



Dear Parents & Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you with a full school and a large amount of normality! Whilst we are, of course, extremely cautious and mindful of the ongoing Covid-19 worries, we welcomed back all of our students across this week and now have all year groups back in lessons and enjoying mixing at break and lunch time. Long may it last!

A particular welcome to Year 7 students and, of course, to their parents and carers. We are delighted with the way they have settled into life at Church Stretton School - well done!

Thank you to all parents and carers for sending your child/ren back with the equipment they need and in line with our expectations for uniform and appearance. We set and expect high standards and therefore your support is appreciated.

With some normality comes the opportunity for some enrichment activities, so we are very excited to be starting to plan the whole school Sponsored Walk once again. Please do look out for information from Mr Wise regarding this. In addition, we look forward to welcoming prospective parents / carers of current Year 6 children to our Open Evening & Open Morning at the end of the month. I will write more fully about this next week with timings, but please note that we will be closing early on the afternoon of the 30th of September (as usual in a normal year) to enable staff to prepare for the Open Evening later in the day. Therefore, please expect your child/ren to arrive home earlier than usual on that day.

Finally, thank you for keeping us informed of any positive Lateral Flow Tests and / or PCR tests. This information is extremely important as we work together to keep everyone as safe as possible.

With best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr  
Headteacher

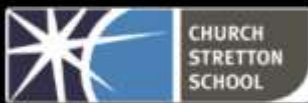
## Catering Update

- The impact of the driver shortages is affecting our catering provider and their food supply chain which is resulting in food delivery issues. With this in mind, some last minute menu changes may take place in school however, they will continue to work hard to provide the best possible service and have asked you to please bear with them during this time.
- We have also received information from our caterers about the new food labelling which is coming in from the 1st October 2021 (Natasha's law). However, we would like to reassure parents that the school has had and still have a very robust system for managing special dietary needs for students including those with allergies.

## Jewellery and PE

For safety purposes, we ask all students to remove any piercings when changing for PE. Some students have recently had their ears pierced and are not able to remove studs until they have healed. We are able to provide tape to cover recently pierced ears but once the 6 weeks healing time has passed we need to ensure that piercings are removed.

Thank you for your support in this.



# SPONSORED WALK

FRIDAY OCTOBER 8TH 2021

Take a walk with your fellow students over The Long Mynd whilst wearing your house colours and raising money for charity and school projects.  
More information coming soon.

## What's on Kooth in September?



### Kooth Live Forum: Making Friends

**DATE:** September 3rd **TIME:** 7.30pm to 9pm

**INFO:** Come share in our tips and advice for making friends and navigating tricky friendships.

### Kooth Discussion Board: Youth Mental Health Day

**DATE:** September 7th **TIME:** N/A

**INFO:** Stop by to join our discussions about mental health and try out some of our, and the community's, ideas for helping to look after our wellbeing all year round.

### Kooth Live Forum: Tackling Discrimination

**DATE:** September 8th **TIME:** 7.30pm to 9pm

**INFO:** This forum will be discussing different types of discrimination, along with tips for being an ally, where to get support, and how it's okay if you don't feel able to speak out. Come join us!

### Kooth Live Forum: The Importance of Identity

**DATE:** September 13th **TIME:** N/A

**INFO:** We are celebrating International Identity Day a little early, touching on how to recognise your own values and why you shouldn't feel pressure to have it all figured out!

### Kooth Podcast: Creative Writing Top Tips

**DATE:** September 17th **TIME:** N/A

**INFO:** Join us as we chat about our best creative writing tips: How proofreading is your best friend (but also worst enemy), the importance of world building in any fictional world, as well as how to learn to love your writing.

### Kooth Discussion Board: Think Green and Carry on

**DATE:** September 20th **TIME:** N/A

**INFO:** Celebrate Recycling Week with us by stopping by to talk all things reduce, reuse, recycle.

### Kooth Live Forum: Overcoming a "Reputation"

**DATE:** September 24th **TIME:** 7.30pm to 9pm

**INFO:** Join us to discuss reputations of all kinds – what you think it means to have one, how that might impact a young person, and the pressure those labels might hold. We hope to see you there!

