

## **Letter week 4**

We are delighted with the successful start to our Autumn term. Here are some reminders and notices for the coming weeks.

### **Reminders**

A reminder that this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October is a **Mufti day** in support of Severn Hospice, and we have a **Special School American Diner Lunch** on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Please book and pay through Parent pay for these events. See our calendar dates on the reverse of this letter.

### **Lates**

Our morning registers close at 8:45am. Please make sure your child has arrived before this time, or they will be marked late. We have an Attendance Award each week for the best classes.

### **Covid testing**

As per national rules, if you have any of the three main symptoms for Covid-19 you are required to get a PCR test and isolate whilst awaiting the results. We must have proof of a negative test before a pupil can return to school.

### **New Home/School contract consultation**

We attach our new draft home-school contract that lays out our joint responsibilities. We want to launch next term, but would like your voice. We greatly value the partnership between our parents, pupils and school staff and it is essential to allow every child to flourish- it is the basis of our school motto: *"The ones who plant and the ones who water work together as a team with the same purpose."* **1 Corinthians 3:8** If you have any comments on it, email them on Parent Pay.

### **Adventure Trips and Visits**

As mentioned last week we have planned a series of Adventure trips for all pupils. The Value Champions (new School Council) asked for the school to arrange more adventurous trips and experiences as this is something they have really missed during lockdown. The trips will build on our core value of friendship, developing class trust and teamwork and support our curriculum theme of **'How can we live together?'**

We want every child to experience these adventures and apply their skills to real life situations.

**Year 6 Love2Stay Adventure: Kayaking, paddleboarding, bushcraft and Assault course: 6PD Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October and 6C Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Year 3 and 4: Wrekin Forest School including: archery, bush craft cooking, woodcraft and many more: Year 3 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Year 4 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Year 5 Grinshill Rock Climbing with Arthog Outreach: 5G Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and 5M Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

For all the Adventure Days, children will need warm clothes, a bag of spare clothes (Y6 need a towel in case they fall in) and a packed lunch. **CHILDREN WILL GET MUDDY**, so please do not wear or bring anything valuable.

In the future we will look to book similar experiences throughout the year, aiming to give you more notice, but these trips have taken a long time to book due to popularity.

We have priced up all trips to reflect their cost, and although payment is voluntary, we want every child to go, so we need everyone to contribute. Payments can be staggered over the coming weeks using Parent Pay. If you are unable to pay, you need to contact the office.

### **Flourishing In action**

Well done to Miss Brennan for living out our school values by bravely completing the 3 Peak Challenge. She persevered with her team to climb Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Mt Snowdon in 24 hours! An amazing achievement and she has raised a lot of money for the charity 'Mind'!

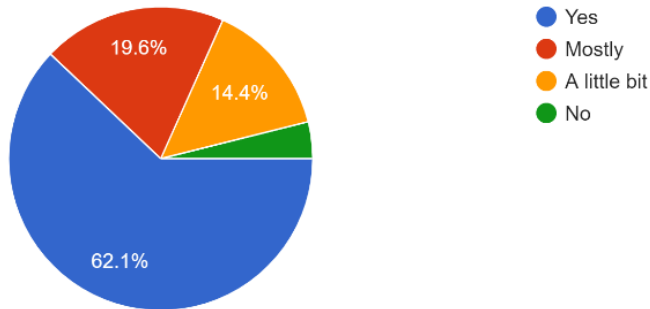
**Parent Voice Survey-** [Please click here to complete our survey](#)

## Pupil Voice

Some highlights from our recent Pupil Voice survey.

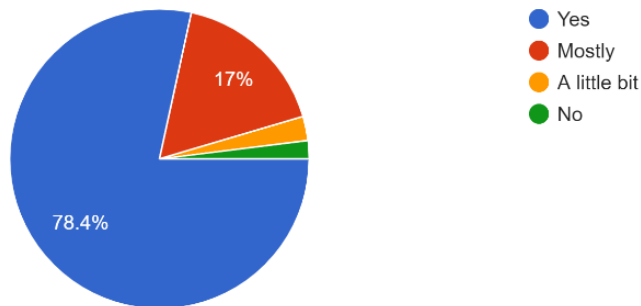
I enjoy coming to school

153 responses



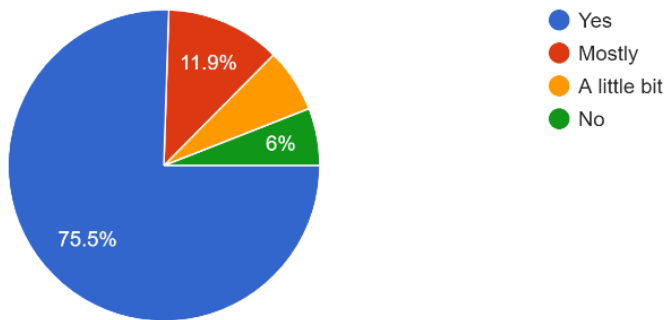
I am proud of the progress I have made

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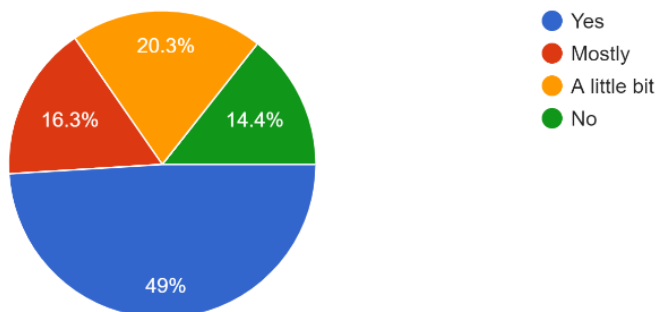
I feel safe at school

151 responses



I read at home

153 responses



We will be working with the Value Champions to work on this feedback.

