



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to another edition of The Link as we reach the end of the penultimate week of spring term.

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers of year 9 pupils at the Progress Evening yesterday. This event has particular significance as it plays a large part in the decision-making process for pupils as they finalise their Pathways choices. The Pathways final choice form will be sent electronically to students today (24th March), with the deadline for submission of the options form being 09:00am on Monday 27th March.

Earlier this week, year 9 pupils were engaged in a very different activity, with the Army Outreach Team visiting school. Alongside informing pupils about opportunities within The Army, pupils enjoyed activities aimed to develop personal skills and qualities such as teamwork, communications and self-confidence. I would like to thank Mr Lowe, Careers Coordinator and maths teacher for making arrangements for the day and ensuring it ran smoothly.

Next Friday we say 'bon voyage!' to the year 10 pupils who set off for their visit to France, accompanied by Mrs Proffitt and Mr Fox. This is an exciting opportunity for pupils to put their learning to the test through language immersion! We wish them a safe and enjoyable time and look forward to hearing about their experience after Easter break.

Finally, for year 11 pupils there are now 23 school days until the start of the summer exam series. Every moment in school counts, supported by a thorough revision schedule at home, so pupils must be taking every opportunity to talk with their teachers if they are unsure about aspects of the work they have covered.

With best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be having our rearranged Mufti Day for Red Nose Day on **Friday 31st March**. Students may wear their own clothes for a minimum contribution of £1 which will be donated to charity. Students will be following their normal timetable during the day, therefore, please ensure the non-uniform is school appropriate.

We are aware that some students have 100+ house points which entitles them a non-uniform day. These students may also wear non-uniform on Thursday 30th March.

Kind regards,

Church Stretton School

Next week is

WEEK B

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.

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

20th - 31st - Year 11 Spring Mocks

Thurs 23rd - Year 9 Progress Evening

Fri 31st - 3rd April - Year 10 French Trip

3rd April - 14th April - Easter Holidays

Whole School Attendance

from 13th - 17th March

Caradoc 91.8% **Hazler 94.2%**

Ragleth 92.5% **Lawley 91.2%**

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.

Upcoming Fixtures

March

Mon 27th - 7,8,9, 10

Netball @ Home

Weds 29th - U16

Football + 7 8 9

netball vs Bedstone

Fixtures Results

"The Year 7 boys took part in the County Cup Tournament this week at Whitchurch RFC. Being placed in a tough pool, we managed to put out some good performances and get 2 wins from 5. Max H captained the team and did an excellent job at leading the boys by example and scoring 2 tries. William R played well centrally and scored 4 tries. Both Ethan B and Christoph W scored tries on their school debuts. I'm exceptionally proud of the boys as we have limited experience within the team, and to play like we did was great to see. A big well done to all involved.

We also took a Year 7 & 8 team to play against Belvedere Year 8s in the football County Cup. Although we lost 4-1 we showed strength to play against an experienced Year 8 side. The game was scattered with chances, Sam P hitting the bar late in the game, and Rares N slotting home a penalty in the last minute. Christoph W playing a year up put an amazing performance in to get man of the match from left back. I am certain that the boys will create a strong side in years to come."

Extra-curricular activities Spring term 2022-23

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Yr 7/8 STEM Club (YG) B4 SCHOOL CHOIR – ALL YEARS KS3 Netball (HAH) Yr 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

Spring Term Mock Exams 2023 - Year 11 Timetable

(F = Foundation, H = Higher, bracketed timings are for students with extra time in exams)

Week B

Date	Period 1 9.05 – 10.05	Period 2 10.05 – 11.05	Break 11.05 – 11.20	Period 3 11.20 – 12.20	Lunch 12.20 – 13.10	Period 4 13.10 – 14.10	Period 5 14.10 – 15.10
Monday 27 th March				Food – 11B 45 mins (56 mins)			
Tuesday 28 th March	RE – 11C 45 mins (56 mins) French Reading 45 mins (56 mins)						
Wednesday 29 th March							
Thursday 30 th March							
Friday 31 st March						French Writing 45 mins (56 mins)	

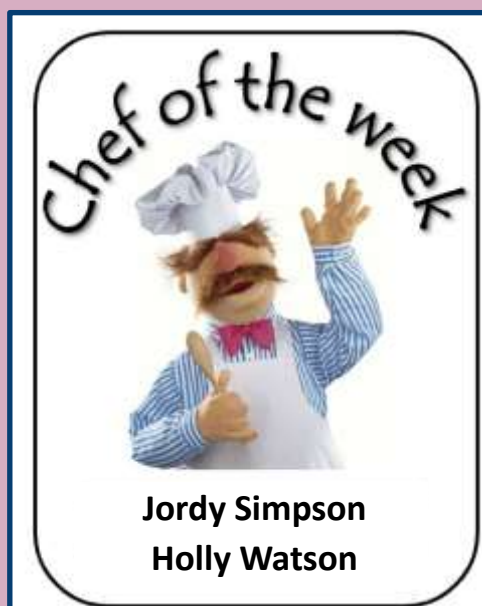
PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Meeting Point - Make sure you are at the designated meet point by 12.20(lunch) or 3.20pm (afterschool)

Mon Lunch	KS3 Netball (HAH) Girls Rugby ALL YEARS (HAH) Hockey ALL YEARS (MW)	PE Office Changing Rooms by drama Sports Hall Changing Rooms
Mon After School	Boys Rugby ALL YEARS (RB) Table Tennis (HAH)	Changing Rooms by drama PE Office
Tues Lunch	Fitness Club/Gym (RB) Years 9, 10 & 11 Boys Football (RB)	PE Office
Tues After School	X Country Running Club (YG +HAH) KS4 Netball (HAH)	Changing Rooms by drama
Weds Lunch	Basketball squad training (RB) Year 7 & 8 Boys Football (MN)	PE Office
Weds After school	Netball training – ALL YEARS Badminton KS3 (PW)	PE Office PE Office
Thurs Lunch	Leadership Training Session- invite only (ABE) Boys Basketball all years (RB)	PE Office
Thurs After School	Girls Basketball- Mr Douch	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.

