



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to The Link at the end of what has been another busy week in school.

For year 11 pupils, there are now only **59 school days** until the final exam series begins! Class teachers have shared targeted and specific areas to work on which will be supported in school and through homework, but must be the focus of additional work at home. We can't stress enough how important it is that pupils are engaged in a timetabled revision plan and are checking with their teachers for help or to guide them on past paper questions.

On Tuesday of this week, we were pleased to host a Primary School Tag rugby competition. This was expertly organised by Ms Dillon, School Games Organiser and saw 13 teams entered with 110 pupils from our local area with our Church Stretton School pupils acting as sports leader officials supporting the games. It was another amazing event with children thoroughly enjoying the afternoon.

Over the next fortnight we look forward to welcoming parents and carers of 7X teaching groups for their Progress Evening on Thursday 02<sup>nd</sup> February, with the 7Y Progress Evening taking place the following Thursday, 09<sup>th</sup> February.

Finally, you will have received a letter regarding the industrial action planned for 01<sup>st</sup> February. You will also be aware that there are other dates on which the NEU have planned industrial action, therefore we will be exploring the implications of teacher strikes on the other planned dates and keeping you informed of any impact on pupils in due course.

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 2nd February** - Year 7X1 and 7X2 Progress evening
- **Thurs 9th February** - Year 7Y1 and 7Y2 Progress Evening

### Save the date

Year 11 Prom **30th June 2023**

More details to follow

### 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.

### Late Students

A number of students are arriving late into school. Please can we remind parents that students need to be in school by 8.45am latest.

Thank you.

### Whole School Attendance

from 16th—20th January

**Caradoc** 92.5%   **Hazler** 93.5%  
**Ragleth** 93.1%   **Lawley** 90.6%

# 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

The U13 boys went away to Wrekin College to play in a Triangular against Wrekin and The Marches. Two well-known Rugby specialist schools. Our year 8s have been training extremely hard in after school sessions in preparation, and played some brilliant Rugby, making lots of tackles. Unfortunately, we could quite match the opposition in either game. The lovely after-match teas softened the blow for the team.

Mr Barham's player of the match- Dan Bill - creating and scoring tries.

Our netball teams are now coming into a busy time of year with district and county tournaments imminent. We had a training match friendly for our year 8s and 9s Vs Ludlow. Our Year 9s have been doing netball in PE lessons and this has certainly made an impact, with our girls beating Ludlow 7-5

Our 8s have been training regularly and played against a very strong opposition holding their own but just couldn't find the net, resulting in 5-0 loss- plenty to learn here.

Mrs Hodnett's player of the match: Ella Roberts Year 9- fantastic shooting



## Upcoming Fixtures:

**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

## Sporting Success

Well done to Elsa Lovelock who has won an individual silver and team gold in the Shropshire County Cross country event at Attingham. This means for the second year in a row she has qualified to represent Shropshire at the intercounties in March. She is looking forward to the race as last year she missed it due to covid.

## Sports Leadership News

On Tuesday we hosted the primary Tag rugby competition,

We had 13 teams entered with 110 pupils from our local area, it was a very busy afternoon with our leaders officiating over 26 games. The leaders performed really well and under challenging conditions – Tag is a very tricky game to officiate, but the leaders worked really well and were very positive and assured. Throughout the afternoon we saw a growing confidence and positivity of the pupils and they all improved their performances so WELL DONE!

In 4th was Stokesay, 3rd Longnor, 2nd St Lawrence A and 1ST St Laurence. The top 2 teams will go into a final against the top two teams from the Bishops Castle area!

Well done to the following leaders!

Fred Davies

Joe Evans

Tate Crippin

Freddie Westall

Jayden Chard

Ellie Bill

Isla Skelley

Ella Mcfarlane

Eleni Ward

Rosie Frankle



## Chess Club

In W2  
On Wednesday's  
at 3.10pm



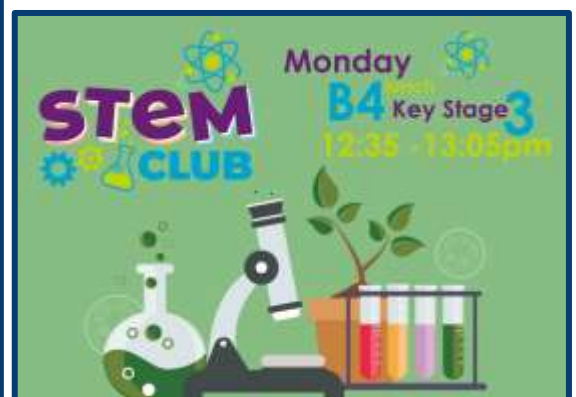
## HOMEWORK

### CLUB

In W1

3.10pm to 4.10pm

Every Tuesday  
& Thursday





## Y11 Food Preparation and Nutrition

This week the Y11 FPN students have completed their first skills practice in preparation for their 3 hour cooking exam which will take place in March.

The students have chosen to either look at North and South American Cuisine, Plant based meals or increasing Calcium in the diet. They have to analyse and research their task, practice 4 different dishes with different skills and then plan, prepare and cook a menu of 3 meals. Alongside the practical exam they have to produce a portfolio of evidence showing the development of their skills, nutritional analysis, food provenance, sensory analysis and much more.

I have to say I was very impressed at how they approached this task, showing good skill levels with creativity and flair.