New Dates underlined: I have coloured coordinated it to make it easier to read.

All	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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Friday 1st October: Mufti Day We will be raising funds for the Severn Hospice on Friday 1st October. Please donate via Parent Pay to this amazing charity.

WB 4th October: Black History Month Workshops for all pupils. (Proud To Be Me theme)

Wednesday 6th October Year 6 Mayan Day- A visiting History company will be teaching us all about the ancient Mayan civilization! More details to follow.

Thursday 7th October: American Diner Special Lunch!! Please use Parent Pay to book!

Monday 11th October Year 3 Stone Age to Iron Age Day

Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th: Bikeability for Year 6 for those that have booked.

Tuesday 12th October Year 4 Romans Day

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October Y6PD Love2Stay

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 6C Love2Stay

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October Year 3 Wrekin Forest School

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October Year 4 Wrekin Forest School

**Harvest Festival Open Afternoons** (more details nearer the time)

• Year 6 Monday 18th October 1:45- 2:30

• Year 5 Tuesday 19th October 1:45- 2:30

• Year 4 Wednesday 20th October 1:45- 2:30

• Year 3 Thursday 21st October 1:45- 2:30

**Friday 22nd October Staff PD Day:** Please note that school will be closed for this PD day.

**Parents/Carers and Teacher meetings:**

• Thursday 4th November 3- 6pm -all classes

• Friday 5th November 1- 4pm all classes. Please note school will close early at 12:30pm on this Friday to facilitate these meetings.

Friday 12th November Children In Need Mufti

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 5G Grinshill Rock Climbing

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 5M Rock Climbing

Christmas Week and Dinner WB 13<sup>th</sup> December- More details nearer the time.

**End of term**

• Friday 17th December End of the Autumn term.

• Tuesday 4th January 2022 Spring term PD Day

• Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January - all pupils return for Spring term.



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## Home-School Agreement 2021-22

As a school we will:	As a parent/carer I will:	As a pupil I will:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>provide a safe, inclusive and happy environment where all children are valued, respected and listened to</li> <li>provide excellent teaching and an engaging curriculum to meet the needs of all our children</li> <li>provide as much support as we can to help your child flourish and meet their full God-given potential</li> <li>provide opportunities for your child to practise what they have learnt in school at home</li> <li>regularly share the progress of your child, through Family Seesaw, messages home and regular parent consultation meetings</li> <li>achieve high standards of behaviour by providing opportunities for children to develop positive social relationships, self-esteem and a sense of responsibility</li> <li>nurture the spiritual development of our children and develop respect of other faiths, world-views, cultures</li> <li>encouraging all children show a positive attitude to others, regardless of age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief, sex, marriage or civil partnership</li> <li>respect the confidentiality of information regarding each child</li> <li>provide information to you about our school, including relevant policies, meetings, workshops, and events by keeping our website <a href="#">up-to-date</a>, sending letters via ParentPay and updating our calendar of events at regular intervals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>make sure my child attends school regularly and arrives at school by 8:45am wearing school uniform (or PE kit on the appropriate day)</li> <li>let the school know of any concerns or worries that may be affecting my child's learning, behaviour or ability to do home learning, as this can then be resolved quickly</li> <li>support the <a href="#">schools</a> Christian values by encouraging my child to develop strong friendships, build perseverance and resilience and inspire them with hope and ambition.</li> <li>attend meetings with my child's teacher and other staff, aiming to be positive and productive, working towards moving my child on in their learning</li> <li>support and work with the school to ensure that the behaviour policies of the school are maintained</li> <li>respect the confidentiality of each child</li> <li>regularly log in to Family Seesaw to monitor my child's progress and celebrate their successes.</li> <li>Use <a href="#">MyOn</a> library and other reading material to encourage my child to read <a href="#">regularly</a> each week</li> <li>adhere to national Covid restrictions, isolating and getting tested if needed.</li> <li>keep the roads around school safe, not driving up to the gates at drop off and collection.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>come to school regularly and on time</li> <li>wear my school uniform (or PE kit on appropriate days), be tidy in appearance and hygienic</li> <li>follow the school's core values by being a good friend, persevering when finding things hard and being hopeful and optimistic for my future.</li> <li>follow our golden rules:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We listen carefully to others when speaking</li> <li>We treat others with respect and understanding</li> <li>We follow adults' instructions</li> <li>We accept responsibility for our own behaviour                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We own up to any mistakes</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>be responsible for my school and home learning by completing my work on Seesaw</li> <li>use <a href="#">MyOn</a> e-library or other reading resources to read independently at home 4 times each week.</li> <li>take good care of the school building, equipment and school grounds,</li> <li>reflect on my behaviour and learning and learn from all experiences</li> <li>tell a member of staff if I am worried or unhappy or feel unsafe.</li> </ul>
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