

THE LINK

Edition 26 21st April 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

It was lovely to welcome all pupils back after what we hope was a lovely Easter break. This time of the year brings the usual 'can we go on the field at lunch time' question, but unfortunately it remains quite wet and soft under foot. Soon though we hope!

You will be aware that following previous strike action, members of the NEU have called further days of industrial action on Thursday, 27 April and Tuesday, 2 May 2023. This is national action and follows on from previous days which have impacted on many schools throughout the country. We are still in the process of establishing the impact of possible strike action here and we will be in touch to let you know what the implications of any industrial action may be for your child/ren.

Thank you now to Mrs Proffitt and Mr Fox who accompanied a group of year 10 pupils to France at the start of Easter. The visit was a huge success and I know that pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves, with the bonus of missing the huge delays at Dover.

Well done to the year 11 pupils who have completed their speaking exam this week in French and Spanish. There are now just 13 school days until the hall-based exams begin, so every moment in class must be maximised to ensure pupils address any uncertainties and take advantage of having the subject specialist teacher there to help.

Finally, we wish Mr Bird, Assistant Headteacher good luck as he attempts the London Marathon on Sunday. We look forward to trying to spot him amongst the runners and finding out how it went next week.

Enjoy the weekend

John Parr Headteacher

Next Week will be Week B

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.

Lost Property

If your child/ren have lost any items of clothing, please ask them to check lost property in W1.

Please can we also ask parents and children to check at home whether they have the correct labelled PE kits as a few have gone missing in recent weeks.

Thank you

Upcoming Events

Tues 25th April - School Games Event (Indoor Athletics)

Mon 24th April- Fri 5th May - Year 9 Core Subject Exams

Fri 28th April - Year 8 Careers Networking Event

2nd May - 5th May - Year 7 Foundation Exams

13th - 14th May - DofE Bronze Practice

15th May - Year 8 X1/Y2 Geography Trip Borth

22nd May - Year 8 X2/Y1 Geography Trip Borth

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.

Whole School Attendance

From 27th - 31st March

Caradoc 91.5% Hazler 94.1%

Ragleth 91.9% Lawley 90%

Medicines in school

Occasionally, your child may require "over the counter" medication (for example anti-histamines or pain relief) during the school day.



If, and when, this is the case please see the options below:

Option 1

As per best practice guidance, we permit pupils to carry ONE daily dose of medication on their person if you are happy to, and able to supply your child with medication in this way.

We would be grateful if you could make us aware that they will be carrying medication and self medicating with your consent by completing this form: https://forms.office.com/e/n3CNc0LCry

Option 2

If you would prefer for us to store and distribute medication please complete this consent form

https://forms.office.com/e/n3CNc0LCry

Please note that **ANY** medication stored in school (including over the counter medication) **MUST** have a pharmacy label with your child's name on as per the best practice guidance from the DFE and our school policy which can be found here:

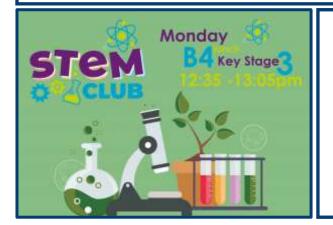
www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk/sites/default/files/attachments/Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy.pdf

Pharmacists are usually aware of this policy and happy to add a label to over the counter medications you are purchasing.

Please direct any queries to Mrs Su Quye su.quye@csschool.co.uk

Mrs Su Quye

SENCo, Safeguarding and Mental Health Lead



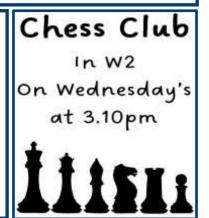
HOMEWORK

CLUB

In W1

3.10pm to 4.10pm

Every Tuesday



<u>Year 10 French trip to the Chateau de la Chantereine Friday 31st March – Monday 3rd</u> <u>April 2023</u>

Just after midnight on Friday 31st March, Mr Fox, 17 Year 10 GCSE French students and myself boarded a coach to travel to northern France. Amazingly, we all slept soundly on the coach arriving in Dover in good time to board our ferry, the Pride of Kent. The crossing was rather choppy due to some adverse weather, but we all survived, more or less unscathed. Indeed, we felt extremely fortunate when we found out later, that we had just missed the lengthy coach queues in Dover which kept some school tours waiting at passport control for 24hours.