GCSE Food & Nutrition



Y10 Food Preparation and Nutrition students were put through their paces this week from the Royal Navy. Chef Jason talked to them about life in the Navy, his travels, career path and benefits of working for the armed forces. I have to say if I had my time again, I would be straight there.

He then sorted them into groups and gave a few instructions - direct and to the point - the students were prepared and ready for the cooking exercise. Each group had two dishes to prepare and present to Chef Jason in a set amount of time. Risotto and pavlova - they could choose the ingredients and how they presented it and had a simple recipe sheet to follow.

He was very impressed with how they conducted themselves with definite leaders emerging from each group. They cooked, presented and cleaned up within the allocated time, although some tried to discreetly hide the washing up, Chef Jason spotted it straight away.

Special mention needs to go to **Holly Watson and Jordy Simpson** as they were highlighted by Chef Jason for their skills and leadership qualities. I think it was a great experience for the students and maybe inspired a few to look at a career in the Navy.

Thanks

Jo



Charity Football Match



In memory of Kean Hall



Ronald McDonald
House Charities™
United Kingdom

Find out more about
this amazing charity
here:

rmhc.org.uk

Sunday 30th April 2023

10.30AM

@ Russells Meadow

Church Stretton

SY6 6AT

Free to attend ... please bring cash to donate to charity!

**Lots of fun to be had; football match, refreshments,
auction, raffle, teddy sale and more...!**

Online donation page:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emma-rogers51

For any further details contact: rog1977@live.co.uk

Ronald McDonald House Charities UK is an independent charity registered in England and Wales (802047)

SHREWSBURY COLOUR RUN

Lingen Davies

1st APRIL 2023

5k



REGISTRATION COSTS

ADULTS £23
CHILDREN £8.50
(12 and under)

Family tickets available,
see website for details

Help us **make a positive difference** to
lives affected by cancer in our community.



1ST APRIL 2023



SANSAW ESTATE, HADNALL,
SHREWSBURY, SY4 4AS

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



01743 492396 lingendavies.co.uk

Lingen Davies Cancer Fund: OO Registered Charity Number 1160922.

YOUNG AMBASSADORS

**12TH APRIL OR
13TH APRIL**

9:30AM UNTIL 4PM

For young people aged
14 to 17 years

The one day course will
cover the following:

- First Aid
- Young Officials -
Umpiring & Scoring
- Activator - Coaching
on All Stars &
Dynamos Programmes



CRICKET
SHROPSHIRE



Register via the following link or scan the QR
code below:

<https://forms.gle/njKG8BTv6y6nXPKj9>



SCAN ME



FOREST CAMP

Easter 2023, Shrewsbury



Go wild this Easter, learning bushcraft skills & connecting with nature

- * Camp fire cooking
- * Woodland arts & crafts
- * Den Building
- * Bushcraft skills

Age 8+

Dates:

4th-6th April

11th -13th April

£140 for 3-day camp or £50 per day

9am - 3.30pm

Condover Woods

All abilities welcome

Find out more & book a place @ lifeshedcamps.co.uk

or call 07368883534 for more information



- *Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?*
 - *Does your child struggle with their sleep?*
- *Would you like to access support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines?*
 - *Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?*

SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOPS

The workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire

Our workshops run for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

**Starting on Wednesday 26th April 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
at Sunflower House Hub, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury**

**Starting on Friday 28th April 2023 from 9.30am to 11.30am
Virtually via MS Teams**

**Starting on Wednesday 14th June 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
at Sunflower House Hub, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury**

**Starting on Friday 16th June 2023 from 9.30am to 11.30am
Virtually via MS Teams**

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:

Emailing Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

Or call us on 01743 250950



- *Would you like to know more about your child's development?*
- *Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?*
- *Would you like a chance to meet & chat with other parents and carers?*



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS

The groups are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

SEND Groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed for our SEND Groups

**Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Thursday 27th April 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
at Sunflower House Hub, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury**

**Understanding Your Child starts on Thursday 27th April 2023 from 09.30am to 11.30am
at St Mary's Bluecoat Primary School, Bridgnorth**

**Understanding Your Child starts on Friday 28th April 2023 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm
Virtually via MS Teams**

**Understanding Your Child starts Monday 15th May 2023 from 09.30 to 11.30am
At Crowmoor Hub, Crowmere Road, Shrewsbury**

**Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Monday 15th May 2023 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm
Virtually via MS Teams**

To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by:
Emailing: Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk
Telephone: 01743 250950



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS



How much school will you have missed in a year?

INCREDIBLE!

You have missed very little learning and stand the best possible change of success.

97-100%

Fewer than 5 days

GOOD!

You have met our school target – well done.

96%

6 days missed

NEARLY THERE

This is almost 2 weeks of school missed. That's 50 lessons!

95%

9 days missed

IMPROVEMENT NEEDED

55 lessons missed across the year.

94%

11 days missed

CONCERN

This is known as persistent absence and will involve school action. It is the same as missing half a day of school every week.

90%

20 days missed

SIGNIFICANT CONCERN

This is the same as missing a day of school a week. If you have 80% from years 7-11, you will have missed **ONE YEAR** of school.

80%

38 days missed