



Newsletter

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Parent Governor Elections 2024

We currently have a vacancy on the federated Governing board for a parent governor.

Could this be you?

As a parent governor you would have the opportunity to contribute to the overall management of the school.

Working with a team of other governors, you would help to ensure that the school is doing all it can to provide the best possible education for all children.

A request for nominations was sent to all parents via parent zone last week.

Please speak to the admin office for further information and to collect a nomination pack.



Diary Dates

Date	Event
27 May	Spring Bank Holiday <i>Nursery is closed to all children</i>
27 May to 31 May	Half term <i>(Nursery open for holiday club only)</i>
3 June	Professional Development Day <i>(Nursery open for Holiday Club only)</i>
17-24 June	National School Sports Week
21 June	Fun Sports Day

Please click [here](#) to access our nursery website term dates page.

Don't forget next week is half term!



Let's celebrate!

Preschool have been learning all about our nursery expectations.

Our expectations are:

- 1) **We are kind to one another**
- 2) **We work hard together**
- 3) **We are honest with each other**

To celebrate their achievements the children have had the opportunity to wear one of our special T shirts for the session.

This is what each T shirt says:

- 1) **It's cool to be kind**
- 2) **I worked wonders**
- 3) **I did the right thing**

We are so proud of the children we hope you are too!

Home Learning Packs

As part of the Family Hub's programme and to support delivery of Early Years Talk Boost. Home Learning packs have been delivered to settings across Telford, the contents have been sourced carefully from Speech and Language UK, Telford and Wrekin Library service and Usborne Books.

The first group of children in preschool will have received their pack and younger children will receive theirs later in 2024.

If your child has received a pack please follow the link below to complete a short survey to offer your feedback. Thank you!

<https://forms.office.com/e/Aaz1Nm1U0a?origin=lprLink>



Do you have a child starting school in September?



Please access the 'Road to School' poster available by clicking [here](#).

The poster highlights the fact that children learn at different rates. It contains 12 suggestive steps such as eating, self-care, getting dressed and undressed on their own, independence, routines, going to the toilet, counting, interest in the world and new activities, sharing and turn taking, speaking and literacy, listening and understanding, and writing skills.

As the weather is warming up please be aware of the Telford & Wrekin sun protection statement to keep us all safe.

Stay in the shade 11-3

Make sure you never burn

Always cover up – wear a t-shirt, hat and wraparound sunglasses

Remember children burn more easily

Then use factor 15+ sunscreen with 5 stars on the back (Higher factor for children)



More information about sun safety can be found on the NHS website by clicking [here](#)

Please don't forget to apply sun cream to your child before they come into nursery. If they are with us all day pop a labelled bottle of cream in their bag so we can reapply at lunchtime.

Also can all children come to nursery with a named sunhat.

Do you want to know more about online safety for preschool aged children?

Internet matters have created a top tips page for parents of 0-5 year olds.

Click on the image below to access the page.



Are you eligible for 30 hours funding? Go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Do you already have a preschool child with 30 hours funding?

Don't forget you have to confirm your details are up to date every 3 months.

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>



Holiday Club

This half term, the children will be getting in touch with their creative skills on National Creativity Day, so watch out for budding artists!

We will be baking biscuits for World Biscuit Day and making our own fruit salad for snacks.

Also, this week is World Otter Day, where we will be making our very own Otter.

Other fun activities include playdough, gloop, sensory tray and a sea creatures water tray.



Baby Room



Next week in the Baby room our theme is all about flowers and things that grow and change.

We will be looking at flowers in ice using different items to break the ice and watching as it melts. We will also be exploring our outdoor area seeing what flowers, plants and bugs we can find.

Our messy play this week we will be finger painting to make petals for flowers, exploring yellow gloop and wellie printing in water and soil.

Outside we will be going on the adventure playground, mark making on the floor with coloured water and making mud cakes with damp soil in the mud kitchen.

Our nursery rhyme of the week will be five little speckled frogs.



Nursery Rhyme of the week

Click on the image to access the song!



Bedtime Stories



Why is the bedtime story so important?



Relaxation time

Foster a lifelong love of books

Increases academic ability

Helps children to explore new feelings, new words, new experiences and new knowledge

Quality time that
strengthens family relationships

Cuddling together with your parents, grandparents, carers or siblings to share an adventure or talk about a story before happily drifting off to sleep is an idyllic image that should be every child's reality.

Bath, Book, Bed...

The book trust have some simple steps to a better nights sleep. Click on the link below to find out more.



<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/bath-book-bed/bath-book-bed-booklet-2020-optimised.pdf>

Health Information

Is my child too ill for nursery?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing infectious diseases. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery each day your child is absent unless the school or nursery agrees a different arrangement. You must let the school or nursery know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let the school office know.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Health Protection Advice Measles

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

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure 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 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 and information on the MMR vaccine can be found by following the links below.

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 

Telford Public Health Nursing Service



Healthy you, Healthy Future

Telephone Number 0333 358 3328

Text 07520 619 053

School nurse 07520 619 051

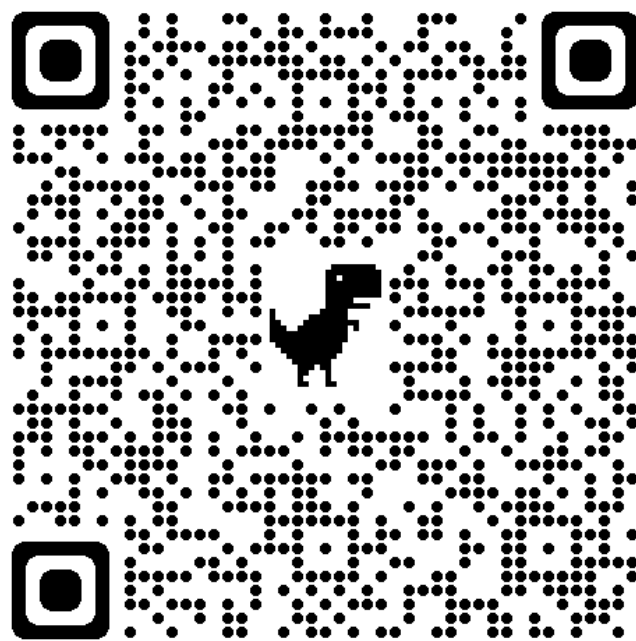
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@ShropPHNurse Open 9am-4.30pm
excluding bank holidays

Do you know what to expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage?



Use the QR code below to access a guide for parents





Speaking English: Essential for everyday life in UK

Start Date: Thursday 6th June 2024

End Date: Thursday 11th July 2024

Time: 9:30 - 11:30am

Duration: 6 weeks

Location: The Wakes, Oakengates, TF2 6EP

This FREE course is for adults who already speak some English as a second language. During this course, you will improve your confidence in speaking in English and this will help with day to day situations involving numbers, for example shopping and paying with British money and talking about bills, banks and statements.

This course provides an opportunity to help you progress onto an ESOL course that offers a qualification

Eligibility: Adults aged 19+.



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