La Chateau de la Chantereine

Around 1.00pm, we arrived at the Chateau de la Chantereine where we had a delicious three-course meal, followed by some team-building activities with Arshad, our animateur. I was incredibly proud of our students, taking part in some mentally-challenging team-building activities, all in French, after such a long journey. It was then time to check into our rooms, rest and refresh and have another wonderful 3-course meal before bed.

Saturday 1ST April

Saturday morning, after a restorative sleep and typical French breakfast of croissants and pains au chocolat, we headed to the pretty town of Dieppe to look around the prize-winning Saturday market. The students had to complete a market challenge, looking for and buying their own lunch, asking for the food in French from the market stall holders. As it was April Fool's Day, I also told the students to watch out for paper fish being stuck on people's backs. (This is a well-known French April Fool tradition – the "poisson d'avril"). Daisy Jones captured a fantastic photo of an unsuspecting man who had been poisson d'avriled which you can see below.



After our visit to Dieppe Market, we visited the Maison Maxime Chocolate Factory. We wore very attractive hairnets and were given a comprehensive tour (in French) of the factory, seeing the chocolate production and decoration in action. Many purchases were made – but either through greed or placing the items too near to the coach heating system, I hear that many chocolate figures, did not survive the trip home.

As we were not very lucky with the weather on Saturday, we decided to forsake our walk around the Baie de la Somme and, instead, visited a very busy French hypermarket.

Saturday evening at the hotel, after our evening meal, Arshad ran a French Quiz, again, all in French where students' knowledge of France and French culture was rigorously tested!

Sunday 2nd April

On Sunday 2nd April we visited Rouen. As it was Palm Sunday, we were lucky enough to be able to watch some of the elaborate Palm Day service in the beautiful, impressive cathedral. Mr Fox and I also learnt the French for the plant they were selling for palms, "de la buis" or "boxwood".

In Rouen we also went to see the site where Joan of Arc was burned (Le Bûcher de Jeanne d'Arc) and Mr Fox, due to his keen interest in History, was able to tell the students all about the reasons why Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in 1431.



The group at the exact place Joan of Arc was burned in 1431 aged 19.

Sunday afternoon was spent at the chateau. Arshad taught the students how to make scones (all in French) and, I have to say, they were extremely delicious. The students were pleased to learn the French for yeast "la levure" – this was the only word they were unfamiliar with during the whole cookery lesson.

Sunday evening, after yet another full scale meal, we had an evening drive out to the Funicular railway at the nearby seaside town of Le Treport. We were extremely fortunate to watch a beautiful sunset over the Atlantic Ocean from high up on the cliffs.

Monday 3rd April

After our final French breakfast, we had a short walk down to the sea, then boarded the coach to travel back to the UK. This time we crossed on a much larger ferry, the Spirit of Britain, and had a much calmer crossing, watching the white cliffs of Dover getting nearer and nearer in the glorious sunshine.

After watching the film "Ratatouille" and a stop for tea at Oxford Services where many students took the opportunity to visit Burger King or KFC and charged up their phones, it was the final stretch back north to Church Stretton where all parents were waiting to collect their children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Fox for agreeing to help lead this trip with me at very short notice, and also all 17 students who went to France. They were all an absolute credit to themselves, Church Stretton School and their parents, speaking lots of French and acting in a mature, enthusiastic manner throughout. I am very proud of them and consider it a privilege to have had the opportunity to lead this school visit.

A wonderful start to the Easter Holidays

Sporting News

This terms 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 <u>a note</u> and <u>their PE kit</u> to take part in other roles.

PEE	XTRA 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 (HH)	PE Office
	Year 7+8 Basketball (RB) Hockey ALL YEARS (MW)	Sports Hall Changing Rooms
Mon After School	Girls Tennis ALL YEARS (HH)	
	Table Tennis (HH)	PE Office
Tues Lunch	Fitness Club/Gym (RB)	PE Office
	Boys and Girls Cricket ALL YEARS (RB)	Changing Rooms by drama
Tues After School	X Country Running Club (YG)	PE Office
	KS4 Netball (HH)	
Weds Lunch	Kwik Cricket (RB)	PE Office
	Year 7 & 8 Boys Football (MN)	
Weds After school	Netball training – ALL YEARS (HH)	PE Office
	Badminton KS3 (PW)	
Thurs Lunch	Leadership Training Session- invite only (AB)	PE Office
	Year 9-11 Basketball (RB)	
Thurs After School	Boys Tennis (HH)	PE Office
Fri Lunch	Badminton KS4 (PW)	PE Office
Fri After School		

Congratulations

Congratulations to Joe E, Joe B, Joe M and Freddie W who have been selected by Miss Dillon to officiate Basketball in the School Games county finals in May.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Yr 7/8 STEM Club (YG) 84 SCHOOL CHOIR - ALL YEARS KS3 Nethall (HAH) Yr 11 Further meths Club (LSC) 87 Cettate Oub	DT catch up Y3/Y6 Table Tennis (HAH) Fitness Club (RB) Year II and 9 Brama Club	French Club (NP) G6 KS3 Coding Club (DC) B8 Film Club (PW) W5 KS4 Nethall (HAH) Squad Basketball (RB) Rock band (TR) Music	Sports Leadership club (AB) Bedminton KS3 (PW) Year 7 Drama Club Art Workshop B10	V11 GCNE Spanish Ustering Practice Badminton K54 (PW) Sign Language Club L5 W6
start	Monday night noise (Rock band) Rugby Club (RB) All years Girls Rugby (HAM)	Years 9, 10 & 11 Boys Football (RB) Running Club	Chess Club (EH) W2 Years 7 + 8 Boys Football (MN)	Homework Club (JG) W1 Dungeons & Dragons Club Y1 KS4 Drams Workshop Basketball all years (RB)	KS4 Art Portfolio Workshop TBC KS4 Drama Rehoussal



NEVER HELD A RACKET? NO PROBLEM

All sessions are designed to ensure girls have an enjoyable and positive experience. The sessions include:

- A six-week introductory coaching course
- A tennis racket and set of balls
- · A t-shirt and pair of wristbands
- · Access to a fun sociable tennis community

All for just £35 (including postage).

Ita.org.uk/prime-video-youth-girls



Enrichment Week update

Unfortunately, due to insufficient interest we are not able to run the proposed Sports Tour during Enrichment Week.

Apologies for any disappointment this may cause.

There are still places available on the trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon. This trip is open to students in Years 7, 8 and 9 It will be a two-day visit and will depart on the morning of Thursday 20th of July. Students will participate in a number of planned events including —

- · A backstage tour of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre
- · A drama workshop delivered by the RSC in their Clore Learning Centre
- · A visit to the RSC Worlds Together exhibition
- · Watching the production of As You Like It
- · Some time for shopping / a walk around the town and riverside

We will be staying at YHA Stratford Upon Avon where an evening meal, breakfast and lunch the following day will be provided. We aim to return to school on Friday 21st July around 5pm.

The cost of this activity will be £120 and will include all activities and meals. If the activity is oversubscribed participants will be selected at random. More information about the production can be found HERE with information about the accommodation being found HERE.

If you are interested in your child participating in this activity, we are asking for a deposit of £25 to be made using ParentPay. If you would like more information, please contact me - tom.wise@csschool.co.uk

Battlefields Trip

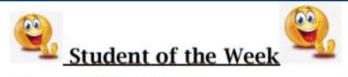
We also have a couple of spaces left on the Battlefields trip. This trip is open to students in Year 8 and Year 9. The four-day trip will take place from 17-20th July 2023 and will include visits to Passchendale, Tyne Cot and Langemark cemeteries, Vimy Ridge in the Somme and the last post at the Menin Gate in Ypres. The full price of £370 includes transport, channel crossing, full board accommodation and entry to museums in Flanders and the Somme.

