



Dear Parents & Carers,

On Monday afternoon we welcomed children from several local primary school for a netball and dodgeball event. It was lovely to see children enjoying themselves, supported by some of our year 7 and year 10 students. Particular thanks go to Mr Barham, PE Teacher/Coordinator and Mr Jew, Trusted Sports Partnership Lead Officer who organised the event.

Yesterday we were delighted to be informed that our school is to receive Safer Schools status! Mr Ian Bartlett, who is Crime Prevention Officer for Shropshire Council has worked with us for several years on the 'Safer Schools' initiative, to ensure we keep our school a safe place for all. To be awarded full Safer Schools status is testament to the collaborative work of school staff/governors, students, local Police and Ian himself.

Finally, I am sure you would like to join me in thanking Mr Collison, Chair of Governors, who kindly provided a Christmas tree for our school reception area, where all students and staff can appreciate it. With Christmas in mind, a reminder that Shire Services will be offering a menu which includes some festive choices commencing week beginning 6th December, with the full Christmas lunch being offered on Wednesday 8th December. Enjoy the weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Accelerated Reader

Well done for reaching your Accelerated Reading Targets

Year 7

Rachel Beever
Izy Lowe
Assisi Malvone
Vea Ongsit
Emily Orme
Isobelle Taylor

Year 8

Emma Burke
Jack Cornehl
Isaac Hall
Ben Lawrence
Ruth Shaw
Olivia Whiting

Congratulations to the newest members of our Millionaires Club :

Erin Leigh (1,404,833) and Emily Kirkwood (1,166,172)



On Thursday this week Ian Bartlett from Shropshire Council came into school to review our safer schools accreditation. This was a very positive meeting and the below has been

submitted to the Shropshire Safer schools newsletter. We look forward to receiving our accreditation in the new year.

Safer Schools

Church Stretton School recently held a Safer School meeting, involving staff, a governor, the Police and myself representing Shropshire Council. It was a first class example of a Safer School meeting where we discussed security/safety. Mr Longhurst chaired the meeting and it included reviewing any incidents/issues, ensuring essential security/safety measures are effective and importantly, analysing feedback from parents/carers and students. In addition to the parent/carer response, the feedback included a survey of the students and overwhelmingly, the results were reassuring. The school has been involved in the Safer Schools initiative for some years and this meeting demonstrated the school's positive and realistic approach to security/safety – excellent work! The School is in line to be accredited a Safer School in early 2022.

Ian Bartlett
Crime Prevention Officer
Shropshire Council

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Mufti Day

We raised a fantastic

£534.21

Which will be shared between Children in Need and Hope House.



Primary netball and dodgeball festival

On Monday 22nd November 5 local primary schools visited CSS for this event – Wistanstow, St Lawrence, Rushbury, Stokesay and Longnor.

The festival was organised by Mr Jew, Trusted Sports' Partnership Manager with the aim of re-introducing local primary schools to inter-school events at Church Stretton. 72 pupils from years' 4 – 6 took part in high 5 netball and dodgeball activities delivered by Y7 and Y10 sports leaders.

Mr Jew and Mr Barham selected 11 leaders from Year 7 to work with Mr Jew this term as part of a new Leadership Academy and they had practised delivering coaching sessions to a group of primary pupils for 2 weeks prior to the event with Mr Jew. The Year 10 leaders supported the Y7's and also refereed and umpired the friendly netball and dodgeball matches.

The event was a huge success with each school leaving with a 'School Games Value' award such as Honesty and Respect.

Miss Pinches from Wistanstow Primary said: "We all agreed it was very well organised, the leaders were engaging and encouraging. All our students were very proud of themselves, especially for the honesty certificate as this is something I encourage them to be. They will be talking about this for weeks!"

This event is the start of a programme of competitions and festivals for primary schools at Church Stretton School lasting across the remainder of the academic year.





Student of the Week



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

KS4 Winner - Beatrice Hadwen Nominated by Miss Sollars for a Superb end of unit essay in history.

KS3 Winner - Charlie Hatton Nominated by Mrs Colburn for fantastic work completed in geography lessons.

