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Dear Parents

I would like to welcome all parents who are new to our school community and all of us at William Shrewsbury look forward to working with you to support their learning. I am pleased to report that we have had an excellent start to the new school year. Thank you for sending the children looking so smart and ready to learn. I have been on learning walks around the school and seen children who are polite and well mannered, enthusiastic about their learning and kind and helpful towards others. This reflects our school's REACH OUT values which are:

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This half term we will be demonstrating the value of **ca**ring in a number of fundraising events for charity. As well as today's MacMillan Coffee morning, we will be having our annual non uniform day for Harvest (please see information below).

Normally, we try not to ask for money for charity too many times in one term but this year we would like to make an exception and have one extra fundraising day in memory of one of our parents and former pupil, Tammy Minshall, who was a paramedic and sadly died in an accident last term. We would encourage the children to wear green on the last of this half term, Thursday 24th October with a voluntary contribution of £1 to be given to support the local air ambulance charity.

Elaine Curtis
Headteacher



Harvest Week

This year we will be celebrating Harvest during the week beginning 30th September. Instead of asking for donations of produce on Friday 4th October, the children are invited to come in non-uniform clothes in autumn colours of red, green, yellow, brown, orange etc and bring a contribution of money, usually around £1. This year we will be sending our donations to the Burton YMCA who care for homeless people and also run a foodbank for local people who may be struggling on a low income for a wide range of reasons. Please see their website for further information.

We will continue to have harvest themed assemblies throughout that week as usual.



Learning and Growing Together



This year we will be continuing to try to find ways to involve you in your child's learning.

Some of the things you can do at home:

1. Make sure your child completes their homework and offer support and encouragement.
2. Read with your child regularly. This includes listening to them read aloud and also reading books to them and sharing books together. Even the older children love listening to stories and if you choose one that is at slightly harder level than your child can read for themselves it will help develop their vocabulary and introduce them to new ideas and themes.
3. Encourage your child not to give up and to stay positive when things are hard. This applies to all areas of learning including sports and musical instruments. We call this developing resilience and it is a very important life skill.
4. Help your child to learn their times tables. These will speed up all areas of their Maths learning. There are lots of fun videos and songs online which the children enjoy watching.

Dress for success!

Please remember that jewellery is not permitted, apart from watches and **one pair only of plain stud** earrings (not jewels). A few children are forgetting about this.

Hair bands should be plain (no big bows please) and it is our school policy not to permit extreme hairstyles and nail polish.

Traffic and Parking

Once again I feel that it is necessary to ask parents to be respectful to local residents when they are parking in the area around school. While I have no jurisdiction over the highways and I understand the frustration of not being able to find a place to park, I am increasingly dismayed by the abusive and threatening language being used by a very small number of our parents towards local residents as it reflects very badly on our school's reputation. Please help the children to develop our school value of **respect** by demonstrating this to them.

Please could parents also avoid dropping children out of the car on the yellow lines by the school crossing as this is dangerous.

To alleviate the pressure please consider using the walking bus or dropping older children further away from school. This is also a good way of the children getting some exercise!

Epipens and Medicines

If your child has an epipen, inhaler or other medicine in school please make sure that it is up to date and replace it when the expiry date is reached. If you are not sure, please check at the school office.



Home School Agreement/Parent Code of Conduct

The Home School Agreement will be sent home over the forthcoming weeks. Please sign one copy and return it to school and keep the other for your reference. I am also attaching a copy of our Parent Code of Conduct to this newsletter.

Parent Interviews

A reminder that the system is now open for you to book to see your child's class teacher.

Please go to

<https://williamshrewsbury.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy

A reminder about our school Child Protection procedures (taken from page 11 of the school prospectus). 'Parents should be aware that the school will take any reasonable action to ensure the safety of its pupils. In cases where the school has reason to be concerned that a child may be subject to ill treatment, neglect or other forms of abuse, staff have no alternative but to follow County Child Protection Procedures and inform Social Services of their concern.'

The Designated Safeguarding Leads at our school are Mrs Curtis, Mrs Elsmore and Mrs S Salt.

A reminder that school Child Protection Procedures do not cover clubs run by independent bodies but held on school premises, and parents may wish to satisfy themselves that such providers have robust child protection procedures. Please see our [Whole School Policy for Safeguarding Incorporating Child Protection](#) on our website.

Site Security

The safety of the children in our school is of paramount importance. If you are on site to drop off or collect children from school or clubs please make sure you stay in the correct areas and do not go into other parts of the school. Please do not be offended if you are challenged by adults who work in school if they think you are in the wrong place. This is for the safety of all children.

Delivery of items to the School Office

We have had many items delivered to the office at the start of term, such as PE kits, water bottles, coats and packed lunches. Although we are always happy to help parents, we would appreciate it if you could make sure that your child has everything with them at the start of the day. As we do not want to disturb the children's learning and because we do not want to leave the office without staff, it is not always possible to deliver items to children in time for when they are needed. Thank you for your help with this.

After School Clubs

A timetable of all our after school clubs can be found on our website www.williamshrewsbury.staffs.sch.uk.

Please refer to each club letter for dates and timings as there may be sessions not running due to Parents' Evenings or other events.

We still have plenty of places available on our KS1 clubs.

Music Tuition Years 3 - 6

If your child is interested in learning to play a musical instrument at school please contact the office staff who will be able to give you details of lessons. Instrument tuition is available for violin, drums and electric guitar. Many children enjoy learning an instrument and playing in a group.



Parent/Grandparent Helpers

Are you interested in helping out in school from time to time? We would really welcome more parent helpers in school and we particularly need more people to listen to children read. Please contact Mrs Russell via the school office if you can help.





William Shrewsbury Primary School Parent Code of Conduct



At William Shrewsbury Primary School we are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves a partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community. As part of that partnership our parents understand the importance of a good working relationship in order to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. We welcome and encourage parents and carers to participate fully in the life of our school. This notice is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about their expected conduct so we can continue to enable children to flourish and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

Guidance

We expect parents, carers and visitors to:

- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- Demonstrate that all members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour.
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
- Correct their own child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern.
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behaviour.

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school cannot tolerate parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes with the operation of a classroom, office or any other area of the school grounds.
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, or displaying temper.
- Threatening to harm a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- Sending abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communications.
- Defamation of the school or staff character on Facebook or other social networking sites.
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against your own child on school premises.
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of their actions towards your own child/ren.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs
- Dogs being brought on to school premises.

Should any of the above behaviour occur on school premises the school will follow the actions detailed in the "Abusive or Threatening Behaviour" policy which is available from the office. We trust that parents and carers will help in implementing this policy and we thank you for your continuing support.

Please contact the school office if you would like to volunteer to be more involved in school life, be it as a parent helper, member of AFWS or School Governor. We value and welcome your contribution, however large or small.

Elaine Curtis, Headteacher, September 2019