



Dear Parents & Carers,

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

You will be aware of the recent Government announcement regarding easing of restrictions I am sure. In school, this mostly impacts on the use of face coverings, with the following changes:

From 20 January, face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms. From 27 January, face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in communal areas. However, students / staff and visitors are permitted to wear a face covering should they wish to do so.

Pleasingly, the number of confirmed Covid-19 cases in school remains low. However, please rest assured that we remain prepared to increase safety measures should the need arise, with contingency plans in place and our measures aligned to the most recent information regarding Covid-19 cases in the area.

Next week we see the start of spring term foundation exams for Year 9 pupils. These will test pupils' knowledge and skills in all subjects apart from the core subjects (maths, English & science) which will take place later in the year. For Year 9 pupils, this term will also see the start of the Pathways process, where pupils will be finding out about possible subjects to study, alongside the core subjects in Key Stage 4. Dr Wood, Deputy Headteacher will be providing pupils and parents/carers with more information about the Pathways process over the course of this term.

Finally, please note the article this week that we are sharing on behalf of Stretton Arts Forum. I know that the organisers would welcome anyone who might offer their assistance as a volunteer.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend

John Parr
Headteacher



Accelerated Reader



Well done for reaching your Accelerated Reading Targets

Year 7

William Brown

Vea Ongsit

Rebekah Rafferty

Dora Turner

Toby Westall

Year 8

Emma Burke

Dean Harvey

Ella Roberts

Harrison Starkie

Toby Williams

Congratulations to the newest members of our Millionaires Club



Dean Harvey
(1,747,568)



Poppy Flanagan
(1,067,695)



Edward Dunn
(1,000,273)

Shire Services Kitchen Vacancy

SS22/001 Kitchen Assistant,

Church Stretton Secondary School

Closing date 23/01/22

20 HPW Monday—Friday 9.00am-2.00pm

If you would like anymore information please click on the link below

<https://careers.shropshire.gov.uk/vacancy/ss22-001-kitchen-assistant-470858.html>

Kick off StrettFest in July 2022 with a Community Parade of Samba drummers
and dancers made up of local schoolkids and teens!



Starting off from their schools, the parade will highlight the current imperative of reducing our harmful effect on the eco-climate, wearing themed colourful costumes and displaying **banners and flags to identify their own 'samba troupe'**. The parade will sway through and around the town, playing Brazilian Samba rhythms on drums and some re-cycled junk/scrap instruments.



Samba sample
1.MP3

Support will come from some experienced drummers, a brass section, a parade leader, dancers and dance leader, volunteer marshals on cycles, volunteers holding banners/waving flags and giving out flyers (on recycled paper) of festival events. The parade will tour the main streets in Church Stretton, with a short static performance in the car park, then return to their original start point to disperse.



This is guaranteed to be a highly visual and noisy event lasting an hour or so that will bring people on to **the street (including the children's families), to watch** and make them aware that the Fringe Festival Week is officially open and about the key themes.

Parades have been adopted successfully by many communities as a way of bringing the local community together in a focused and celebratory style. The strategy is to start small and build annually on a platform of successful ingredients, with youth being the driving force, enabling ownership and creativity. Later, the reach can be extended to include neighbouring villages/towns, with local troupes invited to join and to link their area to the parade.

Publicity and media This parade will attract press and social media and will generate interest through the carbon-neutral and re-cycling concept that helps the environment. So a campaign before, during and after on local radio and in press, social media and promotion on Stretton Facebook Community is anticipated.

Preparation: led by experienced, specialist teachers the samba workshops will start approx. 8-10 weeks before the parade, enabling children and adults to learn the parade rhythms, how to move, make costumes, have a full-scale rehearsal one week before the parade. Schools will be asked to donate free space, during/after school hours, for drum, dance and making workshops and rehearsals.

Parade date for your calendar: Saturday 16th July 2022 before school breaks up for the summer term.

Get involved! We would love your child(ren) to get involved and be part of this exciting summer event! More details available at your school. **Volunteering?** If you or a family member would like to offer some support before or during the Parade, please contact strettonartsforum@gmail.com

Vaccination Information

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) 2 Dose Vaccination

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) will be taking place in school on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th February 2022. Children in Year 8 will be receiving their consent forms for the first dose today. Please remind your child/ren to give them to you. Please complete the form and return to school within one week. Year 8 children will receive their vaccine on Thursday 17th February.

