



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to parents and carers of students in Year 8 for attending Progress Evening yesterday. As always, it was a valuable opportunity to ask any subject specific questions and discuss progress with class teachers.

Students have been informed this week that we are intending to return to break time after lesson 2, as we have had previously. Students from each House Council provided mixed responses when they were asked whether they preferred the current earlier break or the previous later break, but the balance was tipped toward those in favour of two lessons and then a break. This will have no impact in terms of the start or end timing of the day, therefore the above is for information only.

With only three weeks remaining of the Autumn Term, there is still so much activity within school as we prepare for key events including Christmas lunch on 6th December and the Christmas Concert on 18th December.

With best wishes for the weekend, especially if you are heading out to do some Christmas shopping!

Mr. J. Parr
Headteacher

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE SCHOOL TARGET = 96%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
SINCE SEPTEMBER 96.7%**

19th November-23rd November

Caradoc 95.7% Hazler 96.7%

Lawley 94.6% Ragleth 95.3%

Many thanks to parents and carers for logging onto Go4Schools to check their son/daughter's weekly positive and negative points. For your information staff always log meetings/phone calls and emails with parents/students on the system for our records. There is not a points value to the log so it will not affect your son/daughter's overall points.

NEXT WEEK IS WEEK A

Reminder— Appointments during School Time

We appreciate that appointments during the school day are sometimes unavoidable. However, please can we ask that you give the school as much notice as possible and provide an appointment card/letter.

Christmas lunch - Thursday, 6th December.

A turkey lunch will be served, including a pudding and a drink for £2.40 a vegetarian/gluten free option will be available but no other alternatives on the day; so packed lunches will be required for those who do not wish to have a school Christmas lunch. (Pupils will be asked, in tutor time, if they will be having a Christmas lunch, a few days in advance so that we know approximately how many to cater for).

Events - December

3rd December - National Theatre - The Nutcracker
13th December - Atlantic Ladies talk and presentation
18th December - Christmas Concert
21st December - Last day of term



ACCELERATED READER



LOOK HOW WELL OUR PUPILS ARE DOING

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

YEAR 7

Bea Betton
Joe Burke
Isobel Devey
Sophie Eastwood
Ayaat Green
Finn Morgan-Jones
Amelie Northwood
Merve Ozsevgec
Catherine Parry
Hanae Soussi Dahdouh

YEAR 8

Alfie Dales
Natalee Evans
Niamh Kelly
Ruby-Leigh Kelly Capel
Klara Kokkinou
Akira Lampe
Rebecca Norval
Cody Price

YEAR 9

Tom Calveart
Aaminah Green
Ben Harris (C1)
Lucy Poole
Eva Spurling

UPDATE

- Year 9 report writing is in progress and parents will be notified as soon as they are available.
- Markbooks for Year 11 will be switched off in Go4Schools during December whilst we enter results of mock examinations and update forecast grades. Students will have a practice results session after Christmas and we don't want to spoil this by revealing grades in advance. Timetable and homework information will still be available. Visibility of Markbooks will be restored in January.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE P.T.A CRAFT FAYRE.

The P.T.A is having an informal meeting on Tuesday 4th December at The Kings Arms at 7.30 pm to celebrate the success of the Craft Fayre.

All welcome.



Do you shop online?..... your Shopping can provide extra funds for the school at no extra cost to you..

Easyfundraising is a fundraising service that can provide donations for the school each time you purchase items online.

3,200 shops and sites including Amazon, John Lewis, eBay, Sainsbury's, Virgin trains and Aviva are included.

How to sign up:

Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Enter 'Church Stretton School' as your chosen cause and join for free

Every time you shop go to 'Easyfundraising'; find the site you want and shop

Then when you checkout Church Stretton School gets a donation at no extra cost

This is an easy way to support your children's school, so please consider signing up,

thank you.