KS4 Nominations

Miss Sollars	Bethany Dodd	Outstanding work in history this term	Key Stage 4
Miss Sollars	Beatrice Hadwen	A superb end of unit essay in history	Key Stage 4
Mrs Colburn	Shaun Bradley	Excellent effort and achievement in history assessment	Key Stage 4
Mrs Colburn	Daisy Deards	Excellent effort and achievement in history assessment	Key Stage 4
Mrs Colburn	Sophie Mansell	Excellent effort and achievement in history assessment	Key Stage 4
Mrs Colburn	Tillie Jones	Excellent effort and achievement in history assessment	Key Stage 4
Mrs Colburn	Hayley Wyatt	Excellent effort and achievement in history assessment	Key Stage 4
Mrs Colburn	Erin Robinson	Excellent effort and achievement in history assessment	Key Stage 4
Mrs Colburn	Taylor Challinor	Excellent engagement and understanding shown with the rivers topic in geography.	Key Stage 4
Mr Roberts	Taylor Challinor	Outstanding creative writing.	Key Stage 4
Mrs Scott	Finn Morgan-Jones	Superb perseverance in maths on spheres and frustums	Key Stage 4
Mrs Scott	Jack Parr	Superb perseverance in maths on spheres and frustums	Key Stage 4
Mrs Scott	Ben Holdsworth	Superb perseverance in maths on spheres and frustums	Key Stage 4
Mrs Scott	Erin Robinson	Outstanding homework on Spheres and cones - using algebra	Key Stage 4
Mrs Scott	Elizabeth Creffield	Superb perseverance in maths on spheres and frustums	Key Stage 4

KS3 Nominations

Mr Clarkson	Holly Collett	Studying at home to improve her understanding	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Lulu Jones	Fantastic work completed in geography lessons.	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Charlie Hatton	Fantastic work completed in geography lessons.	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Lily Atkin	Fantastic work completed in geography lessons.	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Phoebe Jervis	Fantastic work completed in geography lessons.	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Kardo Al- Alimi	Fantastic work completed in geography lessons.	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Brandon Hall	Exceptional performance in geology assessment	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Rhys Page	Exceptional performance in geology assessment	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Toby Williams	Exceptional performance in geology assessment	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Maisy Clift	Exceptional performance in geology assessment	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	George Devey	Exceptional performance in geology assessment	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Harry Cummins	Exceptional performance in geology assessment	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Gregory Walker	Exceptional performance in geology assessment	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Summer Jones	Exceptional performance in geology assessment	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Oscar Purslow	Exceptional performance in geology assessment	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Skyla Stovold	Exceptional performance in geology assessment	Key Stage 3
Mr Roberts	Jimmy Nicholson	Positive attitude to learning.	Key Stage 3
Mr Barham	Rares Nemes	Great leadership and positivity within football on Thursday. Taking their teams and communicating especially well with them.	Key Stage 3

KS3 Nominations continued

Mr Barham	Marcus Cordingley	Great leadership and positivity within football on Thursday. Taking their teams and communicating especially well with them.	Key Stage 3
Mrs Scott	Cerys Hope	Superb effort on proportion homework	Key Stage 3
Mrs Scott	Lily Gibbons	Superb effort on proportion homework	Key Stage 3
Mrs Scott	Cody-Lee Watts	Superb effort on proportion homework	Key Stage 3
Mrs Scott	Marwa Aoufi	Excellent verbal contributions in maths	Key Stage 3
Mrs Scott	Thea Morgan-Jones	Excellent verbal contributions in maths	Key Stage 3
Mrs Scott	Artie Bartlett-Garrard	Excellent verbal contributions in maths	Key Stage 3
Mrs Scott	Rares Nemes	Excellent verbal contributions in maths	Key Stage 3
Mrs Scott	Leia Davis	Excellent verbal contributions in maths	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Eve Watkins	Fantastic achievement in history assessment	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	James Davies	Fantastic achievement in history assessment	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Charlie Becker	Fantastic achievement in history assessment	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Chloe Walder	Fantastic achievement in history assessment	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Jake Jones	Fantastic achievement in history assessment	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Dan Shaw	Fantastic achievement in history assessment	Key Stage 3
Mrs Colburn	Matilda Booth-Gillett	Fantastic achievement in history assessment	Key Stage 3

The BIG Raffle returns

In assembly this week I launched the **BIG Raffle**. 3 years ago....before Covid and its' restrictions C3 tutor group held a raffle raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support charity. It snowballed into a huge raffle raising approximately £500. This year we would like to share the money raised between the 4 House Charities in school and Macmillan. We want to do it again **AND WE NEED YOUR HELP** to do so.

