



Dear Parents & Carers,

Whilst not completely finished (there are ongoing mock exams which are not exam hall based), well done to our year 11 pupils for their fantastic approach to the exams! We absolutely understand that exams can heighten nerves and of course are rarely events that pupils really look forward to, but they are part of school life (and beyond!) and so exposure to exam practice is hugely beneficial. Well done all!

It is that time of year where there are lots of coughs, colds and illness which are impacting on all schools, Church Stretton included. Further to the usual cases of illness, I wrote to you this week to let you know of cases of Scarlet Fever in our school community. As a school, we are of course aware of reports in the news about an infection called Strep A and Scarlet Fever and our understanding is currently that it is very rare for people to get extremely sick from these. Please rest assured that we are following advice from Public Health, as all schools will be. Do look out for other letters from us therefore, which may share other additional important information.

Next week is the last week of autumn term, featuring Christmas lunch on Tuesday and then we say 'bon voyage' to the year 11 history pupils and staff who accompany them, as they leave for a fantastic trip to Berlin!

For remaining pupils and staff, the week ends on Friday 16th December at the usual end of school day. Finally, with the weather becoming colder, we have to think of potential for disruption caused by snowfall. You will shortly receive a letter to explain the procedure, should we have to close the school in the case of poor weather. Please do read it carefully as there is important information you will need to know as parents and carers. Worth pinning to the fridge!

With best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

13th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

15th - 19th December - Year 11 Berlin Trip

16th December - End of Term

Flu Immunisation

On Wednesday 11th January 2023 the immunisation team will be in school to administer the Nasal Flu immunisation to years 7, 8 and 9.

A consent form has been sent home with your child. Please return by Friday 16th December 2022.

Christmas Lunch

On **Tuesday 13th of December**, we will be having our annual traditional Christmas lunch. A vegetarian option will also be available. Please note Christmas lunch will be the **only** lunch time option available on this day.

Appointments

We appreciate that pupils may need to have appointments during the school day, please could we ask that we have prior notice and a copy of the appointment card/letter. Thank you.

School Uniform

Please can we remind students of the following:-

- Students are allowed natural hair colours only
- Nail varnish and false nails are not permitted
- Students are allowed to wear a watch but no other jewellery other than a single pair of studs - no smart watches
- Clear retainers must be used for nose piercing

Next Week is
WEEK B

Christmas Lunch



Tuesday 13th December



Join us in the dining room for...

Traditional Christmas Lunch

Meal Deal £2.60

Roast Turkey with all the trimmings.

Quorn Fillet with all the trimmings.

Selection of Festive Puddings



On Tuesday 13th December, Christmas Lunch will be the only lunch time option available.

Break time items will be available as normal.

Church Stretton School Chrome book leasing programme



The Chromebook leasing scheme was launched last week, which you will have received a letter and flyer about, which explain how the programme works, the specification of the Lenovo 300e Gen3 Chromebook that is available for purchase or lease and details of how to order the device. The Lenovo 300e Gen3 Chromebook's are ordered through, and supplied by, Freedom Tech, which is a technology leasing company that provides students with access to the latest devices in a way that is cost effective. Should you have any questions about the device or how the purchase/leasing scheme works please contact Freedom Tech via email: tech4learners@freedomtech.co.uk or by phone: 02038575632.

By joining this programme students will have a School ready device exclusively for their own use at home, with 3-year extended warranty, accidental damage, and theft insurance, both with £0 excess for a one-off payment of £448.92. Orders can be placed using the portal at www.tech4learners.co.uk, you can logon by providing your email address, the username: **CSS22** and password: **S3cure02!** The portal is open now and the deadline for orders will be Saturday 10th December and the first direct debt payment will be taken on Sunday 25th December. We would expect delivery of the devices to be in early January.

Joining the programme is optional, we are simply offering parents/carers the chance to purchase a 'school ready' device that we know would have all the necessary software installed, antivirus protection and security settings to keep students safe. There is no financial gain to Church Stretton School from this scheme and we have worked with several technology suppliers to negotiate the most favourable price. We understand that this cost may not be easily affordable which is why a leasing option is available via monthly direct debit payments over a range of payment terms in addition to the option of outright purchase, for example 36 monthly payments of £14.15. At the end of the leasing period, you will have full ownership of the device. Further details of the programme and the payment options available can be found on the portal at www.tech4learners.co.uk.



APPRENTICESHIPS AND SEVERN TRENT INSIGHT WEBINAR

14th December
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Calling out Parents, Teachers and Careers leaders: Do you want to hear more about Severn Trent and our amazing Apprenticeships opportunities? **Join us on the 14th Dec 6pm – 7:30pm** for our Insight Webinar and learn more about the wonderful world of opportunities available for your young people.

This will be a great opportunity to find out key tips and information on how to successfully support a young person to apply for one of our apprenticeships programmes.



Scan the QR
code to join
the meeting

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PARENTING HELPLINE

**available on
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am to 12.30pm
Call us on 01743 250950**

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. Shropshire Council's Parenting Team is here to support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

Do you have any questions around child development and parenting?

Why not call our Parenting Helpline where one of our trained

Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.

(Please note the Parenting Helpline will not operate between Christmas & New Year)

If you have concerns about a child's safety or well-being please call

First Point of Contact 0345 678 9021



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SHROPSHIRE ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

Long Mynd Music Academy

PRESENTS



Christmas Holiday Club!



**MUSIC ~ SINGING ~ DANCING
DRAMA ~ YOGA ~ ART ~ CRAFT**

Film Club

Add Film Club:
3-5pm each day
Just £5 extra!



**MONDAY 19TH -
FRIDAY 23RD DECEMBER**

**TIME: 9AM - 3PM
WHERE: THE ACADEMY,
CHURCH STRETTON
COST: £25 PER DAY**

South Shropshire Gymnastic Club



Christmas Classes

Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th

December

9:30am -12:30pm (age 5-16yrs): £18

9:30am-10:30am: (age 3-5yrs): £6

OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS

Non-members contact Caroline:

07769151649/ssgymnasticclub@btinternet.com

Limited spaces available, please book your space ASAP!

(Classes @ Ludlow
College Sports Hall)

