



The Mordiford Mail



Thank you again for all of your support at the start of this new academic year. After our first full week back I am really pleased to say that the children have been brilliantly behaved, shown great maturity, kindness and fantastic attitudes towards learning. We are really proud of them all.

Normally, in these first couple of weeks we would be holding a Meet the Teacher session to provide information and build relationships at the start of the year. At this stage of the pandemic it is not possible to organise the face to face sessions, so each class teacher will provide you with a presentation by email, and also attach it to the class page of the school website (which are currently being updated). Whilst our new drop off and pick up work very well we are conscious that we do not get the chance to chat so we are also offering a chance for a quick telephone call with your child's teacher if you feel there is a particular question that you would like to ask or some information that you wish to share. Please contact the school office if you would like a quick call with a teacher next week, they will then contact you at a convenient time. Equally you may be contacted by your child teacher if they have something that they wish to discuss with you. Later in the term we will be holding a more formal Parents Meeting when you will be offered either a video or telephone call to discuss your child's progress.

Have a lovely weekend. Kind regards, Miss Finney

New Members of the Team

We are pleased to welcome Miss Hannah Edmonds to the staff team. Hannah is working in the office as an apprentice administrator to strengthen the support that the office provides the school. Hannah will most likely be your first point of call if you ring the school and we know that you will make her feel welcome and support her in these first few weeks as she settles in. The admin email address is checked by 3 members of staff, please see office hours below to help you with your communication.

Monday: 8.00-4.30

Tuesday: 8.00-4.30

Wednesday 8.00-3.30

Thursday 8.00-4.30

Friday: 8.00-3.30

Mrs Leonie Griffith is recovering from the accident that she had before the summer, we keep in regular touch and are looking forward to her return to school once she is fully fit. Miss Zoe Reed is working in Year One to support the children with Mrs Oakley. She has been a very positive addition to our team.

Miss Reed is a PGCE graduate so we are lucky to have her with us for a few weeks.

Breakfast and Twilight Club

We are pleased to say that Breakfast Club and Twilight Club are running again, the children have been enjoying the experience and been very sensible about keeping in class bubbles.

Both clubs **must** be pre-booked. Cut off for booking is 23:59 on Wednesday for the following week. Breakfast Club drop off is between 7.45 am and 8.00 am and Twilight Club **only** has 1 pick up at 4.30pm. We have had to be more rigid about our timings to be able to operate the clubs safely, we appreciate that this perhaps makes things a little more challenging for some parents but promise that we will keep all of our procedures under review as the term progresses.

Our Christian Value this half-term is Hope



This rainbow was made at school by our key-worker children during Lockdown.

"Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today."

– Thich Nhat Hanh

New Interactive Boards



Monnow and Wye Class are enjoying using their new interactive boards that were fitted over the summer break. You can see Monnow using the Power Maths programme that Y1-Y6 are using for the first time this year. There are interactive activities for the screen and text books to support progression in the children's maths skills.



Remember that to help us keep safe we need to wash our hands frequently, that grown ups cover their faces if they can't keep apart and we need to keep a good space between us.



Important notice

Reception admissions for 2021-2022

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017?

If so you will need to apply for a school place by **15 January 2021** (to commence September 2021)



Applications can be completed from 14 September 2020 online at: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/reception-class-admissions

Please note: a place at a nursery does not guarantee a place at the associated primary school, therefore you must still apply.

For further information please contact the school admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk

@hfdscouncil

herefordshire.gov.uk

Free School Meals

If you think you are eligible for benefit related free school meals, you can now apply online. The form can be found here: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/xfp/form/263>

Prayer Corner

Jesus, help our hands to do all things loving, kind, and true. Jesus, guard us through this **day** In all we do and all we say. We give you our **school**. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here, We give you all the children who study here.



Amen

2020-2021 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Term Starts: Thursday 3rd September 2020

Remote Parent Meeting Week: Monday 12th October-Friday 16th October

Half Term: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2020

Term Ends: Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Terms Starts: Tuesday 5th January 2021

Half Term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2021

Term Ends: Thursday 1st April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Term Starts: Tuesday 20th April 2021

Half Term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th May 2021

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2021

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Samuel

**Virtual PTFA
Meet and Greet**

**24th
September
2020 7:30**

We would love to welcome everyone to a virtual chat for old and new members to come bring ideas, interact with friends or just listen in to what we have planned over the next year for our school and funding. We will use the Zoom platform so please download the App.

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7366632725?
pwd=OXQ1Nm1acWNlY1dVT05uMDlGaEZHZz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7366632725?pwd=OXQ1Nm1acWNlY1dVT05uMDlGaEZHZz09)

Zoom ID: 736 663 2725 Password: 7n5fGD

Please see the following information sent to us by the MASH Team...

There has been a recent incident at the skate/BMX park off Westfaling Street, Hereford HR4 0JG. The incident involved two young people requiring hospital treatment after consuming energy drinks that were allegedly given to them without knowing that they contained class A drugs (amphetamines in rock form).

Of course, it is inevitable that children local to the area have access to the park, however, we are aware that children from other parts of the county access it too, due to it's popularity and new course layout. Therefore this information needs to be shared more widely than the local community.

SCAM

All schools in Herefordshire have been contacted by West Midlands Police asking us to make families aware of the scam below which is currently circulating the area...

Typically the scammers will pretend to be from the police, and tell callers that their bank cards have been used fraudulently. Often the callers have stated that they are from the MET police, but they have been known to claim that they are from West Mercia Police, MI6 or the fraud squad. They will often say that they have the offenders in custody.

Usually they will then ask the victim to call the Police to confirm that the call is genuine, in doing so, they will 'hold the line', so the victim believes that they are calling the Police, when in fact they are still on the line to the offenders. They will then encourage the victims to hand over their bank details, including their PIN which they will often ask them to enter into the keypad of the phone.

Following this they will say that the cards are needed and send a courier to collect them. Sometimes they will ask the victims to give a password which the courier will use to make it appear more genuine. Consequently the offenders have been able to withdraw money from victim's accounts.

More recently the scammers have asked for the person to go to the bank and withdraw the cash. A courier will then come and collect the money from that person.