Currently most students don't carry a lot of cash in school and to buy raffle tickets they will need change. As they say **"you've got to be in it, to win it!"**

An individual ticket will cost 30p but a strip will be £1.

The prizes will be on display in the school entrance and tickets will be on sale at break and lunch times, every day, by a team of students from across the school.

There are some lovely prizes to win too. A giant Winged Unicorn plus several other lovey soft toys.. tubs of sweets and a selection of prizes from Shrewsbury Town Football Club... including VIP seats with a 3-course meal for 4 people, for a match of your choice.

Hopefully, your child will want to buy tickets so please could you dig deep in your pockets and give them your change. If every child bought a strip of tickets at £1 we would make £500 but there is no limit to the number of tickets, that they can buy. Please help the school raise money for these worthwhile causes.

Thank you in anticipation of your support and generosity.

Mrs D. Head of Key Stage 4

P.S Any further donations of prizes, big or small, would be gratefully received.



Christmas Lights Switch-On 27.11.21

Given the forecast of extreme weather this weekend, there is a strong prospect that the Entertainment Programme in the Town Square from 3.00 – 5.00pm will have to be cancelled. However, Santa's Grotto in the Silvester Horne Institute will still be open from 11.00am to 3.00pm.

If the Square Programme has to be cancelled, the St. Lawrence Singing Club will instead be performing in St. Laurence Church at 2.45 pm, prior to the Christingle Service at 4.00pm. All adults attending are asked to be masked. Those attending the Service will then proceed to the Square at 5.00pm for the Count-Down to the Switching on of the Christmas Lights at 5.15pm.

High Street Closure: If the Programme in the Square is cancelled, the High Street will not be closed from 2.00pm to 6.00pm but from 4.30 – 5.30pm

Cllr. Bob Welch, Church Stretton Town Council

Autumn Term Mock Exams 2021 - Year 11 Timetable

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

Week A

Date	Period 1 8.50 – 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 29 th November	Geography Human 1 hour (1 hour 15 mins)		Break	Music 1 hour	Lunch	Maths 1 hour 30 mins (1 hour 53 mins)	
Tuesday 30 th November	English Language 1 hour 45 mins (2 hour 11 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
Wednesday 1 st December	Computer Science 1 hour 30 mins (1 hour 53 mins) French Writing F 1 hour (F 1 hour 15 mins) H 1 hour 15 mins (H 1 hour 34 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	History 1 hour 35 mins (1 hour 59 mins)	
Thursday 2 nd December	French Listening & Reading H 1 hour 45 mins (H 2 hours 11 mins) F 1 hour 20 mins (F 1 hour 40 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Maths 1 hour 30 mins (1 hour 53 mins)	
Friday 3 rd December	Biology Combined – 1 hour 10 mins (1 hour 28 mins) Triple - 1 hour 45 mins (2 hours 11 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons

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Week B

Date	Period 1 8.50 – 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 6 th December	English Literature 1 hour 45 mins (2 hours 11 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	RE 1 hour (1 hour 15 mins)	
Tuesday 7 th December	Chemistry Combined – 1 hour 10 mins (1 hour 28 mins) Triple - 1 hour 45 mins (2 hours 11 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Drama 1 hour 30 mins (1 hour 53 mins)	
Wednesday 8 th December	Geography Physical 1 hour (1 hour 15 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Construction 1 hour (1 hour 15 mins)	
Thursday 9 th December	Physics Combined – 1 hour 10 mins (1 hour 28 mins) Triple - 1 hour 45 mins (2 hours 11 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Sport 1 hour (1 hour 15 minutes)	
Friday 10 th December	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	DT 1 hour 30 mins (1 hour 53 mins)	

Nut Free School

We aim to be a nut free school. If your child brings packed lunches or snacks in from home please ensure (even if your child is not allergic) that they do not contain nuts or nut-products, in order to protect those in school with severe allergies. Our kitchen doesn't knowingly use nuts, however nut traces can be found in many products especially when manufactured in a factory alongside nut products. Many thanks.

