



The Mordiford Mail



Welcome to our first edition of the Mordiford Mail of this new school year. We are very pleased to welcome 17 Reception children into our school family. They have made a wonderful start to school and considering that they have had less experience in nursery and that we couldn't offer any visits in the summer term, they have been incredible. We are very excited to get to know them better in the next few weeks. We also thank you so much for all your support to get the children back to school, they all look really happy, have settled extremely well and are very smart in their new school uniforms. We know that we continue to be living in challenging times as we learn to live with the coronavirus pandemic, however I can't express

enough how lovely it is to have the school full of children once more. Thank you for your brilliant support throughout the pandemic it has been such a team effort to get to this point. If you do have any concerns about your child, post lockdown that you wish to make us aware of please do get in touch as it will help us to ensure that we have the right pastoral support in place. And finally after years of waiting and planning and more waiting and planning... we have our car park. Thank you for your patience as we get used to using it effectively, it is already making a big difference. Thank you to Herefordshire Council for securing the funding and managing the project and to Owen Pell for completing the car park in readiness for the new year. Have a great weekend. Best wishes, Miss Finney



Absence in school

If your child is unwell please phone the school office on 01432 870258 by 9.00am to report your child absent. We have a strict 48 hour policy for diarrhoea and vomiting. It is vital for the wellbeing of all pupils and staff that you adhere to this policy.

If your child has any of the following symptoms please do not send them into school until you have followed the Governments guidelines.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

2020-2021 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Term Starts: Thursday 3rd September 2020

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

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>

Nut Aware School

We are a nut aware environment to support the welfare of pupils and a staff member who have severe allergies to all nuts. Exposure to nuts by smell, touch or ingestion can lead to severe allergic reaction, which has the potential to bring about anaphylactic shock.

Our school lunches are provided by AIP which is already a nut free company. We are recommending that when you send food into school, for packed lunches, birthday/class treats, cake sales and other snacks, you please consider their content carefully.



Prayer Corner

Dear God,

At the start of this new school year we come to you in prayer Lord.

We ask you to help our children experience peace this year.

We pray they will not worry about things they cannot control, but that You will guard their hearts and minds and keep them trusting in You.

... In Jesus name we pray.

Amen



Breakfast Club and Twilight Club

Breakfast Club will be restarting from Monday 7th September from 7.45am. All places **must** be booked in advance—we will not be accepting walk ins. Spaces can be booked up until the day before via ParentPay.

Twilight Club will also be starting again on Monday 7th September however, club will only run until 4.30pm. It is vital that children are collected on time. Please do not be late.

PE with Adriano

Adriano is following the same Government Guidelines as we are and will be returning to school with us as of next Tuesday 7th September for PE with Monnow, Arrow, Teme, Frome and Pentaloë. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit.

His after school football club will not be running for the foreseeable future, we will of course let you know as and when this changes.

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

Lyla, Alexandra, Lake and
Charlie