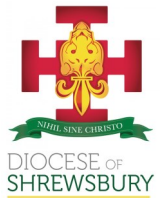




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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the last day of Half Term 3, and we've hit the halfway mark in the school year! It was a delight to mark this day with our Reception pupils' very first assembly all about love. It was such a wonderful performance full of joy, and the children impressed us all with their confidence and professionalism in saying their lines. They reminded us of the scripture of St Paul to the Corinthians, telling us what love is, and retold the story of St Valentine. A message we can all take away from their lovely assembly is the power of love, letting our own lights shine in all that we do, and (in the words of The Beatles), 'All you need is love!' What a marvellous example of our school mission! Thank you to Miss Butterfield and all the staff in Robins who have supported the children in preparing for this very first performance.

When we return from half term, we will be in the religious season of Lent. Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, please see the parish newsletter for details of Masses.

Thank you again for your support of the sponsored walk - please use the just giving page to donate if at all possible, otherwise cash into school. Can we put a deadline of the end of the first week back so that we can do a total raised? Many thanks

May I wish you all a fantastic half term break.

Mrs J Pearson

Mini Police



Hello,

We are the Mini Police and we are here to inform you that we are focusing on trying to keep our school as clean and tidy as possible.

Today we have gone litter picking and noticed that there is a lot of litter so please ask your children to put their rubbish in the bin.

We walked around the outside perimeter of the school grounds today and collected enough litter to fill an entire bin bag!

Thank you

Sophia, Sophie, Daisy, Larry, Billy, Lyas, Grace, Aiza, Oliver and George L

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Attendance

Driving up attendance and tackling persistent absence is at the centre of new stronger measures by the DfE and their 'Moments Matter' campaign which was launched in January.

From next term we'll let you know how the attendance of our school is going on our weekly newsletters, and where possible show you a comparison to national attendance. We have relatively strong attendance at St Monica's, but we can have a very spiky profile, with certain weeks much lower than the national average. This campaign has a powerful slogan 'moments matter', as from the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child.



#AttendanceCounts

Outstanding Debt

The School's Financial Year End is 31st March 2024.

This is a polite reminder to please pay your ParentPay outstanding debt before 31st March 2024. Your account must be at £0.00 please.

It is really important that you clear your balance before this date as any debt is charged to School by Warrington Borough Council. We are not a debt service.

Any further payments made on to the system after the cut-off date will be for future meals.

I will be sending regular weekly reminders to you and phone calls if necessary to clear any balances before the 31st March cut off date.

Thanking you in advance and I appreciate your support with this matter.

Spring 2 Clubs

The clubs on offer for Spring 2 have been sent to you via School Spider. Please also find them on the next page for your reference. The Google Forms are scheduled to go to you at 7pm on Sunday 18th February.

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Spring Second Half Term Clubs Monday 26th February 2024 – Thursday March 28th 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>KS2 – Netball Club Mrs Campbell</p> <p>Mondays 3.30pm – 4.30pm</p>	<p>KS2 – Film Club (Limit to 15 children) Miss Hackwell</p> <p>Tuesdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm</p>	<p>KS1 – Drum Club (Limit to 15 children) Mrs Kelleher</p> <p>£10 for the half term* Wednesdays 3.30pm – 4.15pm</p>	<p>KS2 - Homework Club Mrs Rowland</p> <p>Thursday Lunchtimes 12.30pm – 1.00pm</p>	<p>KS2 - Cross Country Club Miss Lambert</p> <p>Fridays 3.30pm - 4.45pm</p> <p>Club open to new members</p>
<p>KS1 and KS2 – Boxing (Limit to 16 children) External Club</p> <p>£5 per person per lesson Mondays 3.30pm – 4.30pm</p>	<p>KS1 – Drawing Club (Limit to 15 children) Mrs Sisson</p> <p>£10 for the half term* Tuesdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm</p>		<p>KS2 – Y5 and Y6 Book Club Miss Williams</p> <p>Thursday Lunchtimes 12.30pm – 1pm</p>	<p>KS1 French Club (Limit to 15 children) External Club Mrs Hind</p> <p>£30 for the half term Paid direct to provider Fridays 3.30pm – 4.30pm</p>
	<p>KS1 and KS2 – Taekwon-do (Limit to 40 children) External Club</p> <p>£8 per person per lesson Tuesdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm</p>		<p>KS2 – Y5 and Y6 Coding Club (Limit to 10 spaces) Mrs Rowland</p> <p>Thursdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm (For 2 weeks)</p>	
			<p>KS2 Junior Choir Mrs Pearson</p> <p>Thursdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm</p>	

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My Happy Mind - *NEW Parent App

My Happy Mind is the resource we follow which proactively teaching children about positive mental health behaviours. They have upgraded their parent app and you have free access to this whilst we subscribe as a school. This gives you access to things that match with the things the children are learning about in school, and helps you support your children at home using the same language and tools.

Please see the information below, and a poster with the QR code is also on the school notice board outside.

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/myhappymind/id6471412523>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.kj138126.app&hl=kr>

If you have already created an account, you will be able to sign into the new App straight away.

Our school access code is: 111322.

The graphic features the myHappymind logo at the top, followed by the text 'Download your FREE myHappymind Parent App'. Below this, three smartphones display the app's interface, which includes a 'Click the wheel to spin' feature and a 'My Library' section. To the right of the phones is a QR code and the text: '...An online resource to support you and your family to learn more about how you can use myHappymind to support your child.' At the bottom, there are three colored boxes: a green box stating 'myHappymind for Parents' and 'Exclusively for parents with children at a myHappymind School or Nursery.', a red box showing a smartphone, and a purple box stating 'I learn all about what your children are learning in school'. Below these boxes, the text reads 'YOU WILL NEED THIS AUTHENTICATION CODE TO SIGN UP' followed by the code '111322' and a dashed line for input.

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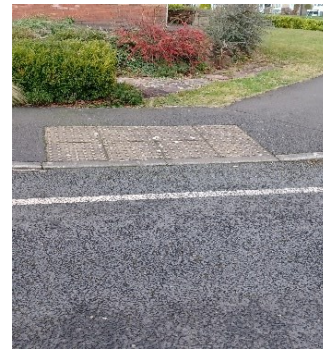


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We have received numerous complaints from residents regarding parking during School picking up and dropping off times. We know parking is difficult during these times, but safe and respectful parking is paramount for the safety of pedestrians and School Children.

Please refrain from causing any obstructions including blocking footpaths, parking on yellow zig zags during times specified, parking across drop kerbs with tactile designed for public crossing.

Local officers will be issuing fixed penalty notices for any vehicles causing obstruction.



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Our school is working with the public libraries in Warrington to help them collect overdue library books. If you, or any of your family have any library books at home that need returning, please bring them into school with you and give them to your teacher. Any fines you may have on them will be cleared.

Thank-you 😊

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