REMINDER

School is a fully non-smoking (and non-vaping) site. All students have received an assembly to remind them of the sanctions if they are found in possession of any smoking paraphernalia.



National Grief Awareness Week 2- 8 December

As a society death, dying and grief is still in the closet. Rarely if ever talked about, recognised, or supported.

It is one of society's remaining taboos. However, due to COVID no one can escape awareness of death and dying, the figures for death from Covid are on the news every night.

Those dying or losing someone from causes other than COVID may feel that their situation and circumstances have been overshadowed. Many will be grieving the loss of people who have died from a range of causes, all are equally important. This week aims to change the culture around these issues and support a move towards a more 'death literate' society.

This week aims to raise awareness of grieving; we need to recognise it is natural and not time limited. For many grief is continual and on-going, many people, children and young people in particular, find it helpful to talk about their experiences and feelings.

All Shropshire Libraries have books and resources that can help when processing grief, dying or loss, such as [Reading Well collections](#), which will be displayed in libraries during the week. The [Book Guide – Reading to help you cope with grief and bereavement](#) highlights selected titles from the collections. If you are looking for help and support during a difficult time, libraries are full of local information about these topics with compassionate and helpful staff.

During this week it is timely to draw your attention to the Shropshire bereavement pathway and highlight that it is available for anyone; staff, pupils, family, friends and colleagues who may be affected by bereavement and loss. Ringing 0345 678

9028 enables people to access counselling or bereavement support provided by a range of providers, up to six free sessions can be provided.



Church Stretton School is a trauma informed community and we encourage discussion and support across our community in relation to bereavement and helping our students to be bereavement prepared. Our tutors, pastoral and SEND teams are able to offer more specialised and bespoke support and guidance. We appreciate parents keeping us informed of family and pet bereavements so we can best support students in school.

You may also find this guidance helpful <https://psychcentral.com/blog/coping-with-grief-ball-and-box-analogy#grief-as-a-shrinking-ball>

[The Ball and Box Analogy on Coping with Grief | Psych Central](#) Grief is a unique emotion that we all experience differently. Even if it doesn't feel like it at first, it isn't permanent. It's like a shrinking ball. psychcentral.com

And we encourage our young people to consider using the Kooth community if they are struggling.

