



Dear Parents & Carers,

Unfortunately, our email messaging system is still not working, so we remain unable to share information including attached letters or other documents as we normally do. In the meantime, we are sending messages through Go4Schools which permits a limited number of text characters in each message. Apologies therefore that you may be getting more frequent but brief messages until the proper system is fixed.

You will be aware that at the end of last week the Government and Department for Education provided further updates on how we will move forward 'living with Covid'. An important letter regarding these changes can be found on our website using this link [Covid update April 22](#)

Today, school is full of colour and interesting fancy dress as pupils have arrived ready for the Sponsored Walk. As you know, unfortunately we have had to postpone it due to the risks associated with the poor weather. This is such a shame, but the idea of the walk, along with raising money for charity and school resources is that it is enjoyable. Therefore we will try to find another suitable date to hold the walk before the end of the academic year.

Year 11 have gathered together twice this week; once for a year group photo and today for an assembly from Dr Wood, Deputy Headteacher to talk about preparation for the GCSE exams which commence very shortly after Easter. Year 7 also received an assembly led by Mr Cox, informing them of their year 7 foundation exams and how best to prepare for these. Please see the school website for a dedicated letter for year 7 parents and pupils which includes the exam timetable and links to topics to revise.

Important letter from Shire Services

Please note the letter included in this edition of The Link from Shire Services about a change to the price of meals. A copy of the letter is also available on the school website.

Finally, as mentioned a few weeks ago, today is the last day of work in school for Mr Overton, Pupil Premium Progress Mentor and Post 16 Adviser/ Careers Lead. He is leaving us after 7 years of supporting countless pupils with their schoolwork and pastorally along with providing high quality careers information, advice and guidance. Mr Overton will be sorely missed by us all and I am sure you will join me in wishing him well as he leaves to begin his new job within Shropshire Youth Association.

Wishing all our families a happy and safe Easter holiday and to pupils and Staff, I hope you have a restful and safe break after working extremely hard this term.

John Parr

Headteacher



Accelerated Reader



**Well done for
reaching your
Accelerated
Reading Targets**

Year 7

Norah Hall
Joe Halstead
Izy Lowe
Alfie Matthews
Thea
Morgan-Jones

Year 8

Isla Burgoyne
Jack Cornehlis
Jenson Hadwin
Dean Harvey
Ashley Holdsworth

Pippa Pledger
Molly Jeffries
Emily Kirkwood
Erin Leigh
Elsa Lovelock
Lily Whitfield-Turner



Shire Services
Shropshire Food Enterprise Centre
Vanguard Way
Battlefield Enterprise Park
SHREWSBURY
SY1 3TG

Date 29 03 22

Dear Parent

Shire Services like many catering providers are facing unprecedented challenges. The supply chain, the energy crisis, inflation and the ongoing Covid-19 impact on staffing and recruitment are impacting on our service delivery, availability of ingredients and product price increases.

Our commitment to deliver a varied balanced menu to our customers remains at the heart of what we do, and we are working hard to keep any disruption to a minimum; however, with spiralling prices and the increasing demand for food supplies and staff we have no choice but to make some changes to the meal prices

To help meet the rising costs our Meal Deal and Free School Meal price at Church Stretton will increase from £2.40 to £2.60 from April 25th 2022.

Our variable tariff is not increasing currently, and we are not making any changes to the menu content which continues to represent good value for money.

Thank you for your understanding during these difficult times.

Carole Fischer Area Manager
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Student of the Week



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

KS4 Winner

Ruby Williams Nominated by Mr Hughes for amazing work and progress in trigonometry - not an easy topic and she's doing great!

KS3 Winner

Ivy Goode Nominated by Mrs Scott for insightful contributions to maths lessons



This week's nominations:

KS3 & KS4 Nominations

Mr Basnett	Lily Childs	Working really hard at everything she does.	Key Stage 4
Mr Basnett	Carl Allison	Really trying to overcome things he doesn't find easy.	Key Stage 4
Mr Norman	James Verrin	Great effort and result in your spring DT exam due to thorough revision.	Key Stage 3
Mrs Scott	Tamara Parke	Outstanding contributions to maths lessons.	Key Stage 4
Mrs Scott	Rares Nemes	Outstanding involvement in maths lessons.	Key Stage 3
Mrs Scott	Ivy Goode	Insightful contributions to maths lessons.	Key Stage 3
Mr Wise	Sean Crumpton	For excellent contribution in recent performance work.	Key Stage 4
Mrs Mackechnie	Sunny Guthrie	Outstanding effort and focus in recent months, resulting in big leap in progress	Key Stage 3
Mrs Mackechnie	Luke Evans	Excellent focus and contributions during assessment review.	Key Stage 4
Mrs Mackechnie	Amelie Northwood	Outstanding result in graphs assessment.	Key Stage 4
Mrs Mackechnie	Oliver Hughes	Outstanding result in graphs assessment.	Key Stage 4
Mrs Mackechnie	Charlie Elson	Outstanding result in graphs assessment.	Key Stage 4
Mrs Mackechnie	Harrison Giles	Outstanding result in graphs assessment.	Key Stage 4
Mrs Mackechnie	Toby Elson	Scored above target in graphs assessment.	Key Stage 4
Mr Hughes	Ruby Williams	Amazing work and progress in trigonometry - not an easy topic and she's doing great!	Key Stage 4
Miss Whitcombe	Isabel Cross	Well planned out and delivered hockey session to Year 7 Girls.	Key Stage 4



Well Done!

Well they did it! On Saturday April 2nd, Edward, Joe, Sam and Tom cycled 33km over the Longmynd, with freezing winds and snow at the top. Having watched the news in the school canteen, they were determined to do something to help the Ukraine people. On a walk home from school they planned the bike ride and have raised over £2000 for the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. The boys would like to thank everyone for their support – they have been blown away by how generous people have been. The JustGiving page will still be open for a bit longer if anyone else would like to donate.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/louise-cornehls1?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=louise-cornehls1&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=b96ca75905964761957fc6c7c69a42a6.



Student meeting with the University of the third age (U3A)

On Monday afternoon, nine students and nine members of the University of the third age met at school to discuss and evaluate the impacts of climate change, both within the local community and the world. The students – Ruby, Isobelle, Izy, Jack, Lucy, Bella, Lydia, Lola and Laura – were all aged between 11 to 16, were given an opportunity to voice their personal concerns before taking part in a questions and answer session. The U3A wanted to gain first-hand experience of the younger generation's thoughts on the climate change crisis and how we can make changes to reduce the impact of climate change. Students were tasked with coming up with a checklist of how we can reduce "our" impact on climate change as part of our daily lives. It was an informative and interesting afternoon which brought together people from different generations that allowed each to gain a different perspective of the issues faced in the hope of eventually becoming a net zero country.

Lucy Ockenden (Year 9)

March for March

Rhys Page and Matthew Giles recently walked from Church Stretton to Strefford and then on to Craven Arms - a total distance of 10 miles raising money for Combat Stress which is a veterans mental health charity. Well done Rhys and Matthew!



Coding Club

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`<script>` Learn the basics of code.

`<style>` For beginners and experienced coders.

`<c-wiz>` program computers, create games, build websites, build apps, and more.

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Open to
Key Stage 3

Venue: B8

Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:30pm



TO THE WINNERS OF
THE EASTER EGG RAFFLE!
ISLA BURGOYONE YR8
AARON SKITT YRIO



HAPPY EASTER

Year 11 Prom

Wednesday 29th June 2022

Where: Shrewsbury Town Football Club

Time: 7pm-10.30pm

Details: 2 course meal

Disco

Photo Booth - thanks to the PTA's generosity

Cost: £29.00 per person

Meal Choices

Mains

- Chicken - Chicken supreme in a rich chasseur sauce
- Salmon - Fillet of salmon with leek cream sauce
- Risotto - Pea and asparagus risotto with parmesan crisps

Dessert

- Vanilla Cheese Cake with bramble puree and fresh red berries
- Seasonal fruit crumble with vanilla custard
- Sticky Toffee Pudding with butterscotch sauce and vanilla seed ice cream

'Understanding your relationships'

An online course for adults, young people, and older adults.

This course is for anyone who is in a relationship.

Relationships include couples, friendships, neighbours, family relationships, work colleagues.

You may want to celebrate it, you may want to give it a bit of an MOT or you may feel your relationship is in need of some attention. Maybe you feel you are drifting, or perhaps things have been difficult lately. You're looking for a way forward.

