



Parent Visits

Thank you to all the parents who came for the 'Drop-in' visits this week and who stayed for the 2 presentations about Maths and Behaviour management, I hope you found the mornings informative. We will be repeating these presentations on **Wednesday 22nd November at 6pm** for those parents who couldn't attend. We will also make them available on the website.

Going 'Over and Above'

Mr Fair explained at his meeting with parents that part of our positive management of behaviour is about recognising children who 'go over and above' for their school, teachers and friends. After a long and very busy half term, I need to recognise our **amazing teachers and TLAs** who have all gone 'over and above' in so many ways this term. I feel very privileged to work with such a professional, hard working and dedicated team. Going in and out of classes over the last 2 weeks to witness the high expectations that staff set for children and the excellent climate for learning that they create has been a real pleasure, thank you Mordiford team!

PTFA

Another important 'Shout out' goes to our **incredible PTFA team** who have been unstinting in their support for the school this half term, in just this one week they have provided refreshments for the 2 'Drop-in' mornings & the Open Afternoon, they have organised (with Reception and Y1 parents) for a special treat for Y6 buddies, helped with the Spooky Disco and organised the international buffet today. Thank you PTFA Team – you certainly have gone 'over and above' for our school, we are hugely grateful for your support!



Sunshine Radio

Thank you to Mrs Hartiss, who recommended Mordiford CofE Primary School as 'School of the Week' on **Sunshine Radio**. Today, 4 excited children were interviewed for the radio show. Our school will be 'School of the Week' with the interviews being broadcast w/c **Monday 6th November between 4:30-4:45pm** every evening that week. If you miss the show, the interviews will be saved onto a podcast so you can 'catch-up' later!



Thank you

A special mention must go to **Danika Shaw** who has been the driving force chairing our PTFA for 4 years – Thank you so much for your energy, creativity and unwavering support and help, you are a diamond! Danika continues to support the PTFA but has now passed the reins to Rosie Jarman who brings a similar energy and lots of ideas to the team. We look forward to working with you all.

Tempest Photography

Tempest photography will be coming in on **Monday 6th November** to do individual photos. Please ensure that your child is wearing **full school uniform** on Monday. If your child is due to have PE on Monday, please send them in with their kit as they will be getting changed before their lesson.



UN International Day

What a wonderful whizz around the world we've had... to France, Malawi, New Zealand, with visitors sharing stories about India, China and East Africa (thank you Mrs Wang, Mrs Kaur Boyal and Mrs Coppock) and dance experts teaching us some new moves (thank you Danika and Ellie Rose with the Diwali dancing). Just having this little insight to different cultures helps our children understand that we have varied life experiences depending on where we go.

We are looking forward to the international food at the end of the day!



Secondary School Applications

Please remember that the closing date (for secondary applications for 2024 intake) is midnight on 31 October 2023.

The portal link is [Apply for a School Place \(herefordshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk)

Eco Committee

The Eco-Committee would like to make an environmentally friendly world inside and outside of school. They would like to plant as many bulbs as possible for us all to enjoy in the car park to welcome spring next year. They are asking if parents and carers could please donate some bulbs for us all to enjoy and could these be delivered either to the office or to Miss Glover (Year 4).

Spooky Disco

Thank you to Mrs Rowlatt who led the team organising our fabulous Spooky Disco, I have been to many school discos and can confess that they are not normally top of my list for a good night out, BUT last night's Disco was excellent! You should be extremely proud of your lovely children who were a pleasure to 'party' with. The spontaneous 'conga' dance started by Aiden then Imogen in Y6 showed a wonderful camaraderie and friendship and was joyful to see!

I'm sure the children are exhausted now – have a wonderful half term break everyone!



School Council - Children in Need

The school council have come up with an exciting new fund-raising idea and will be hosting a **Talent Show Friday 17th November at 13:30**.

Children in KS2 are invited to audition to be in this Talent Show. Acts could be : Singing, dancing, gymnastics, poetry recital, magic tricks, drama etc. Acts must be no longer than 2 minutes. Anyone wishing to be auditioned for the show must sign up on the sheet located outside Year 4, with their name and the title of their act.

Auditions will take place starting on **Friday 10th November**. **We anticipate hosting a maximum of between 10-15 acts.**

Prayer Corner

We thank you Lord, for this half term.

For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Help us to appreciate what others do for us and to give time and effort to help others.

Amen

Dates for your Diary



Date	Time	Event
Mon 30th- 3rd Nov		Half term holiday
Mon 6th Nov	All Day	Tempest School Photos
Mon 6th Nov	13:30-17:00	KS1 Parent Meetings (R, Y1, Y2)
Tues 7th Nov	All Day	Y3, Y4 and Y5 Green Spider (see letter for more info)
Wed 8th Nov	13:30-17:00	KS2 Parent Meetings (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6)
Thur 9th Nov	All Day	YR, Y1, Y2 and Y6 Green Spider (see letter for more info)
Fri 10th Nov	09:00-09:30	Remembrance Service led by Y6 Holy Rood Church
Wed 15th Nov	09:00-09:30	Y4 Class Assembly
Wed 15th Nov		Nasal Flu Vaccine for Children
Thur 16th Nov	09:00-09:30	Y3 Class Assembly
Tues 14th Nov	09:00-9:30	Parent Forum with S Warmington Q & A
Fri 17th Nov	All Day	Children in Need
Wed 22nd Nov	18:00 - 19:00	Parent Information Session (Maths and behaviour management)
Tues 12th Dec	15:15-16:30	Autumn Music concert
Sat 2nd Dec		PTFA Christmas Fayre
Thur 30th Nov	09:00– 09:30	Y2 Class Assembly
Wed 13th Dec	All day	KS1 Theatre Trip - Jack & Beanstalk
Thur 14th Dec	09:30- 10:30	KS1 Nativity - Dress rehearsal in Holy Rood Church
Thur 14th Dec	13:30-14:30	KS1 Nativity - in Holy Rood Church
Wed 20th Dec	9:30-10:30	KS2 Rehearsal Christmas Service in Holy Rood Church
Wed 20th Dec	13:30-14:30	KS2 Christmas Service in Holy Rood Church
Thur 21st Dec	All Day	KS2 Theatre Trip - Lion, Witch & Wardrobe
Thur 21st Dec		Last day of term 1