

THE LINK

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Dear Parent/Carers and Pupils,

As we reach the end of this academic year, may I take this opportunity to say thank you for your support and encouragement and well done to our fantastic pupils for their adaptability, resilience and hard work. Thank you.

This week has seen a very different school, after Sports Day on Monday, our pupils have been enjoying their Enrichment Activities and for Year 10, their Work Experience. We are of course very mindful of the weather and extreme temperatures forecast for the weekend and early next week. Therefore, we will likely adapt our plans for the school-based activities to ensure our pupils and staff are kept safe. Where this impacts on specific year groups in school next week, Mr Longhurst will update you about this through our messaging service.

Thank you to Mrs Fletcher-Tyrie for making the arrangements for and hosting the GCSE Art Show on Wednesday evening. I am sure that visitors who attended were overwhelmed by the standard of work that these talented pupils have produced. This of course doesn't 'just happen' so I would like to thank Mrs Fletcher-Tyrie for her support and countless hours given to the pupils - such amazing work!

As I mentioned recently, with a heavy heart we are saying farewell to the following staff this year: After a brief but highly productive time with us, Miss Roberts our Food and Art Technician is leaving to start an exciting university course. Good luck and thank you Miss Roberts! Also, only here briefly but making a big impact, we say goodbye and thank you to Mr Gardner-Hart who has done a superb job teaching science to both key stage 3 and 4. After 2 years with us, we say farewell to Mrs Hanson who, as an English teacher has enthused and helped so many pupils get the bug for English, including developing their writing, so it is apt that we wish her the very best as she leaves us to focus on her own writing. After 4 years with us involving a daily 2 hour plus commute (now that is dedication!), we wish Miss Whitcombe every success as she leaves us to start her Head of PE role at a new school much closer to her home. She has helped countless pupils through her teaching of PE and also in her pastoral role where her support has made such a difference to childrens' wellbeing - thank you! We wish Mrs Mackechnie the very best as she leaves after 6 years service to pursue other educational work within maths. Her dedication to getting the best for the children she has taught is always clear as she encouraged and challenged pupils with their maths - the pupils (and staff) will miss her very much. We will be keeping in close contact and hope Mrs Mackechnie may be back occasionally to help our pupils in the future. Farewell to Mr Mould who is leaving after 7 years to pursue other opportunities in music, including within the Shropshire Music Service. Again, I am sure we will see him back, this time in the practice rooms helping those pupils taking music lessons. His contribution to music and the Arts has resulted in numerous new musicians and vocalists, many of whom will have enjoyed the school concerts or Young Voices competition he led. Finally, we say farewell to Mr Basnett who, after over 15 years teaching English to countless pupils, is taking a well-earned rest and a new direction in education. He will be very much missed by pupils and staff alike. Mr Basnett has been Head of English, Second in English and also Trust Literacy Coordinator. We would like to thank Mr Basnett for his commitment to leading improvements to outcomes for so many pupils whom he has personally taught and those he has impacted upon through his work in the various leadership roles he has had. Thank you Mr Basnett and farewell.

Finally, may I remind you that in September, the start of autumn term is on **Wednesday 07th September for year 7 pupils only**, with all other pupils joining us on Thursday 08th September.

We wish you a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing our pupils return in September.

John Parr

Headteacher

Enrichment week 2022

Monday 18th	Tuesday 19th	
PE Inter-House In school School PE kit Meet Sportshall (Mr Barham)	House walk and BBQ Own clothes Sensible walking shoes/coat Packed lunch (MrWright/Mrs Dixon)	
West Mids safari Park Leave 9am Return 5pm Meet Hall Own clothes Packed lunch (Mr Cox)	House walk and BBQ Own clothes Sensible walking shoes/coat Packed lunch (MrWright/Mrs Dixon)	
Maths In school & Cardingmill valley MeetY1/2 Own clothes (MrWilliams)	House walk and BBQ Own clothes Sensible walking shoes/coat Packed lunch (Mr Wright/Mrs Dixon)	



Accelerated Reader



Congratulations to all the students listed below for meeting or beating their target

Year 7		Year 8
Molly Bell	Thea Morgan-Jones	Molly Jeffries
Daniel Bill	Rares Nemes	Elsa Lovelock
Nia Carter	Oscar Russell	Evie Millichip
Sam Cornehls	Toby Westall	Mia Sandwith
Edward Dunn		

Holly Hodgkiss

Izy Lowe

Larissa Meredith-

Green

Sports Day Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who bought cakes on Sports Day, we raised £101.50!