Mrs Quye, who popped in during the lesson and came back at the end to see the results had this to say *"It was wonderful to see all the pupils working with efficiency and creativity."* She would like to thank Mrs Davis and the year 11s for their invite to *"sample the sumptuous smells and tastes of North and South American inspired cuisine, and the opportunity to see pupils applying previously learnt skills and knowledge in their self and peer evaluations and in planning their next steps."*






### Church Stretton Pupils on the screen!

Congratulations to Daisy Collison, Year 11 and her sister Heather (ex-Church Stretton School) on their TV appearance of 'The Farmers Country Showdown' yesterday! If you didn't manage to watch it, it is available on BBC iPlayer still, with an insight into their involvement in the family venture which takes viewers from raw material to a marketable product. A really enjoyable watch!







Year 7 pupils' art work inspired by  
Roussau has been created into note  
cards available for purchase

Available at Year 7 Progress  
evening or via Parent Pay

100% of proceeds will buy  
resources for Y7 art

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Creators of the  
**Future**

5 for £1  
including  
envelopes

Church Stretton School Arts  
Department

### **Autism West Midlands Professionals Update – January 2023**

**\*\*Reminder\*\*** No diagnosis is needed to access the AWM Shropshire service and there is no formal referral route – parents/carers can self-refer by booking an advice appointment or contacting us directly. Details for both below...

#### **Learn more about autism**

FREE webinars you can watch live or on catch-up – ensure you register before the live broadcast to get a link to the recording. Recording links are active for 14 days after broadcast.

#### **Understanding Autism – Friday 20th January**

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/understanding-autism-webinar-west-midlands-20jan/>

How autistic people process information – Friday 17th February

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/how-autistic-people-process-information-webinar-west-midlands-17feb/>

#### **Autism and anxiety – Friday 17th March**

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/autism-and-anxiety-webinar-west-midlands-17mar/>

#### **February Half Term events!**

- **Teens Meet** – Monday 20th February 10.30am-1.30pm Shrewsbury (All In Short Breaks opportunity, young people need to be registered with All In to attend)

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/teens-meet-shropshire-20th-february-2023/>

- **Family Fun Afternoon** – Monday 20th February 1.30pm – 3.15pm Shrewsbury

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/family-fun-afternoon-shropshire-20th-february-2023/>

#### **Teens online club**

- **Teams Together** – Teens online meet up Weds 1st Feb, 1st March 6pm-7pm

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/teams-together-fun-sessions-for-shropshire-youngsters-1feb/>

- **WEEKLY Teams Advice slots – every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

For those would like some online advice we are offering this virtually via video appointments. Teams works well on mobile phones. To book a 45 min advice appointment with a specialist autism advisor please book via our shop

<https://shop.autismwestmidlands.org.uk/collections/events/products/online-autism-advice-and-consultation-sessions-shropshire-county>

IMPORTANT – WE EMAIL YOUR TEAMS LINK TO YOU THE WEEK BEFORE YOUR SLOT, MAKE SURE YOU CHECK YOUR INBOX INCLUDING SPAM/JUNK TO GET YOUR LINK

- **Virtual Support Group for Parents - Wednesday Mornings 10am-11am & Wednesday Evenings 8pm-9pm – 1st and 3rd Weds of each month (term time)**

Our online support groups meet twice a month via Zoom. This is an opportunity to talk with other parents, share ideas, and offer support.

Please email: [shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk](mailto:shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk)

- **Dad's Group – Monthly on a Thursday 7pm-8pm**

This is an opportunity for dads to meet online, share ideas, celebrate their children's achievement's and offer support to each other with a member of Autism West Midlands present.

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/virtual-dads-support-group-west-midlands-mar31/>

- **Advice and support**

We also offer advice and support over the phone and via email. Parents/carers and professionals can contact our small team directly to arrange an appointment including face-to-face if preferable.

Shropshire office - 01952 454156 Email [shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk](mailto:shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk)

Weds, Thu, Fri - Emma Hegenbarth 07881109480

Tue, Wed, Thu - Dawn Lewis 07706309382

Thur - Nicola King Helpline 0121 450 7575



LEOMINSTER LADIES HOCKEY CLUB

# DEVELOPMENT HOCKEY LEAGUE



—  
Sunday's  
starting  
Jan 22nd  
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10am - 12  
noon  
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**New to hockey? Looking to develop your skills? This is for you!**

Leominster Ladies Hockey club will be holding a development hockey tournament starting Sunday 22nd January through to March.

Games between 10am & 12noon.

Kit can be provided if required.

All games held at Halo, Bridge Street,  
Leominster.

If you think this could be for you, please contact Liberty on: 07805 082831 - **Everyone welcome.**



# CHURCH STRETTON YOUTH DROP-IN

**Every Tuesday**  
(during term time)

**6pm - 7:30pm**

@Russells Meadow Pavilion,  
Lutwyche Rd, Church Stretton  
SY6 6AT

FOR SCHOOL  
YEARS 8,9,10 & ,11  
£1 PER WEEK

A mixture of activities  
each week:  
Baking    Crafts    Art  
Cooking   Board  
              games  
Table tennis

## Programme :

- 10th Jan ~ Biscuits, bead jewellery and card games.
- 17th Jan ~ Carrot cake, memory pebbles and table tennis.
- 24th Jan ~ Washi tape art, cookie dough pizza and board games.
- 31st Jan ~ Brownies, curling and painting
- 7th Feb ~ Boccia, valentines crafts and baking Rocky Road
- 14th Feb ~ Shortbread Heart Biscuit, card making and Uno

Activities subject to change or rescheduling

TRAINED &  
DBS CHECKED  
YOUTH  
WORKERS

Drop in with friends &  
try new activities in a  
safe environment!



**For more info contact Adie:**

**01743 730005**

**Email: [Info@sya.org.uk](mailto:Info@sya.org.uk)**

If you would like to find out about other services the Parenting Team offers please email [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto: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**

