



Dear Parents & Carers,

The spring term has started well and pupils have settled back in to school life seamlessly.

On Wednesday, year 11 pupils received their mock GCSE grades in a way to simulate the actual results day in August. Pupils have been talking about these grades since with their teachers and I am sure at home too. Thank you to parents and carers for your support in this crucial stage in year 11 and we look forward to talking with you about how further improvements can be made at the year 11 Progress Evening on 19th January.

With the year 9 foundation exams commencing on 23rd January, Year 9 pupils should be engaged in revision to prepare and demonstrate what they know, remember and can do. Later in this term, year 9 pupils will begin to think about the subjects that they might pursue in Year 10 / 11 through the 'Pathways' process. More about this important time in year 9 will follow over the next few weeks, so please do look out for this so that you can talk with your child about the decisions they might make.

Finally, parents & carers of year 8 pupils have been sent a letter regarding a geography trip opportunity for students to visit Borth as part of their upcoming geography studies on coasts in May 2023. Fieldwork is an important and enjoyable aspect of geography and we are excited to be able to offer such a visit which would bring the theory to life!

Have a good weekend!

John Parr
Headteacher

Next week will be WEEK A

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.

Upcoming Events

- **Thurs 19th January** - Year 11 Progress Evening
- **Mon 23rd January** - Year 9 Foundation Exams start
- **25th January** - Year 11 Hereford Taster Day 12-3pm

Lunch Money

Please can you ensure that you top up your ParentPay account for school lunches. There is also a top up machine in the lunch hall where students can use coins or cash.

Maths Support - Free Lesson on Percentages

I am running a free online lesson on basic percentages on Monday 16th January at 7.30pm. Percentages are a huge part of the GCSE and exam questions are often not answered well despite pupils feeling confident about them.

You can sign up for this lesson by completing this form: <https://dashboard.mailerlite.com/forms/158757/76452808439629667/share>

If you would like any further information please email me at:

hello@mathswithmrsmack.co.uk

Mrs Mackechnie

Sporting News

PE Extra Curricular Timetable can be found [here](#)

The PE timetable can be found [here](#)

Please can students collect lunch passes for their PE lunch time clubs from the PE office at the start of the week. Students can then show this pass to enter the queue on first calling.

A reminder that students who cannot take part in PE should always bring a note and their PE kit to take part in other roles.

Last weeks sporting results

U16 Hockey team match - We took the U16 boys hockey team to the County Championships to represent Church Stretton against some of the top schools in the county.

Our first game was against Shrewsbury School who we beat 6-0- a tremendous score against such a prestigious sporting school. Our second game was against Ellesmere, a tough game but well-matched ending in 1-1. Our final game to go through to the semi finals was against Wrekin College a very physical team but we came out on top with a 1-0. This meant we were through to the semi finals, currently at 2nd place, to play Adams Grammar who were 1st place in the other pool. They were a well drilled team and unfortunately after a couple of opportunities we just weren't able to score, ending in a loss 4-0 result. Meanwhile on the other pitch Ellesmere had just beaten William Brookes. We ended in a 3rd draw (out of 8 schools) with William Brookes overall, narrowly missing out on the top two sports qualifying for regionals. The boys should be extremely proud of themselves, the target was to play as a team, and that we did. The boys are entered into the 7s County tournament in upcoming weeks where we will try again to qualify for regionals.

Goals:

Iwan Faulkner 3

Sean Crumpton 2

Will Doley 3

Oliver Hughes 1

Managers Man of the match: Sean Crumpton



Sports Tour- KS3 only

You may have received a letter inviting your son/daughter to attend the sports tour in July. We are planning a trip to Manchester with plenty of activities including: a stadium tour, a sports match vs local school and watching a sports match. The deadline for the deposit is Friday 20th January- this is to be paid on ParentPay.

Upcoming Fixtures:

17th January - KS3 Boys and Girls Basketball

25th January - U12 County Cup Girls Football

1st Feb - U13 Netball District Comp

4th Feb - Shropshire Schools XC

8th Feb - KS3 Boys Rugby

8th Feb - U15 District Netball

15th Feb - U13 County Netball

27th Feb - U13 Boys hockey

XCountry NOTICE

X country Club has now moved to a Tuesday after school. this runs 3.30-4.15, if you would like to attend you must have consent to go offsite which is on ParentPay.

Would you be interested in representing the school in XC? The Shropshire Schools County Championships is being held 4th Feb. Entries will be sent in the next week- please email Holly.hodnett@csschool.co.uk if you would like to enter.