### Kooth Live Forum: Social Takeover: Creative Writing

**DATE:** September 29th **TIME:** 7.30pm to 9pm

**INFO:** In this Social Takeover, you are in charge. We can't wait to get those creative juices flowing and have a chance to share our latest Creative Writing Challenge!



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"Shropshire Parenting are organising Understanding Your Child groups which start next week have got a few places available, if interested please see the flyer below.

They also have fantastic range of **online courses**, available for **free** to all residents of Shropshire and can be accessed by visiting [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk) and using the **code DARWIN18**. Thank you. Mrs Su Quye



## Understanding YOUR Child

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents with children of a similar age?

# Understanding Your Child Groups

Delivered Virtually, all you need is an email address and an electronic device.  
We'll talk you through the rest.

### Dates & Times:

Tuesday 14th September 2021 for 8 weeks (excluding school holidays)

Time 1.00pm to 2.00pm

or

Wednesday 15th September 2021 for 8 weeks (excluding school holidays)

Time 10.00 to 11.00am

To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the

**Parenting Team**

Telephone: 01743 250950

Email: [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)



## Understanding YOUR

# TEEN





# Badminton for All

Church Stretton Badminton Club invite you to try out our fantastic sport

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**Church Stretton Leisure Centre**

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**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6.30pm to 8.00pm**

**All abilities welcome from 7 years upwards**

**Sports wheelchairs and rackets available FOC**

**For more info call Alan Fox on 01694725588 or 07977060303**

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***RETURN TO PLAY***



### **Badminton success at the Paralympics Tokyo 2021**

As a boost to the start of our new season for 2021/22 we are delighted to share the success of GB Badminton at the Tokyo Paralympics. Dan Bethell earning a silver medal in the Standing Lower (SL3) classification. SL3 is for players with an impairment in one or both lower limbs and poor walking / running balance. There are other classifications that encompass different impairments.

Dan commented after his success "I really hope it will encourage kids with disabilities to get involved in the sport as it's such a great sport and a great community". We at Church Stretton Badminton club will be doing all we can to support that comment.

As I was writing this on the last days of Paralympic Badminton, there was one match left to go for GB Badminton, and it was another success. Krysten Coombs was in action winning the bronze medal in the Short Stature (SH6) classification. SH6 is for players who have a short stature due to a genetic condition often referred to as 'dwarfism'.

Disability badminton is a relatively new and growing sport that was featured for the first time at the 2021 Tokyo Paralympics. Various reduced court sizes and rules are used depending upon the classification.

Additionally, wheelchair badminton featured in the Paralympics with Martin Rooke reaching the Quarter Finals within Wheelchair 2 (WH2) classification. WH2 is for players with an impairment in one or both lower limbs and minimal or no impairment of the trunk.

Badminton England are actively encouraging clubs to become more inclusive. We are part of that initiative, by creating more opportunities for disabled people to get involved.

To present badminton as an inclusive sport for all, Badminton England are supporting our existing club structure that already caters effectively for disabled players. We would also like to identify new opportunities in which to introduce inclusive badminton provision. If there are any local groups that would like to include badminton - including disability badminton - as an activity then please get in touch. We would be happy to help.

We at Church Stretton Junior and Adult Badminton club pride ourselves in being a fully inclusive club with current members from 7 years old up to 93 years old. We are open to, and welcome, players with a disability. We have sports wheelchairs and experience in coaching players with disabilities.

Stephen Cox, our experienced wheelchair player, helps with coaching. Stephen represented England at the 4Nations Tournament in Cardiff.

We welcome all players, regardless of classification, at our club. We have sports wheelchairs and rackets available for use. We promote Badminton as not only a competitive sport but very much a social activity – proven to help with social, physical and mental wellbeing.

So, if you have a disability and you would like to try Badminton, come and give it a go!

We also have several family groups of children and adults playing on a Wednesday evening from 6.30 to 8.00pm at Church Stretton Leisure Centre.

Contact Alan Fox 01694 725588 or 07977060303 or email [alandavidfox@live.co.uk](mailto:alandavidfox@live.co.uk) if you would like any further information.

Alan Fox



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