Trust Awards

Out of 14 students nominated for the Trust Awards, 2 winners were selected and presented with prizes. These students were Cristian Lopez Strakhov and Hayley Wyatt. Well done to all students who were nominated and particularly the 2 winners.

School Uniform

We anticipate that, at this point in the year, some of our rapidly growing young people have outgrown uniform items or no longer require them.

We hope that if you have any of the listed items below, in very good condition, that you/your child would bring them into school for other students to

benefit from.
We are looking for:

Trousers, Skirts, School Poloshirts, School Shoes Kind regards and thanks in anticipation, Su Quye (SENCo and Safeguarding)



To help tackle holiday hunger at a time when the cost-of-living is higher than ever, children aged 16 and under can access a hot or cold meal for just £1 at Asda cafes.

Asda has announced that, in a bid to keep children fed over the summer holidays, they'll be able to grab a meal at their in-store cafes seven days a week, with no minimum adult spend requirement.

The Kids Eat for £1 initiative is available all day, every day from July 25 until September 4 in England and Wales, as long as the café is open. And dependent on the store, a hot meal or cold meal, or both, will be on offer! (source: ASDA and MEN; July 2022)

Enrichment Week 2022

On Wednesday 13th July 2022 Year 7 visited the Blue Planet Aquarium in Chester as part of our enrichment week. Students were treated to spectacular views of rare and endangered sea creatures. A conveyer belt took them through a glass tunnel as sharks and sting rays swam around them.







DT & Problem Solving with Year 7

On Thursday 14th July 2022 Year 7 spent the day solving problems on the field. Students had to solve the Hanoi tower problem, get through a mine field, walk the plank, send Shakespearian quotes from one half of a group to another using only a range of coloured cards and using no verbal signals, and move blind sheep from one pen to another. Students showed great communication and co-operation skills to succeed in these tasks.









Year 11 Art Exhibition

This week we held our Year 11 Art exhibition to showcase the excellent work out students have produced this year. The event was well attended by students and their families. We wish them well in their future studies. Many thanks to Miss Roberts and Mrs Fletcher-Tyrie for organising and hosting the event.









Well Done!

On Tuesday 12th July we were delighted to celebrate with our students their achievement of receiving 300 house points during the year. Students were treated to a BBQ and games afternoon. Well done to the 50 students who achieved this remarkable haul of house points.





Congratulations!





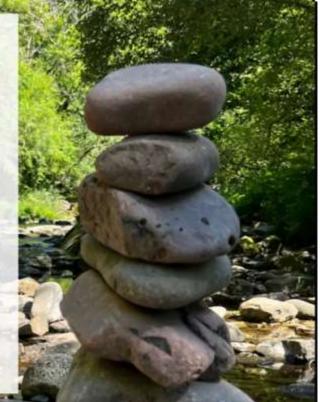
Both Bronze (69) and Silver (10) participants have been working hard all year completing the four sections of the DofE Award; volunteering, physical, skill and expedition. With the expeditions now completed students can now sign off the award.

A massive congratulations goes out to **Maisie White** who is the first student to secure their Bronze Award with many other students in the final stages and will be in a similar position very soon. **Laura Brian**, **Isabella Healey**, and have all but completed their Silver award and will do so before we break for the summer holidays.

To all participants - Please continue to upload evidence over the summer, in particular your assessors reports, and we look forward to many other students receiving the Award after the summer break.

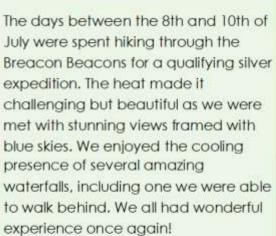
Silver Qualifying Expedition

Last weekend, nine Year 11 students returned to school to complete their Silver expedition. Brecon Beacons became their backdrop for the weekend with students needing to be self-sufficient for 3 days and 2 nights. Students were required to walk around 18km daily, completing 7 hours of planned activity each day. The weather was glorious with wall-to-wall sunshine throughout the 3 days, this made for impressive picturesque views but incredibly challenging walking conditions. The students found the expedition challenging but had an even greater sense of achievement once they completed it.















Student Journalists



A massive well done to all of our superb Student Journalists. All year they have been writing thought-provoking articles for our local magazine, The Stretton Focus. The editors were extremely impressed by the quality of the students writing and the maturity and reliability of our students.

They are keen to continue the initiative next year, so current Year 10, look out for an announcement in the new term.

The student journalists were:

Laura Brian and Grace Martin (shown in the picture receiving their cheque).

Eleanor Brown

Jacob Bennett

Emily Hale

Elena Morton



EARLIER ORDER DISCOUNT

We are offering a 7% discount off the standard price for all Church Stretton School uniform.