Primary events and CSS leadership

Already this half term the local primary schools have visited CSS to take part in the indoor athletics competition. We have 10 teams competing for a place to represent the south area in the county school games final. Our fab team of year 8 leaders trained for the event and led on each activity with confidence. Well done to St Lawrence girls and Ludlow boys who are through to the next round!



Sports Leadership Continued



The year 8 leaders were trained by Ryan Lockley from Shropshire cricket to lead in an indoor cricket event. The event was well attended with a maximum of 4 schools taking part, the leaders were once again very organised and positive, representing themselves and CSS well. The pupils loved the competition and developed their skills during the morning. Well done to St Lawrence team for coming in first place.



PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE		Meeting Point - Make sure you are at the designated meet point by 12.20(lunch) or 3.20pm (afterschool)
Mon Lunch	KS3 Netball (HAH)	PE Office
	Girls Rugby ALL YEARS (HAH)	Changing Rooms by drama
	Hockey ALL YEARS (MW)	Sports Hall Changing Rooms
Mon After School	Boys Rugby ALL YEARS (RB)	Changing Rooms by drama
	Table Tennis (HAH)	PE Office
Tues Lunch	Fitness Club/Gym (RB)	PE Office
	Years 9, 10 & 11 Boys Football (RB)	
Tues After School	X Country Running Club (YG +HAH)	Changing Rooms by drama
	KS4 Netball (HAH)	
Weds Lunch	Basketball squad training (RB)	PE Office
Weds After school	Year 7 & 8 Boys Football (MN)	Changing Rooms by drama
	Badminton KS3 (PW)	PE Office
Thurs Lunch	Leadership Training Session- invite only (ABE)	PE Office
Thurs After School	Basketball all years (RB)	PE Office
Fri Lunch	Badminton KS4 (PW)	PE Office
Fri After School		

Joining a club can help you: Improve skills, fitness & social skills. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Hodnett or Mr Barham.

Extra-curricular activities Spring term 2022-23					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	<u>Yr</u> 7/8 STEM Club (YG) B4 SCHOOL CHOIR – ALL YEARS KS3 Netball (HAH) <u>Yr</u> 11 Further maths Club (LSC) R7 Debate Club	DT catch up Y5/Y6 Table Tennis (HAH) Fitness Club (RB) Year 8 and 9 Drama Club	French Club (NP) G6 KS3 Coding Club (DC) B8 Film Club (PW) W5 KS4 Netball (HAH) Squad Basketball (RB) Rock band (TR) Music room	Sports Leadership club (AB) Badminton KS3 (PW) Year 7 Drama Club Art Workshop B10	Y11 GCSE Spanish Listening Practice Badminton KS4 (PW) Sign Language Club LS W6
After school 3.20 start	Monday night noise (Rock band) Rugby Club (RB) All years Girls Rugby (HAH)	Homework Club (JG) W1 Years 9, 10 & 11 Boys Football (RB) Running Club All Years (YG)	Chess Club (EH) W2 Years 7 + 8 Boys Football (MN)	Homework Club (JG) W1 Dungeons & Dragons Club Y1 KS4 Drama Workshop Basketball all years (RB)	KS4 Art Portfolio Workshop TBC KS4 Drama Rehearsal

PE Activities

Drama Activities (Studio)

Art Activities (B10)

Music Activities (B9)

Other Activities

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you and your family had a lovely Christmas break. As the new year begins, we have collated a range of books that cover a range of reading ages and topics of interest which your child may like to read.

[PiXL English Reading January Newsletter](#)

As usual, we're delighted to be collaborating with two fabulous authors to give you an even wider selection of book recommendations. You and your child can watch Darren Simpson and Phil Earle talk about their suggestions by using your phone to scan the QR code next to their photos. We have some of the selected books in the library and will be ordering more in the next week.

With the wide variety of books showcased here, we hope that you may be able to select some that your child might enjoy as we approach the festive season. Please note that unless otherwise stated, the texts are suitable from Year 7 and up, but please do research/ read the books before selecting them to ensure that they are appropriate for your child.