Children in year 9 who have already returned consent forms will have their vaccines on Friday 18th February. Depending on whether there is more space available on Thursday 17th, Year 9 children will start to be vaccinated on this day.

Covid-19 Vaccination—Second Dose

The second dose for Covid-19 will take place in school on Monday 7th February 2022. Children will be sent home with a consent form on Monday 24th January which will need to be returned by 31st January.

Extra-Curricular Activities

From Monday 17th January your child/ren will be able to participate in the activities set out in the timetable below. Please encourage your child/ren to take part during lunch times or afterschool.

Extra-curricular Activities Spring term 2021-22

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Lunchtime | KS4 Drama Rehearsals KS3 Netball Y11 Quiet Revision Room (G6) Music Practice Rooms (week B) Lunch Club (R3 Invite only) | KS3&4 Technical Theatre club KS3 Art club KS3 Fitness club Y7&8 STEM (B7) Y11 Quiet Revision Room (G6) DT Club (Y5) KS3 Table-tennis Lunch Club (R3 Invite only) | KS4 Netball KS3 Coding (B8) Y11 Quiet Revision Room (G6) Music Practice Rooms Lunch Club (R3 Invite only) | Year 7 Drama club KS3/4 Badminton Board games/chess (Y1) Stretton Singers (all years) Music Practice Rooms Y11 Quiet Revision Room (G6) Literacy with Lucy the dog (R3) Lunch Club (R3 Invite only) | Year 8 Drama Club KS4 Boys Football Y11 Quiet Revision Room (G6) Film Club W5 Church Stretton School Band (all years) Lunch Club (R3 Invite only) |
| After school 3.20 start | Walk & Talk KS4 Boys Football KS3 Boys Rugby | KS4 Drama rehearsals KS3 Basketball (Mixed) KS3 Girls Rugby KS3 Boys Football | KS3 Cheerleading Girls Football | KS4 Portfolio workshop | KS4 Drama rehearsals Music Rehearsals/ GCSE extra time |

PE Activities

Drama Activities (Studio)

Art Activities (B10)

Music Activities (B9)

Other Activities

Reach Project

During the Autumn Term a group of Year 8 and 9 students working with the South Shropshire Youth Forum working outside in Cardingmill Valley and at the Discovery Centre in Craven Arms. They worked to clear areas and learnt new skills in doing so. For the last few sessions, the group prepared to work with primary school students from Stokesay in using the area they made safe to lead and play outside games. The students did well with the manual work and leading the activities for younger children.

Thanks to Rich Morley and his team for facilitating this project and giving our students a different learning experience. Well done to the students for working hard and braving the cold.



**TUES
8 FEB
2022**

**ALL
ABOUT**
apprenticeships

- SHROPSHIRE -

2pm - 7pm

**Shrewsbury
Town Football
Club**

#ShropApprentice



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shropshireapprenticeships.co.uk

Are you interested in Apprenticeships?

Whether you are looking for the latest Apprenticeship vacancies available in your area or simply want to learn more about how Apprenticeships work, this event will provide you with the advice and guidance you need.

- ➔ Speak to employers to find out what Apprenticeships are available locally
- ➔ Receive advice on applying for Apprenticeships
- ➔ Explore the range of occupations and levels available through Apprenticeships

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Consistently excellent teaching.
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Teachers work within experienced teams.
Learning resources are developed to reflect changing needs.
Safeguarding of children is a priority.
Teachers benefit from regular training in key areas.
Enhanced DBS and Suitability to Work checks, monitoring & performance management.

Music Lessons

Individual and small groups lessons usually take place in school. We teach nearly all instruments and have a range of equipment for hire or loan. We also work with several local retailers to offer assisted purchase of instruments and advice when buying.



Music lessons

In school we are pleased to be working with Shropshire Music Service. Shropshire Music Service are a non-profit council organisation dedicated to providing high quality music education for the county's young people. The lessons are not free, but substantial reductions in the cost are available for those in challenging financial circumstances. SMS also offer affordable instrument hire for most instruments, along with opportunities to perform in musical groups. You can enrol your children using this link, or search Shropshire Music Service to find out more.

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