In store - the discount will be automatically applied at the till.

On line - the discount will be applied at the online checkout - Please use order code EarlyOrder22

This discount applies from June 20th to July 23rd 2022

17-18 Sundorne Trade Park, Featherbed Lane, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NS Telephone 01743 440449

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HAVE FUN MAKING SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY HAPPEN!

STRETTFEST 2022 - INAUGURAL

COMMUNITY SAMBA PARADE THROUGH TOWN! FRINGE ARTS AND PICNIC IN THE PARK!

SATURDAY 16TH JULY - RECTORY FIELD

- MARSHAL THE SAMBA PARADE or a WORKSHOP
- STEWARD TRAFFIC
- CARRY PARADE BANNERS OR WILDLIFE PUPPETS
- CAPTURE PHOTO/VIDEO RECORDS OF PARADE/WORKSHOPS
- SET UP OR STRIKE MARQUEES/GAZEBOS

VOLUNTEERS WILL WORK IN PAIRS - SO BRING A FRIEND OR PARTNER!

VOLUNTEER ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED AT ONE OF TWO STRETTFEST BRIEFINGS

AT MAYFAIR COMMUNITY CENTRE, 7 pm on TUES 5th or WEDS 13th JULY

YOUR HELP WILL BE MOST WELCOME!!!

Contact: strettfest@gmail.com



Come and Join us!

We are on the search for some new players current years 6/7 to come and join our U13s All <u>Girls</u> team this next season

If you are interested coming to meet us or have any questions please feel free to contact us on

bctfc_wildcats@outlook.com

or call us on

07967826587 (Jane)

07377710899 (Sarah)

We look forward to hearing from you





CHURCH STRETTON MAGPIES U16 FOOTBALL TEAM ARE LOOKING FOR

ADDITIONAL PLAYERS FOR SEASON 22/23

Church Stretton Magpies Football Club are looking for additional players to join their already established side playing in the Shropshire junior football league. All abilities are welcome so if you fancy joining a friendly club please contact us in the first instance

Nick 07515830723 or Bruce 07976230425 or message us via the church Stretton Magpies Facebook Page

We play on the pitches on Russells Meadow, Church Stretton SY6 6DE.



DIANA GRIFFITHS SCHOOL OF DANCE AND DRAMA (*)

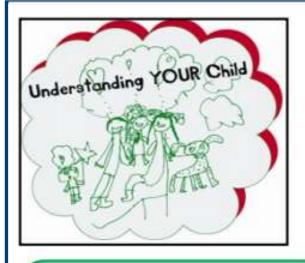
PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER SCHOOL 2022



25th July - 28th July

Dorrington Village Hall 10am - 4pm Ages 6 - 18





Shropshire

PARENTING HELPLINE

Call **01743 250950**

Tuesdays and Thursdays
9am to 12.30pm

other services the Parenting Team
offers please email

Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. Shropshire Council's Parenting Team is here to support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

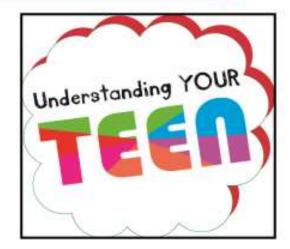
Do you have any questions around child development and parenting?

Why not call our Parenting Helpline where one of our trained

Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.

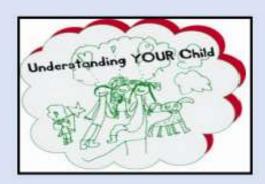
If you have concerns about a child's safety or well-being please call

First Point of Contact 0345 678 9021





- 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 with other parents with children of a similar age?



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS

Delivered Face to Face or Virtually

All you need is an email address and an electronic device for the virtual groups, and we'll talk you through the rest

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

Understanding Your Child SEND on Tuesday 27th September 2022 Virtually via MS Teams from 12.30pm to 2.30pm

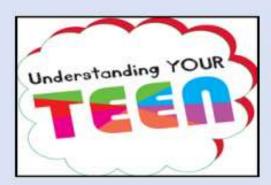
Understanding Your Child SEND on Wednesday 28th September 2022 Face to Face at Sunflower House Hub, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 4ES from 9.30am to 11.30am

Understanding Your Child on Wednesday 28th September 2022 Virtually via MS Teams from 12.30pm to 2.30pm

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











- 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?
- 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

Come and join us for a 5-week workshop Starting on

Friday 23rd September 2022 Virtually via Ms Teams from 9.30am to 11.30am

Or

Thursday 10th November 2022 Virtually via Ms Teams From 9.30am to 11.30am

Or

Friday 11th November 2022 at Oswestry Castle View from 9.30am to 11.30am

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