Please contact Miss Sollars if you are interested via email. laura.sollars@csschool.co.uk

Day trips

Please note that in addition to the residential trips there will also be a number of day trips which will be launched nearer the time.





Winners and nominees for this week are listed below....

KS3 Winner

Charlie Gregg - nominated by Mrs Scott for fantastic focus in Maths.

KS4 Winner

Jodie Shelton - nominated by Dr Wood for Outstanding work ethic.



This week's nominations:

KS3 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
Amelia Pearson	Mr Barham	Amelia presented her groups idea brilliantly. She stood up in front of her whole year group and took the lead in their presentation. Amazing!

KS4 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
Catherine Perry	Mr Balmer	Excellent English Revision
Annabelle Hodgkinson	Mrs Proffitt	Resilience and excellent effort when preparing GCSE French Speaking Test Questions
Kit Clift	Mr Hughes	Amazing work on simultaneous equations! Absolutely great effort and achievement!
Evie Jackson	Dr Wood	Outstanding work ethic
Rosie Carr	Dr Wood	Outstanding work ethic
Louise Crump	Dr Wood	Outstanding work ethic
Isobel Devey	Dr Wood	Outstanding work ethic
Delphine Hurrell	Dr Wood	Outstanding work ethic
Annabelle Kirkwood	Dr Wood	Outstanding work ethic
Wiola Sewry	Dr Wood	Outstanding work ethic
Abbie Wilson	Dr Wood	Outstanding work ethic
Joe Burke	Dr Wood	Outstanding work ethic
lwan Faulkner	Dr Wood	Outstanding work ethic
Evie Handley	Dr Wood	Outstanding work ethic
Bonnie Kinsey	Dr Wood	Outstanding work ethic
Summer Francis	Mrs Scott	Superb effort in maths and outstanding presentation
Daisy Swain	Mr Wise	Outstanding academia in food coursework



Science Book Club

Recap: The science department is increasing the science literature available to students by growing the number of science books in the school library.

Therefore, we are requesting students who would be happy to read some of the new books on offer and write us a book report to inform others... As a thank-you, you can keep the book and a copy of it will be placed in the library for others to enjoy.

Following two successful terms of Science Book Club, we are happy to announce our next instalment of books are available for Summer Term:

- Lessons in chemistry. Garmus, Bonnie
- The kid who came from space. Welford, Ross
- The Fourteenth Goldfish, Holm, Jennifer L.
- Kay's marvellous medicine, Kay, Adam
- In the key of code. Lucido, Aimee
- The extraordinary life of Greta Thunberg, Jina, Devika, Braun, Petra

Please see Mrs Carr for further details.

We look forward to you joining the club.



STRETTFEST 23 SATURDAY 27TH MAY

What's Going on?

You are called to Rectory Field by the sound of the Craven Arms Samba Drums around 10.30am

There will be a kaleidoscope of activities, some continuous, some in time-slots through the day.

You can have a go at playing a Samba Drum or a range of musical instruments brought by the Shropshire Music Service and play the piano with Longmynd Music

You can dance with the Belly Dancers and Shropshire Academy of Performing Arts

Make something for the big Parade in the afternoon with Scrappies or the Girl Guides, And the Cub Scouts are there too in their own tent

Join the Scottish Dancers for a jig

Sing along with Kimee Cleaton or the Stretton Strummers.

There will be short performances from the Stretton Boys Band and other Artists.

You can buy refreshments from the two stalls and ice cream and you can BYO for a picnic in the Field

Later in the afternoon you can watch or walk with the colourful Parade round

And end in the Rectory Field with a great Carnival Sing.

