



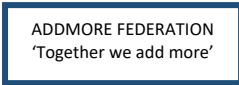
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**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**This Half Term's Value: Respect**

### 'Phrases of Faith'

**Luke 6:31:** And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.



Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter, as we reach the end of the first half of the Autumn term. It is hard to believe that we are approaching the month of November! I would like to take this opportunity to commend all the children for their hard work, particularly in the area of reading which has been our focus curriculum area this half term.

I am delighted to announce that as a reward for their exceptional reading efforts, the following children will each receive a £10 book token:

- Moreton Say Winner: Izzy Goulter in Year 5, who has read an impressive 735,655 words!
- Adderley Winners: Ioannis Bardas in Year 6, who has read 43,316 words, and Martha Jones in Year 1, who has reached the milestone of 1,000 words.

Well done to our Accelerated Reader champions! It is wonderful to see the dedication and enthusiasm they have shown towards reading.

I would like to remind all parents that Accelerated Reader can also be accessed from home using the passwords provided by your child's class teacher. This gives your child the opportunity to maintain their reading progress outside of school hours.

I must also mention the progress made by our emerging young readers in Lawley class at Moreton Say and Chestnut class in Adderley. It is a joy to witness their transition from sounding out to blending, as they begin to develop into readers. We are proud of their achievements and know that they will continue to flourish.

As we approach the half-term break, I would like to wish everyone a restful and enjoyable time off. We look forward to welcoming you all back in November, refreshed and ready for the countdown to Christmas.

With all best wishes, Mrs Henney



### **This week's Star Pupils!**

This week's pupils of the week are:

**Ercall** - Aida McColley Jeffery for developing her self-confidence when talking with others. Aida has settled into nursery really well.

**Lawley** – Louie, for his amazing reading! Louie has taken real pride in his reading and supports his friends with their blending.

**Wrekin** - Harley Whitehead - for having the courage to try new things.

**Caradoc** - Alex Powell, for your improved effort and attitude over the last couple of weeks. Keep it up Alex.

Connor Jones- for trying really hard this week and ensuring that you are doing the right thing. Well done Connor.

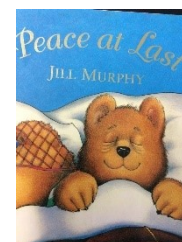
**Stiperstones** – Jamie for having a super half term in Year 5 – well done Jamie!

### **Class News**

#### **Ercall**

Wow we have had such a busy week in nursery so far!

We have been revisiting our pathways story, 'Peace at last' for the last time during our literacy sessions. The children seem to have really enjoyed this topic. We used boxes and tubes to create homes for the bears and we explored coloured bears in the shaving foam and gloop.



On Thursday we created our very own teddy bears picnic where the children made sandwiches and cakes to share- Well done Ercall.



We have been exploring the season of Autumn in provision. Together we created a wonderful tuff tray consisting of straw, pumpkins, leaves, sticks, conkers and acorns. We then explored conker rolling with paint where we discussed colours and patterns throughout.

Finally, we have been creating firework pictures using glue and glitter in preparation for Bonfire night.



Our topic next half-term will be 'The Three little Pigs'.

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break,

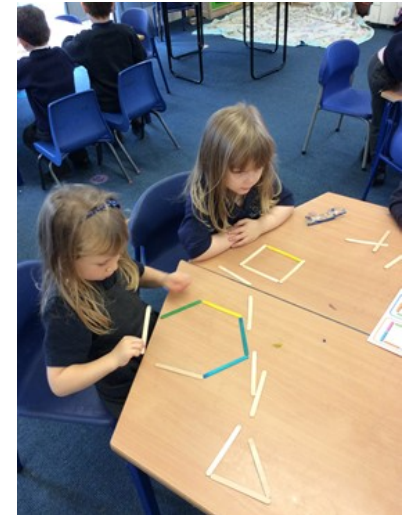
**Best wishes, Mrs Butler and the Nursery team.**

**Lawley**

We have had a great time finishing our design technology topic this half term by creating a junk model city. The children really impressed us with their collaboration, teamwork and kind encouragement of each other. They were able to support each other with their designs to develop a fantastic city. The children were able to safely use a range of tools, experiment with mixed materials and create with a purpose in mind. They were thoroughly engaged in their model making and were disappointed when we had to stop at the end of the day to go home!



This week has been shape week in maths, we have been recognising shapes around the school with our shape walk, describing 2D shapes, creating shapes and building shape patterns.



We can't believe the amount of progress that our reception children have made in their first 8 weeks of school, they have become confident learner who are excited by their achievements. They love to share their success especially with blending to read.

**Reception reading 9:00-10:00 on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.**

We would like to invite all reception parents to a 'meet and read' morning. Parents/carers will be invited to come into class first thing in the morning and read their child's given book with them.

This will be a chance for you to see how we teach reading at school and how you can support reading at home. It is also a chance for you to enjoy some of our reading for pleasure books with you child. We would like each child to have their own adult if possible but recognise that many parents work so grandparents, aunts, uncles are welcome!

**Mrs Rawsthorne and Mrs Arblaster**

**Wrekin**

On Monday we were visited by Lucy, our Mental Health Practitioner who talked to us about feelings and emotions. We explored how some feelings make us feel good and some might not. Afterwards, Lucy worked with a small group of us to discuss feelings further. She is looking forward to working with more of us after half term.

In PSHE we have been exploring how to keep ourselves healthy and safe. This week we discussed why it is important to eat a healthy and balanced diet. We used our cutting skills to prepare a delicious fruit salad to enjoy for our snack at break time.



In Guided Reading this week the Year 2's explored parts of the story 'The Troll' by getting into character and taking part in some role play. After a short rehearsal they put on a mini performance for the Year 1's. We can see some of our class are destined for a future on the stage!

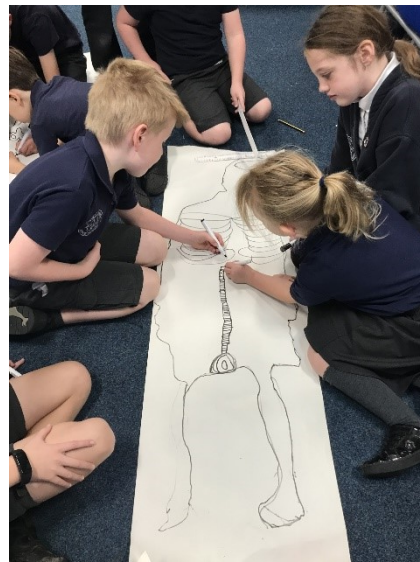
We spent more time outside this week taking part in a short field study as part of our Geography unit. We recorded the weather observed, including temperature, rain fall and wind. We discussed the difference between climate and weather, and agreed that the UK has a temperate climate.

**Miss Jones and Mrs Jones**



**Caradoc**

Caradoc have had a 'Sciencey' kind of week this week and have taken part in lots of fun activities. We started the week by investigating owl pellets! The children (and adults!) found this activity particularly fascinating, and we discovered lots of different bones. Using a key, we were able to identify the different bones from different animals, which included: mouse skulls, hip bones, wing bones, jaw bones, ribs and many more. The children then furthered their bone knowledge by looking closely at the human skeletal system, identifying the 3 main functions as well as various bones. We then looked at how our skeleton aids our muscles in movement, creating working muscle models. The children certainly worked hard and learnt a lot, and most importantly had lots of fun! Well done Caradoc!



**Miss McLaughlin**



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**other news ....**

**Anti-bullying week – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

The Safeguarding Council are helping us 'make some noise against bullying' to support national antibullying week. We are asking all children to come to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November in odd socks to help celebrate our differences. During the week we will be taking part in activities and worships designed to help us come together to have discussions about what we mean by bullying behaviour, how we can tell the difference between 'banter' and bullying and how we can make changes to reduce bullying.

**Children in need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

The Fun and Games Council have been busy planning lots of exciting fundraising activities ready for Children in need. We are inviting everyone to come into school in something yellow, spotty or just comfy for a donation of £1. During the day they will be holding different events and competitions to suit everyone, the council will also be leading a worship to teach us about the importance of helping each other and where our Children in Need donations are going.

Non-Uniform £1

Biscuit decorating at break 20p

Guess how many spots 10p

Colouring competition 20p

Spot challenge - free

Loose change to fill Pudsey

**Young Musicians at Moreton Say**

In our whole school singing sessions over the last two weeks, we have been treated to some live music from Ophelia and Jasper. Ophelia played one of her favourite grade one piano pieces to us and Jasper played a new trumpet piece as well as "Oh When the Saints Go Marching In" (Some of the children recognised this song from our Gospel Songs Medley at Young Voices choir club) They both lead a Q and A session where they answered some tricky questions. It was lovely to hear about their experiences and to get such a good picture of what it's like to learn to play a musical instrument. A big thank you to them both. I'm sure they will inspire more of our young musicians to perform in the future.

**Remembrance Service**

On the Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023, we would like to invite parents and carers to join us for a very special remembrance service. The service will take place at St Margaret's Church, Moreton Say at 9.30am and will be led by Reverend Martin. The children will also be performing songs, reading poetry, and leading prayers of remembrance. We hope you can join us.





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### **Reading News MS**

It has been a wonderful half term for reading across the school. Our children have all shown a great deal of enthusiasm and passion for reading and have collectively been reading lots of books by different authors. It has been wonderful to see reading records being completed at home to show just how much many of us are reading outside of the classroom too ; many merits have been given out to the children in celebration of this. Thank you for your support in this.

Children have also been awarded certificates for taking comprehension quizzes based on the books they have read (Year 2 and above) and here are their amazing achievements.

Across the school we have read a combined total of 3,707,790 words! I wonder if we can beat this next half term!

A super well done to Izzy Goulter who has been gifted a ten pound book voucher reading 735,655 words! A fantastic achievement well done!!

#### **Ready Reader Award (1000 words +)**Dylan Brett

Arianna Kennett  
Alfie Phelps  
Mason Street  
Oliver Ward  
Georgia Winnall  
Tabitha Baxter

#### **Independent Reader (5000 words +)**

Rupert Staley

#### **Rising Reader (10,000 words +)**

Eliza Benjamin  
Millie Preston  
Reuben Sokolov  
Harrison Trevor  
Eve Winnall

#### **Super Reader (50,000 words +)**

Jasper Dutton  
Phoebe Bowden  
April Gillan  
Logan Irvine  
Harry Ritchings

#### **Advanced Reader (100,000 words +)**

Jessica Goulter  
Owen Dutton  
Max Goulter  
Jamie Hollins  
Phoebie Saunderson  
Lu Smith  
Beau Spencer





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**Star Reader (250,000 words +)**  
 William Hunt

**Classic Reader (500,000 words +)**  
 Oliver Goulter  
 Izzy Goulter  
 Ophelia Mottershead

**Gardening Club**

This week there's a new addition to the school in the form of a scarecrow. For our last club of the season the children all worked together brilliantly to create him. Be sure to stop and check out their work, he's sitting just next to reception and you could even greet him by one of his many names: Lucas Molly Poppy Pulley William Teddy Harry Kevkev. He is in need of a hat if anyone has an old one they would like to donate.



Hyacinths for the Holidays: Last week we took some time to plant hyacinth bulbs for the holiday season. We talked about forcing spring bulbs which tricks them into thinking it's time to bloom in the dead of winter. This way we will have beautiful white, heavily fragrant hyacinth blooms ready for the Christmas table with any luck. The children might like to place their pot inside a more decorative ceramic pot or create their own holiday display for them. I would love to see pictures of your festive blooms after the winter break!

**Mrs. Truman and the Gardening Club**

**PTA Autumn Crafts**

For the last day before half term, members of the PTA had the pleasure of coming into school to create some beautiful crafts with the children inspired by Autumn and Harvest. There are mini terracotta pots adorned with bees and ladybirds, pumpkin lanterns for the dark nights, beaded corn and Corn Husk Scarecrows (inspired by the traditions of the Native Americans and Pioneers). Many thanks to all those who helped out it was a brilliant morning.

**Corn Dolls / Scarecrows**

- Corn Dolls are an example of a simple toy that has been created for centuries.
- The type of doll or scarecrow we are creating came from North America, where maize (or corn) is a very common crop. The children and families of Native Americans and the pioneer farmers would have had very few possessions or money to buy toys and so they made the best of what they could find in the fields.
- There are lots of other types of corn dolls, in the UK these are created as part of the Christian festival of Lammas. These are used to say thank you for the Harvest and as a symbol of good luck for the next one.







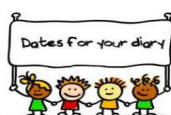
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**Secondary School Applications**

If your child is transferring to secondary school in 2024, please ensure you submit your online application by **31<sup>st</sup> October**. Any applications received after the closing date will be classed as late.

**Moreton Say Diary Dates 2022 – 2023**



**OCTOBER**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – PTFA Annual General Meeting – 9.15am**

**NOVEMBER**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Service, 9.30am

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day

**DECEMBER**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Break The Rules Day

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – PTFA Winter Disco

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – R to Yr6 Visit to Pantomime

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Reading, 9.00-10.00am

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Church Service, 9.30am

**JANUARY**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Young Voices





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**and finally....**

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging you and you family to stay safe this Bonfire Night and Halloween.

There are several ways you can ensure your family is safe while enjoying bonfires, fireworks and trick or treating.

We advise you to visit an organised event rather than having a bonfire or setting off fireworks yourselves, however if you do decide to celebrate at home please take a lot our advice for safe handling of fireworks and bonfires here [www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/campaign/bonfire-and-firework-safety](http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/campaign/bonfire-and-firework-safety).

We also work closely with other organisation to ensure you have the most up to date safety advice and information.

StayWise has some fantastic advice for Halloween and you can check out their top tips here [Halloween Safety Advice | StayWise](#)

If you're concerned about teaching your children the dangers of fireworks, or not sure what to do if your child suffers a burn or scolded, the child Accident protection Trust (CAPT) has some great advice and you find a host of information on their website [here](#).

Extras:

Useful link-

[Burns first aid | Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](#)

[Firework safety for children: Lessons for little ones \(capt.org.uk\)](#)

[Firework safety tips: How to have safe fireworks at home \(capt.org.uk\)](#)

[How to buy fireworks safely UK: A Fireworks buying guide \(capt.org.uk\)](#)

**Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service** **STAY SAFE THIS BONFIRE NIGHT**

When using sparklers:

- Always wear gloves
- Only hold one sparkler at a time
- Don't give sparklers to children under 5-years-old
- Put them in a bucket of cold water when finished with





- o *Would you like to know more about your child's development?*
- o *Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?*
- o *Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers?*



## **UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS**

The groups are delivered Virtually via MS Teams or Face to Face at a venue in Shropshire.  
All you need for the virtual groups is an email address and an electronic device, and we will talk you through the rest.

SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities.  
No formal diagnosis is needed.

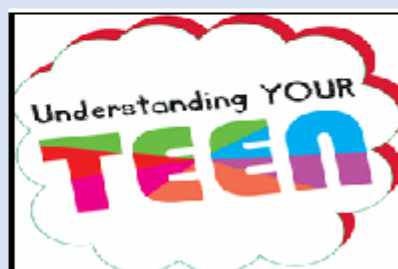
**Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 until 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
from 12.30pm to 2.30pm in Shrewsbury, venue to be confirmed.**

**Understanding Your Child starts Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 until 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams**

**Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 until 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024  
From 12.30pm to 2.30pm Virtually via MS Teams**

There are no sessions during the school holidays.

To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by:  
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- *Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?*
  - *Does your child struggle with their sleep?*
- *Would you like to access support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines?*
  - *Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?*

## **SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOP**

The workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shrewsbury. All you need for the virtual groups is an email address and an electronic device, and we will talk you through the rest.

Our workshops run for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

**Starts on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from 09.30am to 11.30am**  
**in Shrewsbury, venue to be confirmed.**

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 Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

