



Dear Parents and Carers,

This term's value is Respect, and as such the children and staff have been working hard on having high expectations around school. The more children believe that you think they can do something, the more they will believe in themselves. Having high expectations does not just mean giving pupils work that is academically challenging. High expectations relate to their behaviour, their attitude to learning, the presentation of their work, how they treat others, and so on - the whole pupil. Read more about our school values [here](#).

In their writing, children have been developing their ability to edit their work- by reading through their finished piece, checking for spelling, grammar, and presentation, they can correct and create a final 'polished piece'. Some children in Otters have been using dictionaries to ensure their spelling is accurate, and some thesauruses to make better word choices in their sentences. Children in Squirrels have been ensuring their letters are formed correctly, using their Kinetic letters, and reading their sentences to check they make sense. Please have a look at our writing information page [here](#) to see our year group spelling lists and handwriting guides to support your child with this at home.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Our School Day

We open the school doors at 8.40am and school starts promptly at 8:50am. Children who arrive after 8:50am without good reason will be marked as Late. Children who arrive after 9.30am without good reason will be marked as *Late after the Register Closed*. This means that their attendance for the morning **will not count**, even though they are in the building. For all pupils, school finishes at 3.00pm.

Attendance



Our children in Badgers have loved interacting with the therapy bunnies this week! 🐰

WORSHIP

The Value this term is **RESPECT**

Respect Value Day: On Friday 9th February we will be exploring the value of Respect through various activities. We will be learning about how we can respect our environment, our wildlife and each other. As such, we will be inviting Shropshire Wildlife Trust in for Forest School and also enrichment coaches in for Olympics themed lessons on sportsmanship. **Please can you send your child to school in their PE kit for this day and bring a change of forest school clothes to use on the day too.** It will be a fully loaded day!

Illness or Medical Appointments

Please let us know by 9am if your child is too ill to come to school. We need a call for every day of absence. Try to arrange medical appointments before or after school. If you can't do this, please let us know of all appointments in advance.

If we do not hear from you, we will try to phone you or any of the contacts you have given us. If we cannot make contact, we will send a text and/or email letting you know that your child is not in school, and that we may make a Safe and Well Check at your home. If your child is off school and we cannot talk to you, absences will be unauthorised. We will continue to try and make contact to find out the reason for the absence and will try and support you if there are problems we can help with.

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Events at a glance:

- Choir trip to Young Voices:** Monday 5th February
- Respect Value Day:** Friday 9th February (**come to school in PE kit!**)
- Half term holiday:** Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024
- PD Day: (Children not in school this day)** Monday 19th February 2024
- Spring term 2 begins (children return to school):** Tuesday 20th February 2024
- Chester Zoo Trip for Reception - Yr 6:** Thursday 29th February 2024
- Easter Service in Church:** 9:30am Wednesday 20th March
- Easter Holiday:** Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April 2024



NEWS

[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.