COME FOR THE DAY

JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF

LONGMYND CREATIVITY

Mr. Bird is running The London Marathon



After completing the Berlin, Loch Ness and Manchester marathons I will be taking on my latest marathon challenge by completing the London Marathon on Sunday 23rd April.

If you would like to track my progress my bib number is 36689. There is another Dan Bird running the marathon, but I am registered as Daniel Bird (to not disappoint my Mum!) so that is how to tell the difference if you try to find me by name.

I am running the marathon in memory of Kean Hall and raising money for The Teenage Cancer Trust, I will be eternally grateful for all/any donations I receive, and I promise to run super fast!

This is the link to my London Marathon

Just Giving page

using your mobile phone to access the page.

did in next week's Link.



Or scan the QR code

I will update you on how I



CHURCH STRETTON MAGPIES U13 FOOTBALL TEAM ADDITIONAL PLAYERS FOR SEASON 23/24.

Church Stretton Magpies Football Club are looking for some additional players to join their already established team playing in the Shropshire junior football league. We are going from u12, 9 a side to U13, 11 a side, we are looking for children going into year 8 in September and ideally players who have played league or school football already so they can slot straight into the team, all positions considered from goalkeeper to midfield if you fancy joining a friendly club please contact us in the first instance. Steve 07748105904 or Simon 07976065302 or message us via the church Stretton Magpies Facebook Page We play on the pitches on Russells Meadow, Church Stretton SY6 6DE.



Next Generation Fair

& Sustainable

Living Expo 2023



For all the family for the whole day

At Craven Arms Community Centre

Craven Arms, SY7 9PS

Electric vehicles expo

Personal cars. Electric bikes

Sustainable Family Life Expo

Games, fun and information from Shropshire's top charities and groups. Dog Show

many categories. Entries £3.00 on the day Registration 10am Starts at 11am

Free Family Fun and Stage Show

Bouncy Castle, Climbing Tower, children's activities, music, dance, food and drink.

Clothes, Children's toy & book swap

Kindly Sponsored

'bring something pre-loved, leave with something new to you'

by:







Hilarys Childminders

Car Park off B4368

QUALITY LAMB

Entrance opposite EURO



Next Generation Fair Art competition

Saturday 20th May 2023

At Craven Arms Community Centre

Craven Arms, SY7 9PS

THEMES:

NATURE
HEALTHY LIVING
OUR WORLD
LITTER
CONSERVING WATER
TRASNPORT
RECYCLING
BIODIVERSITY

Bring your own drawing/painting on the day on any of the listed themes

Entries closing at 14:00 for judging

Age categories:

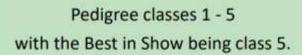
Preschool 5-7 years old 8-11 years old 12-15 years old

The work presented must be the candidate's own work

Next Generation Fair



Saturday 20th May Registration at 10am Starts at 11am



Class 12 will be Best in Show

Novelty Classes 6 - 11 for Most Handsome Dog, Bitch with the Prettiest Eyes, The 6 best Legs and more Rosettes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all classes.

Entry Cost: £3 per dog.

At Craven Arms Community Centre
Craven Arms, SY7 9PS

Join South Shropshire Climate Action's Children's Toy, Book & Clothes Swap

as part of the Next Generation Fair, Craven Arms Community Centre, Craven Arms, SY7 9PS on Saturday 20th May 11am - 4 pm



Bring pre-loved items along on the day to swap for free & take home something new to you or take for a pay-as-you-can donation Reuse, Share & Recycle

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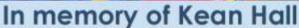






Charity Football Match







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)



- Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?
 - o Does your child struggle with their sleep?
- o 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

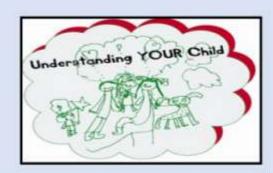








- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet & chat with other parents and carers?



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



INCREDIBLE!

You have missed very little learning and stand the best possible change of success. 97-100%

How much school will you have missed in a year?

> 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

This is the same as missing a day of school a week. If you have 80% from years 7-12, you will have missed ONE YEAR of school.

80%

38 days missed