<https://www.kooth.com/>

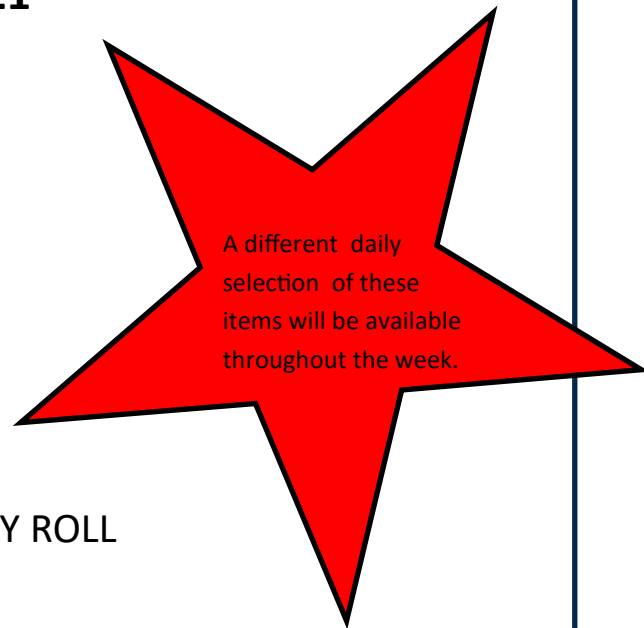


FESTIVE WEEK LUNCH OFFER

W/C 06/12/21



JUMBO PIGS IN BLANKET BAGUETTE
TURKEY BURGER WITH CRANBERRY SAUCE
TURKEY BAP WITH STUFFING
BACON, BRIE & CRANBERRY PANINI
CAULIFLOWER CHEESE WITH CRISPY BACON
TOPPING
CARROT AND CORRIANDER SOUP WITH CRUSTY ROLL
CURRIED PARSNIP SOUP WITH CRUSTY ROLL
PIGS IN BLANKET LOADED TRAY
FESTIVE PIZZA
SELECTION OF FESTIVE COOKIES AND CAKES ON OFFER



On Wednesday 8th December, Christmas Lunch will be the only lunchtime option available .

Breaktime items will be available as normal.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH LOADED TRAY 8th DECEMBER

MEAL DEAL £2-40 (LOADED TRAY, PUDDING & FRUIT JUICE)

TURKEY, STUFFING, PIGS IN BLANKET, ROAST POTATO, CARROTS, PEAS,
BRUSSELSPOUTS, ROASTED PARSNIP & GRAVY, CRANBERRY SAUCE
QUORN WELLINGTON, ROAST POTATO, CARROTS, PEAS, BRUSSELSPOUTS,
ROASTED PARSNIP & GRAVY, CRANBERRY SAUCE V
SELECTION OF FESTIVE PUDDINGS



Junior Gym

Every Monday & Wednesday

3:30-4:30pm

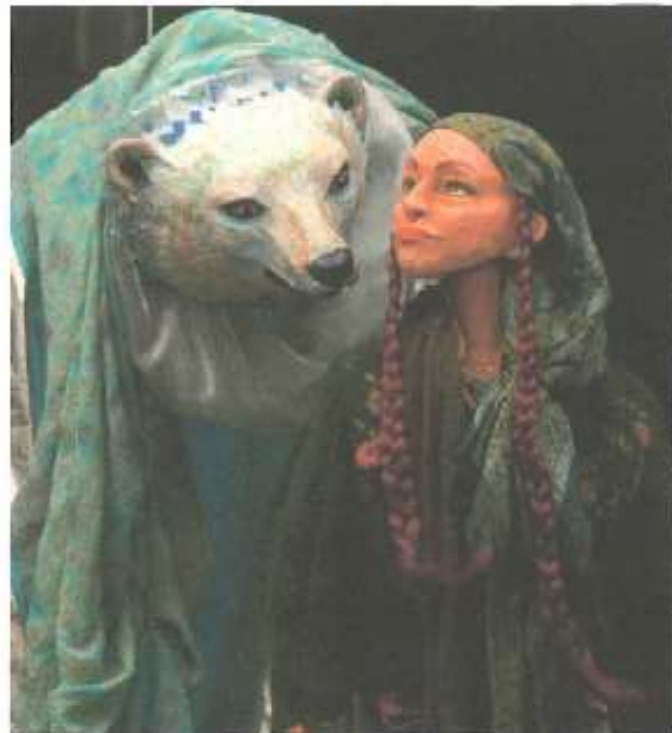
£2.90 a session Age 13+

**Sessions are supervised
& an induction would be
included in the hour**

The Fetch Theatre

presents

East of the Sun, West of the Moon



Based on a traditional Nordic story *East of the Sun, West of the Moon* is a spellbinding tale of adventure, mystery and romance featuring a magical white bear, a young girl and an anarchic troll!

Choreographed to an original soundtrack, this beautiful, mesmerizing show demonstrates the skill and style of Bunraku puppetry. A visual tale, told without words, the performance captivates audiences of all ages from 5-105 years!

Show Duration: 45 minutes approximately + chance to meet some of the puppets

Thursday 9th December 4pm

Church Stretton Library

Tickets £1 reserve from the library 01694 722 535

(fully refundable on attendance)

There will be a retiring collection for Church Stretton First Responders

For more information about The Fetch Theatre check out the website:

www.thefetch.co.uk