Simply the Nativity' Performance <i>More information to follow</i>
17 December	Year 2 visit to the Pantomime at the International Centre ' Goldilocks and the 3 Bears '
18 December	Christmas Jumper Day All children and Staff are invited to come to school in a festive jumper
18 December	<i>Christmas Dinner for school lunch</i>
20 December	Finish for the Christmas Break

Don't forget to find out about your child's learning this week from the class page on the website.



Go to: <https://www.wrockwardinewoodinfant.org.uk>
and click on the 'Classrooms' tab

**Term
Dates**
**For more
term dates
please here.**



Water Bottles

Even in cooler months it is really important that we drink water to stay hydrated.

Can children in Years 1 and 2 please remember to bring into school a named water bottle each day containing fresh water.

We do have water coolers in school so bottles can be replenished throughout the day.

Children in nursery and reception have access to water throughout the day from their class snack table.





Online Safety



Be smart on the internet

 **Childnet**
International
www.childnet.com

S SAFE Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online. 

M MEETING Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. 

A ACCEPTING Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages! 

R RELIABLE Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are. 

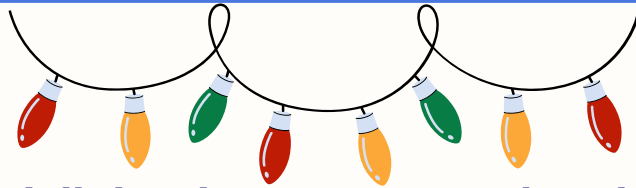
t TELL Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online. 
You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk 

www.kidsmart.org.uk

KidSMART  Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world. 



The Friends of Wrockwardine Wood Christmas Fayre



We are delighted to announce that the Friends of Wrockwardine Wood Infant School and Nursery PTFA are busy organising a fantastic Christmas Fayre!

This festive event will take place on:

Friday 6 December from 3:15-5:30pm

To help support the Fayre, we will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 29 November**. On this day, we kindly ask that children come to school in non-uniform and bring a bottle for our bottle tombola.



Additionally, we are reaching out to local businesses for raffle prize donations. If you know of any local business that might be able to donate a prize, we would really appreciate your help in connecting us with them.



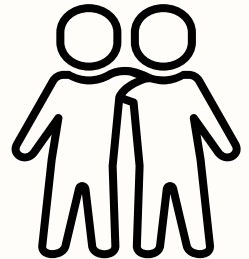
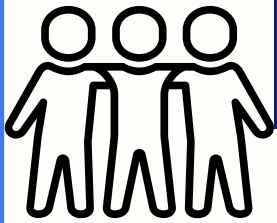
Thank you for your ongoing support. We're looking forward to a wonderful, festive event and hope to see you all there!



The Friends of Wrockwardine Wood PTFA

FRIENDS

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Are you interested in getting more involved in school life and helping to make a difference for our children?

If so, we would love to invite you to join our PTFA –
**The Friends of Wrockwardine Wood Infant School
and Nursery.**

The PTFA plays a vital role in organising events, raising funds, and supporting our school community in many ways. Whether you can give a little time or a lot, your help and ideas are always welcome! It's a great way to meet other parents, get involved in fun activities, and make a positive impact on our children's experience at school.

If you would like to join or learn more, please register your interest by completing the MS form by clicking on the link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/24HRg5kK0H>

We look forward to hearing from you!