Relationships can be difficult, complicated, fun, satisfying, exciting, annoying, bring out the best in us, bring out the worst in us. We are often in one, but we don't often spend much time on them. So here's the chance!

Features:



11 Modules



15-20 Minutes
(per Module)



Integrated
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Quizzes



Certificate

This course covers:

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- Communicating feelings
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- Coping with anger
- What we learned from our parents
- Rupture and repair

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Further details:

If you like this you might also like **Understanding your child** and/or **Understanding your child with additional needs** and/or **Understanding your teenager's brain**.

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Curlew Country Circuit



Fundraising Walk on Thursday 21st April 2022

*Join Curlew Country on World Curlew Day to raise money for Britain's largest wader**

Our 13 mile walk will start and end at the Stiperstones, and the route around the Shropshire Hills will allow you to take in some beautiful scenery and Curlew hotspots along the way. A minimum donation of £15 will allow you to secure your place, but we encourage you to raise more through sponsorship if you can. A great opportunity to learn more about these fantastic birds while helping us to secure their future so be sure to get your friends and family involved too!

Family Route

We will also have a family and child friendly alternative route around the Stiperstones, enjoy the scenery on a shorter route and you can even try to complete our Curlew Trail for a special prize! The Family Trail is just over 4 miles, and tickets for 2 adults and up to 4 children will be £20, maybe you will even meet our giant Curlew along the way...

Not sure if you can join us on the 21st? For a £10 donation we will send you the route directions so you can complete in your own time between 22nd & 24th April.

Book Your Place

Want to take part? Head to Eventbrite: <https://buff.ly/3IGWjIV>

* The ticket money and your donations will go towards continuing with Curlew Country's vital Curlew recovery work. For more information visit www.curlewcountry.org





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Holiday fun and food in Shropshire

A **free and exciting** holiday programme for children and young people aged 4 to 16 in receipt of free school meals. Take part in sports, arts, cooking, forest schools and much more during the three main school holidays in 2022. Free nutritious meals will be provided at each session.

Have fun with your friends, learn new skills, gain confidence and get involved!

Find out more, view the 'What's On' guide and sign up to our newsletter at www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf

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Easter Activities



autism
west midlands

Mon 11th April 10.30am - 2.30pm Belle View Youth Club
Activity Day
&
Thursday 21st April 10.00am - 12.00pm
Attingham Park Woodland Work & Picnic



Thursdays
10.00am - 12.30pm
Water based activities.
Shrewsbury



Days to be Confirmed
10.00am - 3.00pm
Dance sessions, Shrewsbury

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Mon-Fri
9.00am - 3.00pm
Easter Activity Camp,
Condover



Sundays
10.30am - 12.00pm
Woodland Treks & Riding Skills,
Stottesdon



Saturdays
10.00am - 11.00am &
11.00am - 12.00pm
SEND Cycling Sessions,
Shrewsbury



Tuesday & Thursday
9.00am - 4.00pm
Bushcraft Holiday Club,
Ludlow

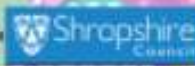


Cavalier Centre
Multiple opportunities
throughout the holidays,
Much Wenlock



Saturdays
Times and activities vary,
Shrewsbury & Market
Drayton

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GET CREATIVE...

Name a new information website for Young People which is all about your future!
We need your help: Can you come up with a name? Or can you design a logo?

Here are some great name ideas you could use:

Info Ninja, Shropshire Youth Hub, Youth Map, Leap Into Life, My Way
Or if you don't like these you can come up with your very own name.

Please send your name suggestions and logo designs to: local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk by the 7th April 2022 and we could offer you the chance to work with our team of designers to turn your ideas into reality.

Please include your name and the name of your school/college.



Next Generation Fair

Sustainable Living Expo

Saturday 28th May 11am - 4pm

FREE ENTRY

For all the family for the whole day

At Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

Craven Arms, SY7 9RS



- Displays and demonstrations about sustainable living and protecting Shropshire's biodiversity.
- Electric bike and vehicle expo
- Grow Cook Learn
- Sapa dancers
- Virrelli's Ice Cream
- The Strummers
- Sunflower Pizza Landrover
- Samba band
- Climbing tower
- Bouncy castle
- Children's activities
- Play area

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Dog Show 2pm - 4pm



Classes include pedigree,
best fancy dressed dog,
waggiest tail and more.

£2.50 per entry.

Entry on the day.

