



Dear Parents and Carers,

Given the significant amount of illness we have been experiencing (students and staff), hopefully this edition of The Link finds you in full health! At this time of the year we often experience bouts of illness, but this year it has been widespread and quite unpleasant, impacting on large numbers of students and staff alike. Thank you, therefore, to Parents and Carers for informing school of illness and absence.

Next week we look forward to welcoming parents and carers of Year 7 students to the Progress Evening on Thursday, 9th February. This will be an ideal time to talk directly with subjects teachers about progress being made, celebrate achievement and establish any areas to work on to make improvements.

Due to absence, this edition of The Link will be a slimmed down version, so apologies for the lack of some of the usual features. We will catch up next week hopefully!

With best wishes for a good weekend

Mr. J. Parr
Headteacher

Archery News

Finlay Scott, Year 11 Caradoc House, is participating in a much reduced archery competition programme to allow for GCSE revision time, so has only entered three competitions this spring.

Two down one to go....After taking Gold in the Under 16's Indoor competition in Llanidloes on the 21st of January it was on to the West Midland Archery Society indoor Championship on Sunday 28th in Birmingham.

In his last appearance as an under 16, Finlay won the West Midlands Gold medal for winning his age group and as the highest scoring under 18 he took the title and shield becoming the new West Midlands Archery Junior Indoor Champion!

The final indoor tournament is the Shropshire County Championship on the 25th of Feb.

Good Luck Finlay!



EVENTS - February

- 8th February - Year 7 Progress Evening
- 9th February – Holocaust Memorial Day
- 15th—17th February - Our House School Production
- 19th—23rd February - Half Term
- 28th February - PTA AGM

**NEXT WEEK IS
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The Stretton Way

This term has seen the launch of 'The Stretton Way'. The Stretton Way is a whole school consistent approach to teaching and learning that ensures that all pupils, regardless of their target, are very clear about how they can show that they are making progress in every lesson. The starter slide for each lesson includes key words and phrases as well as the level of challenge and content. Tasks are colour coded according to targets and in lessons, pupils are encouraged to choose the task that best suits them according to their target grade (or higher if they are up for even more challenge!). This makes it easier as a parent/carer to ask your child "What have you done today?", or "How challenging is the work that you are doing?". Some examples of the lesson starter slides are below:

<p>The Battle of Hastings 02-02-18</p> <p>Today we are Learning...</p> <p>Why did William win the Battle of Hastings?</p> <p>We will be able to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the different factors leading to William's victory Explain how these led to him winning the battle Justify the most important reason for William's victory <p>Key Words:</p> <p>Fyrd Cavalry Norman Throne</p>	<p>Fractions 02-02-18</p> <p>Today we are learning...</p> <p>How to manage fractions greater than 1 How to solve problems using mixed numbers and improper fractions</p> <p>We will be able to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convert a mixed number to an improper fraction Convert an improper fraction to a mixed number Solve problems involving mixed numbers and improper fractions Explain our reasoning when required. <p>Key Words</p> <p>Improper fraction, mixed number</p>								
<p>Reactivity of Metals 02-02-18</p> <p>Today we are learning...</p> <p>How metals react with water, acid and salt solutions and how this can help us to put them in order of reactivity.</p> <p>We will be able to...</p> <p>Identify a reaction as being a displacement reaction from the equation</p> <p>Describe displacement reactions as redox reactions, in terms of gain or loss of electrons.</p> <p>Deduce the relative reactivity of some metals, by their reactions with water, acids and salt solutions.</p> <p>Key Words</p> <p>Displacement, reactivity series, redox, OIL RIG</p>	<p>GCSE 9-1</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>1-3</td> <td>Give, Name, State, Identify</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4-5</td> <td>Describe, Determine, Explain simply</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6-7</td> <td>Explain using ideas, Calculate, Write</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8-9</td> <td>Compare, Discuss, Devise, Justify, Predict, Evaluate</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	1-3	Give, Name, State, Identify	4-5	Describe, Determine, Explain simply	6-7	Explain using ideas, Calculate, Write	8-9	Compare, Discuss, Devise, Justify, Predict, Evaluate
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Ex- Student Success

Callum Hadwen, is an ex-Year 11 student of Church Stretton School. He has recently attended an award ceremony where he became the Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Powys for 2018! The photos are of Callum with the Lord Lieutenant and with his Squadron leader. In this role, he will be attending a garden party at Buckingham Palace in the May half term, amongst other things.

He has been in the Air Cadets in Knighton and then Llandrindod Wells since he was 13 and is now a Flight Sergeant and the senior member of his squadron. He gained a place on a junior leadership course last year, with only 120 places nationally. He has currently completed (and passed) six of the weekends, with three more to go, followed by ten days of assessment at Easter, one of only 58 students currently left on the course! He continues to aim high and is preparing to apply to the RAF in April.

Well done Callum!





Valentines Day Theatre and Meal treat

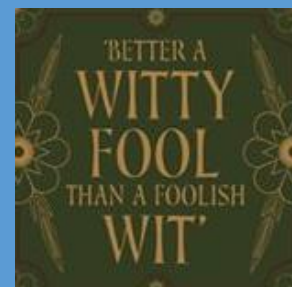
Royal Shakespeare Company's Twelfth Night and Valentine Day Meal.

Treat your loved one to a fantastic night out!

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 drink - £13.50. Essential to pre book

Theatre only - £12 and £6 (under 18) pay on the door or pre-book to be sure of meal/seat. Enquiries and pre-bookings 01694 722209 Church Stretton School Theatre, Wednesday 14th February @ 7.00pm.



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Countdown to GCSE Exams

55 School Days to go!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE SCHOOL TARGET = 96%

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

SINCE SEPTEMBER 95.7%

Since September:

Ragleth 95.6% Lawley 95.8%

Hazler 96.2% Caradoc 95.3%



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The Mynd Drover Challenge Walk is back!

Saturday 23rd June 2018

Save the date!

Church Stretton School Presents...

OUR HOUSE

A LONDON LOVE STORY

NW1

THE NEW HIT MUSICAL

OUR HOUSE
by Tim Firth

Music and lyrics by Madness

OUR HOUSE was first produced at the Cambridge Theatre, London

On 28th October 2002

Producers were Tiger Aspect Productions, Rupert Lord, Andre Ptaszynski and Phil Mchtyre in association with Madness

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe)

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTE Europe



CHURCH
STRETTON
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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE ACADEMY TRUST

February 15th - 17th 2018

Thursday and Friday - 7pm (doors open 6:40pm)

Saturday Matinee - 3pm (doors open 2:40pm)

Saturday Evening - 7pm (doors open 6:40pm)

Tickets £5 (£4 children and concessions)

Tickets available via ParentPay and from the school reception