In addition to exploring the books mentioned in this newsletter, you can encourage reading in other ways too. For example:

- Find out what your child is curious about, or takes an interest in, and look at books around these topics.
- If your child struggles with reading and this poses an obstacle to their enjoyment, explore the blurbs of books and select a couple to try on audiobook. You can often borrow these for free from your local library too.
- Support your child with reading for purpose. You could read recipes and cook some of these over the Christmas break.
- Also, we're pleased to introduce our new **Curriculum Reading Lists for KS3** which can be found alongside our knowledge organisers on the school website. Here you can find reading that will deepen students' knowledge of the texts they are studying and the wider world:

[Year 7 Knowledge Organisers and Reading Lists](#)

[Year 8 Knowledge Organisers and Reading Lists](#)

[Year 9 Knowledge Organisers and Reading Lists](#)

Whatever you and your child choose to read, we hope you enjoy it, and we wish you a great start to 2023!

Kind regards,

Mr Balmer
Head of English

Church Stretton School Lunch Menu

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
LOADED TRAY £2.00	Marinated Chicken Potato Wedges Fresh Salad	Sausage & Mashed potato or chips Baked Beans or Peas	Chicken Herby Diced Potato Fresh Salad	Vegetarian selection Curly fries Fresh Salad or Baked Beans	Chicken nuggets Chips & Curry Sauce or fish & chips, peas or beans
HOT POT £2.00	Pasta with Sauce Garlic Bread	Curry with Rice Naan Bread	Hot wok Noodles & prawn crackers	Curry with rice & naan bread	Pasta with sauce
GRAB & GO	Jumbo hot dog Pizza Slice	Hot Filled Wrap Pizza slice	Beef burger Pizza Slice	Chicken epic Pizza slice	Hot filled wrap Pizza Slice
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
LOADED TRAY £2.00	Marinated Chicken Herby diced potato Fresh Salad	Big breakfast Bacon, sausage, egg, hash brown, baked beans, mushroom, toast	Chicken or pulled pork, potato wedges, fresh salad	Fishcake, crispy potato, baked beans or fresh vegetable	Chicken nuggets Chips & Curry Sauce or fish & chips peas or Baked Beans
HOT POT £2.00	Pasta with sauce & garlic bread	Curry with rice & naan bread	Pasta or noodles with sauce	Curry with Rice Naan Bread	Pasta with Sauce
GRAB & GO	Beefburger Pizza Slice	Hot filled wrap Pizza slice	Jumbo hot dog Pizza Slice	Chicken Epic Pizza slice	Hot Filled Baguette Pizza Slice

All items above are subject to change and availability.

Week 1 menu starts week commencing Monday the 16th of January. Week 2 menu starts week commencing Monday the 23rd of January. The food menus will then alternate weekly.

Pasta pot – Please note **ONE** option will be available from the following choices (when on the menu): Tomato & Basil Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Tomato Meatballs, Carbonara, Baked Beans, Cheese.

Rice pot – Please note **ONE** option will be available from the following choices (when on the menu): Chicken Tikka Curry, Chicken Korma Curry, Sweet & Sour Chicken or Spring Rolls, BBQ Chicken, Thai Curry, Sweet Chili Chicken

Pizza slice – Please note **ONE** vegetarian and **ONE** meat option will be available from the following choices: Margherita (v), Pepperoni, Ham & Pineapple, Meat Feast

Fresh salad available daily for all Grab & Go items free of charge.

Hot Pot and Loaded Tray are available as part of a **MEAL DEAL** (Hot Pot or Loaded Tray, Carton or Bottle Drink and Saver Cookie/Cake).

We also offer a Deli bar that serves made-to-order wraps for £2.10, Soup of the Day with a roll for £1.50 and Jacket Potatoes for £1.00 with a topping for an extra 70p. The Soup and Jacket Potatoes are also available as part of a **MEAL DEAL** (Soup or Jacket Potato, Carton or Bottle Drink and Saver Cookie/Cake).

If you would like to find out about other services the Parenting Team offers please email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call us on 01743 250950



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



SHREWSBURY COLOUR RUN

LingenDavies

1st APRIL 2023

5k



REGISTRATION COSTS

ADULTS	£23
CHILDREN	£8.50
(12 and under)	

Family tickets available,
see website for details

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1ST APRIL 2023



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JOIN US FOR OUR 2023 COLOUR RUN

Described as the happiest 5K in the world.



COLOUR RUN PACKS

Packs include:
T-shirt
Sunglasses

THE IMPORTANT BITS!

- It would be great if adults could raise £50 and children £25 but we realise this may not be possible for everyone, so however much you are able to raise is appreciated. You can raise funds from asking people to sponsor you, holding a bake sale or dress down day, or any fundraising idea you can think of!
- Anyone can participate.
- To sign up fill out a registration form which you will find at www.lingendavies.co.uk/event/colourrun2023



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