Recommended Reads

Following requests from parents during a recent parents' evening, we have compiled a list of recommended reads for pupils. Most of the books are in a series, included in the Accelerated Reader scheme and available in the school library. **Happy Reading!**

Fire - Chris d'Lacey

Artemis Fowl - Eoin Colfer

Hunger Games - Suzanne Collins

Ruby Redfort - Lauren Child

Noughts & Crosses - Malorie Blackman

Red Queen - Victoria Aveyard

Underland Chronicles - Suzanne Collins

Twilight - Stephenie Meyer

Summoner -Taran Matharu

Throne of Glass - Sarah J Maas

Skulduggery Pleasant - Derek Landy

Young Sherlock - Andrew Lane

Alex Rider - Anthony Horowitz

Young Bond - Charlie Higson

Percy Jackson - Rick Riordan

Murder Most Unladylike Mysteries - Robin Stevens

A Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket

Lord of the Rings - Tolkien

Shadowmancer - G P Taylor

H.I.V.E Series - Mark Walden

His Dark Materials Trilogy - Philip Pullman

Mortal Engines Series - Philip Reeve

Inheritance Cycle - Christopher Paolini

Pegasus Series - Kate O'Hearn

Chronicles of Ancient Darkness - Michelle Paver

Knife - R J Anderson

Theodore Boone - John Grisham

Inkheart - Cornelia Funke

Ingo - Helen Dunmore





THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

We are excited to announce that DofE will be running at Church Stretton School this year and in the future. Mr Cox and Mrs Davis are busy gathering information, meeting people and getting trained so we will be up and running in the new year. The DofE will be launched via assemblies in the next couple of weeks to Year 9 students in the first instance. More information will be available very soon.

If there are any parents/carers who would like to be involved in any capacity, please contact either Mr Cox or Mrs Davis (DT) via the school. It would be great if we could get a body of willing and able volunteers to help give our students/your children a fantastic opportunity to be the very best they can.

We are collecting the following items for RE-USE:
Good quality adults and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys.
NO BEDDING, CURTAINS, TOWELS, HOUSEHOLD LINEN, WORKWEAR, SCHOOL UNIFORMS OR BRIC-A-BRAC PLEASE.

Please bring any donations in bags to the school office.

By WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER



Sharon Magrath

Atlantic Ladies tell their story

3,000 nautical miles
Record-breaking row



Tales of Challenge,
danger and daring
60 days at sea

Atlantic Ladies talk and Presentation Church Stretton School Theatre

13th December @ 7.15pm

Talk, Presentation and Buffet with wine or soft drinks £12 or £10 under 18

A raffle will also be held

All Proceeds to Atlantic Ladies Charities

Essential to pre-book

Enquiries and Tickets 01694 722209
www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk



THE ATLANTIC LADIES TELL THEIR STORY

The Atlantic Ladies will be in our theatre on 13 December to talk about and present their record -breaking row across the Atlantic.

Come and hear about their fantastic achievements and see their 60 days of adventure, challenge and danger at sea. They have an amazing story to tell!

Some of you may recall that Sharon Magrath – our local Atlantic Lady – kindly opened our Community Games and gave a brief presentation.

Many of you have expressed an interest in seeing the full talk and presentation. So here it is!! Please support us.

Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Atlantic Ladies Charities. Sharon`s chosen charity is the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDa). The MNDa will be represented on the evening.

We are offering this event with a fantastic buffet prepared by our award winning chef and her team.

This will be a real pre Christmas treat. Tickets are £12 and £8 (under 18) and includes the buffet and wine or soft drinks.

Tickets are available from the school office.

This is a ticket only event so please get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.



THE ROYAL BALLET



PETER WRIGHT'S DELIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS CLASSIC

THE NUTCRACKER

MARIANELA NUÑEZ | VADIM MUNTAGIROV | ANNA ROSE O'SULLIVAN | MARCELINO SAMBE | GARY AVIS

CHOREOGRAPHER: PETER WRIGHT | SET DESIGNER: LEV IVANOV | MUSIC BY: PYOTR IL'YICH TCHAIKOVSKY

LIVE IN CINEMAS 3 DECEMBER AT 7.15PM
roh.org.uk/cinema



The Royal Ballet at Church Stretton School Theatre

Monday 3rd December @ 7.15pm

Book your pre-theatre meals in THE PLACE Restaurant
and reserve seats in the theatre.

A fantastic meal prepared by our award-winning chef.

Two-courses with wine or soft drinks £15.00.

Essential to pre-book.

Theatre only prices £12 and £8 (under 18) pay on the door or pre-book

Enquiries and pre-bookings 01694 722209



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www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk

