



# Woore Primary and Nursery School Newsletter 19.1.24

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## Message from the Governing Body



The governors met this week for what we called a “visioning” session. Following the successful Ofsted inspection, we wanted to think about how we would like to see the school develop over the next one to three years. The staff have undertaken a similar exercise and parents have also been asked for their views. We are grateful to everyone for their responses, which will be collated and considered as we make plans together for what we expect to be an exciting future. We will share the outcomes with you as they take shape.

## Late Collections



## Late Collection

We have had a few persistent late collections from school at the end of the school day recently. I would like to remind parents that children must be collected at 3.15 unless they are booked into after school club. If collection is not made promptly, your child will be sent into after school club and parents will be charged for the first hour.

### Prompt exit after school

Once parents have collected children at the end of the school day, please could parents/children exit the playground as swiftly as possible as recently we haven't been able to let the after school club out onto the playground until all parents have left the site. Thank you!

## Missing Items



Our resources in some areas seem to be depleting and in some cases have disappeared completely! We know children sometimes like to squirrel things away and hide them in their pockets because they have taken a fancy to them. Please could you check at home for any of the following items:

**Fidget Toys**-We bought 50 new toys in December and they have all disappeared

**First aid ice packs**-None left, these are quite costly for a 'one use' item!

**Anything glittery/appealing**- gems, shiny things, fairy house items from class 1 (only a few fairy items left-all recently bought)

### Missing Little Wandle Books

We also have a number of Little Wandle reading books missing from our collections. We have a set of 6 for each book which we use in school and at home. When one book goes missing, this restricts what we are able to provide for the children. Please take a look at home to see if you have any of these books around and return them to school as soon as possible.

## Warhammer Sets

Our Warhammer lunch club continues to prove to be a popular club for the children. However, we are running out of resources for this now after being up and running for some time. If anyone has any spare sets or parts of sets at home that they no longer want, we would love it if you could donate them to the children to use in the lunch club. Please pass onto Mr Davies if you are able to support with this.

Thank you!



## Measles

*Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Shropshire soon.*

*Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Spending 15 minutes with someone with measles is enough to get the virus. Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet, fading after 5 to 6 days. If you've not been vaccinated against measles, you can be at risk, but it's most common in young children. Someone with measles can spread the virus up to 4 days before a rash appears, and up to 4 days after.*

*Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure you and your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.*

*If you are unsure if your child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations, you can check their Red Book (personal child health record) in the first instance. If you are still not sure, or if you need to bring your child up to date with their vaccines, you should contact their GP practice to check and book an appointment.*

*If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room. More information on measles can be found [here](#) and information on the MMR vaccine can be found [here](#).*

# Measles

IT ISN'T JUST A LITTLE RASH



Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children.

## Healthy Snacks



It has been noticed recently that many children are bringing in unhealthy snacks for playtimes. Please could parents/carers ensure that snacks for playtimes are healthy, such as yoghurt, savoury biscuits/bread sticks, fruit and cheese. Thank You!

## Happiness Club Information

In the autumn term we had a visit from Katie from the Happiness club. During our four week Happiness Programme for the children, Katie taught a range of techniques and strategies to help children to:

- Cope with all the new challenges that they face
- Learn to deal with their emotions effectively

Following on from this, teachers and teaching assistants have received staff training to ensure an understanding to the approaches used and how to implement these in class. Having

discussed this further as a staff we will be working with the children on the following approaches:

- **Each class to have a happiness jar where children can add all of their happy feelings about something**
- **During the day we will be playing 'The Glad Game' which is a list of everything to be 'glad' for in a short space of time, e.g. 30 seconds/1 minute**
- **At register time we will practice our 'tummy breaths' (two hands on tummy, breathe deeply in and out) to practice how to 'cool down' if we feel anxious**
- **During special weeks, such as Well-being week, we will create a jar of options for children to do something nice for other children**

**We would love parents/carers at home to ask your children EVERY MORNING to focus on '3 Good things for the day' to help your children focus on 3 positive things to look forward to.**



## **Get Cycling into Schools**

Shropshire's primary schools have been invited to take part in a new cycle training pilot that will give teachers and teaching assistants the skills to deliver basic off-road cycle training,

Shropshire Council has been chosen to take part in the third phase of the Bikeability Trust's In-School Cycle Training Pilot and is now offering schools the opportunity to get involved.

This pilot project will train staff – free of charge – to deliver the following as part of their PE curriculum:

**Balance bike training** – aimed at nursery, reception and Year 1 students this uses games to develop cycle handling and awareness skills on balance bikes. It teaches children fundamental movement skills to be able to progress to pedal bikes.

**Cycle training** – prepares pupils for accessing Level 1 and 2 Bikeability training, and ranges from learning to ride two-wheeled cycles independently, to developing cycle handling and control skills on pedal cycles in traffic-free environments.

All schools taking part will receive six balance bikes and helmets free of charge.

This pilot project is fully funded by the Department for Transport and supported by the Department for Education.

Further details can be found here: <https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2023/07/schools-invited-cycle-training-pilot/>

**This week Miss Ashley and Mrs O'Dowd have attended the training and we have already received our 6 free balance bikes! We will let you know when we have everything ready to go to get the children riding bikes safely.**



## Rags2Riches Collection



We will shortly be having another collection of items which you no longer want and wish to donate to the 'Rags2Riches' charity. **The collection will be on the last day of term on Friday 9th February.** Please save your items ready for collection. Bags will go home soon for you to use.

## Lost Property



We seem to have accumulated another full box of lost property. Please come and check the box in the reception area in case your child has lost something. Thanks

Hot Chocolate Friday







A very big well done to all the children who have gone 'Over and Above' in the last few weeks.

Well done also to Louie!

## Daily Mile Star



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## Noticeboard

### Basketball

It's the first event in the British Basketball calendar, and you can be part of the 9,000 crowd in the spectacular surroundings of **Utilita Arena Birmingham** to enjoy the all men's Semi Finals action live.

Taking place on **Saturday 27th January**, the day includes the Final Four showdown and will decide the top two men's teams to compete the following day in the Trophy Finals, alongside plenty of sensational entertainment courtside.

**Book your £5 tickets here:** <https://shopbritishbasketball.com/products/trophyprimary>

To add tickets, click Add to Cart, then you can increase your ticket request to the desired numbers.

Schedule

2.30pm Doors Open

3.30pm Men's Semi Final 1

6.00pm Men's Semi Final 2

8.00pm Doors Close



# Shropshire Community Clothing Bank

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Dear Reader,

Thank you for taking the time to read through this!

With my twelve year old Son, Elliot, we are in the process of setting up a trial clothing bank. Think of food banks but for clothing instead.

You can read my initial post on Facebook about what we are looking for on [facebook.com/shropshirecommunityclothingbank](https://www.facebook.com/shropshirecommunityclothingbank). It will also be helpful that you [like, share, follow and invite your friends](#) to this page as well, whether they are Shropshire based or not. The more the merrier as they say!

Primarily we are looking for volunteers to help with the event and a potential date of 2<sup>nd</sup> March has been proposed. We need a venue, preferably on a bus route and ideally somewhere that will allow us to use the venue for free.

Even though this is named as 'Shropshire', because of our geographical location, we need to run the first one in North Shropshire to help with our logistics. To give you an idea, this roughly covers Shawbury to Whitchurch. **This is to hold the event only, people from outside this area are willing to come and be part of the event, whether to volunteer or to take advantage of the free clothing.**

Subsequent to the original post on Facebook, we also need storage space and storage containers, clothes rails, coat hangers, flyers/leaflets printed (and leaflet drops), willing volunteers to go to certain places to advertise the event such as local swimming pools/supermarkets (stand in the foyer and give out leaflets) and if anyone can assist financially, then costs will include, potential hire fees, printing, travel expenses, refreshments (see post), storage BUT we really do want this first event to be as **cost free** as possible so we can get it up and running and make subsequent events even better.

A significant proportion of our population use food banks and there is substantial publicity that surrounds them but perhaps we forget that although we need food to survive, we need clothes too. In particular, families of growing children can find clothing costs overwhelming, some are fortunate (if that word can be used) to rely on 'hand-me-downs' for their children, but what about them for ~~themselves~~ themselves?

Shropshire has a rich, rural image but there are many in our county community that struggle and there is a growing amount of people who may have reasonably good jobs and are seen to be reasonably well-off but underneath are finding financial life harder and harder and the choices they have to make become more profound. "What do we cut this month to buy new school shoes?", "What can we cut over the next couple of months to buy new winter coats?" Does this sound familiar?

Contact us today without delay:  
[shropshireCCB@outlook.com](mailto:shropshireCCB@outlook.com)  
or Facebook Messenger

Thank you once again for reading this and we look forward to hearing from you!

Sam and Elliot 😊



