



The Mordiford Mail



Chair of Governors

Our chair of Governors, Rev Chris Moore, has stepped down from his duties as Chair. I would like to say a huge thank you to him for his support throughout his time as Chair and I am glad to say we will still continue to receive his ongoing support as he will remain a trustee of Mordiford CE Primary School.

I would like to welcome to our new Chair of Governors Christina Harris. Below is a little bit about Mrs Harris...

"My name is Christina Harris.

I live in Holme Lacy and worked at the local primary school for 30 years until it closed in 2012.

I have a granddaughter who attends Mordiford Church of England Primary School. I have been a school Governor for the last five years and have recently become the Chair of Governors.

As chair my responsibilities will be to lead the governors to work as an effective team ensuring that we set a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school and work with the head teacher to promote and maintain high standards of educational achievement."

Mrs Harris can be contacted through the school if you wish to get in touch with her at any time.



Elklan

Herefordshire Council's Early Years Team has joined with Elklan to create two fantastic toolkits for supporting young children's speech, language and communication development. There is a toolkit for parents/carers and one for professionals, both full of great advice, fun activities and top tips, covering all aspects of communication and language. From listening, attention and understanding, through to spoken language, there is a wealth of useful and practical information for families and for anyone working with 0-5's.

Both toolkits are now live on the WISH website and can be found by on [WISH Herefordshire Speech and Language Toolkits](#)

Reminder

Please remember all lunches for after the Christmas holidays must be booked by Wednesday 16th December.

Our Value this half-term is Freedom

"Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes."

— Mahatma Gandhi

Prayer Corner



Admissions

Herefordshire Council's admission process for primary school reception class school places 2021 opened for applications on 14 September 2020, for children who were born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017.

Applications can be made online at: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/reception-class-admissions

Further information is available from the council's school admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk.

Please note that late applications may result in a child **not** being offered a place in a preferred school. Parents and carers must still apply for a reception class place, even if they already have a place in the nursery associated with their preferred school.

The closing date for applications is **midnight on 15 January 2021**.

Virtual Carol Concert

Following our participation in the Cathedral Carol Service for 2020, please find below the link to gain access to the live event at 6pm on Monday 14th December 2020. It will remain on the website so can also be watched later.

<https://www.herefordcs.com/event/article/herefordshire-and-diocese-schools-carol-concert-2020>

Stars of the week



Head teachers Award

Grace you have really impressed everyone this term with your hard working attitude and caring nature towards your friends and classmates. Well done.

Kindness Award

Twilight Club staff have nominated Lydia for her kind and thoughtful manners in the club. Thank you for being a great role model Lydia.

Millie (Yr R)

For being a good friend to others and looking after her friends when they need help. Thank you Millie.

Blayne (Yr 1)

Thank you Blayne for trying really hard with your phonics this week. You are starting to apply your knowledge in your writing and reading. Keep focused in order that you make progress.

Charlotte (Yr 2)

You really have been trying hard over last few weeks to pick up and improve the pace in your work. It's making a big difference. What we have also really noticed is your beaming smile too. Keep smiling.

Leo (Yr 3)

For always having a hardworking and positive attitude. I can always count on you to set the standard and ask inquisitive questions. You are a joy to have in the class. Thank you!

Amelia (Yr 4)

For being so enthusiastic and engaged in all of your learning. You always work to your best and are keen to share ideas in the class, always with a smile on your face! Thank you, you are a joy to teach.

Oscar (Yr 5)

For always bringing a smile to the faces of everyone in Frome Class. Your enthusiasm towards all the tasks we undertake is fantastic to see and you are a great, caring friend to your peers.

Isaac (Yr 6)

For being a great addition to our class and school, for settling in so quickly and confidently and for a great attitude to learning. We think you are great!

Christmas Cards

Teme Class have had fun designing Christmas cards this week and have shared them with their class friends by uploading them to their seesaw accounts as we are not allowing physical Christmas cards to be handed out amongst children this year.



Winter Mini Challenge

The Winter Mini Challenge is back! Just like the Summer Reading Challenge the Winter Mini Challenge is aimed at children ages 4-11 and encourages children to keep reading over the Winter period.

This year's Challenge has teamed up with the publishers Knights Of to highlight how everyone is a hero!

The Winter Mini Challenge is run through the Winter Mini Challenge website. To take part children simply read three books of their choice over the winter holidays, adding each book to their Winter Reading Challenge website profile and leaving a short book review.

Books added to the website during the six week Mini Challenge period will unlock special rewards including a certificate and a virtual badge.

Families can order library books and audiobooks for free to pick up from one of their Click and Collect Libraries.

The Winter Mini Challenge starts on Tuesday 1 December 2020 and finishes on Friday 15 January 2021.

2020-2021 Term Dates

Autumn Term 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

Week beginning 10th May KS2 SATS assessments

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2021

E-Safety over Christmas

LGfL are hosting a series of free Facebook live drop ins on Wednesday evenings in December to help parents keep their children safe on devices and online over Christmas and answer any questions you may have.

Please see below links for more information.



Hugo

Please see next page for pictures of our Christmas activities this week...

