



Dear Parents & Carers,

Another busy week in school has come to a close, with the mixed weather adding another challenge, particularly today with road conditions tricky in places, especially along the more rural routes.

Thank you to parents and carers of year 10 pupils who attended the Progress Evening yesterday. We hope that the discussions you had with your child's subject teachers was helpful in understanding the nature of work at GCSE level and how your child has started their KS4 courses.

Next week we look forward to the performance of 'Six' the musical across Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The rehearsals in school suggest that this is going to be a fantastic performance, so we look forward to seeing you there if you have managed to secure tickets!

Finally, last year, we asked parents a question in the parent survey which was 'The school makes me aware of what my child/ren will learn during the year?'. The responses was very encouraging but for parents and carers who are less sure, or for new parents/carers, may I remind you that you can find the sequence of topics / learning for every subject and in every year [here on the school website](#). Look out for the [Curriculum Overview](#) document that will show the term by term sequence of learning. Further to this though, you will have seen the information that Mr Balmer, Head of English included in last week's edition of The Link which provided an excellent summary of what pupils are learning about in English this term. Thank you, Mr Balmer, for providing this. Other subjects areas will be letting you know about what pupils will be learning about in future editions of The Link.

Best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Tutor Time Take-away

This weeks' focus was on Fundamental British Values. Please do ask your child about the topic and get them to explain to you what was discussed.



CHURCH STRETTON SCHOOL

Tutor time take-away

Today's take-away is....
Fundamental British values
@ CS School

Ready, Respectful and Safe

Dates for your Diary

24th, 25th, 26th Oct - Church Stretton School presents
Six The Musical

27th Oct - PD Day

30th Oct - 3rd Nov - Half Term

Lunch Money

Please can you ensure that you top up your ParentPay account for school lunches. There is also a top up machine in the lunch hall where students can use coins or cash.

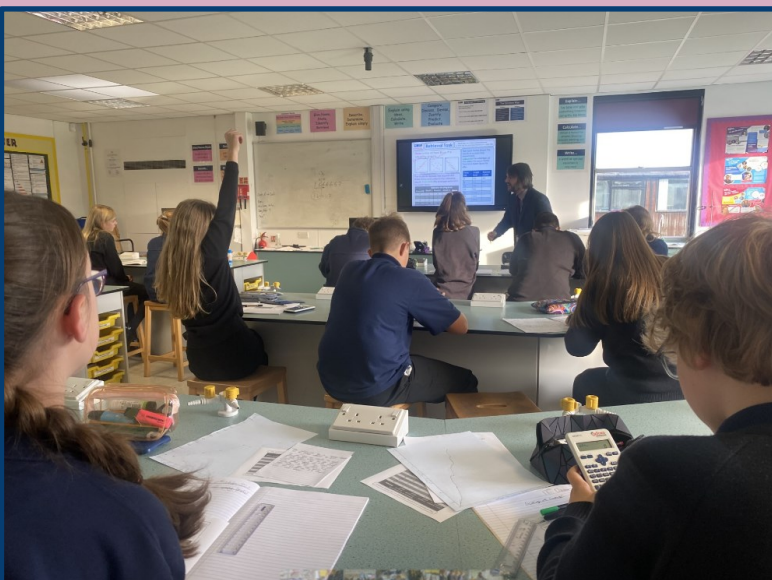
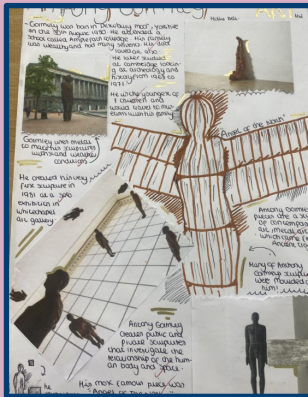
Lunch Money/Parent Pay

Please can we ask parents to check the balance of their child's ParentPay account for school lunches; we are having a high number of students coming to the Office asking for a phone call home to parents to top up their lunch money. There is also a coin/cash machine where children can top up their accounts in the hall.

Thank you.

Next week will be **Week B**

This week in photos



Sporting News

Please can students collect lunch passes for their PE lunch time clubs from the PE office at the start of the week. Students can then show this pass to enter the queue on first calling.

A reminder that students who cannot take part in PE should always bring a note and their PE kit to take part in other roles.



Sports Leadership News

This week CSS hosted a KS1 invasion event where 125 year 1 and 2 children came from 5 of our local primary schools to take part in various fun activities planned and lead by our year 7 sports leaders. The year 7 sports leaders join Miss Dillon each Tuesday lunchtime to plan, play and improve leadership skills to run these types of events. They were brilliant considering the number of children, many staff commented on how fantastic they all were. So well done to:

Maria, Lily, Miley, Tate, Reigan, Isla, Isla, Ella, Ava, Eowin, Emily, Eve, Scarlett, Eden.

Fixture Results

Last week the year 9 girls took to Shrewsbury High School for the U14 county tournament. Izy, Emily, and Millie displayed exceptional coordination and speed, making crucial passes under pressure. Rachel's keen strategic vision guided their plays, while Ruby's impeccable shooting skills kept the scoreboard ticking. On the defensive end, Nia and Dora showcased remarkable interceptions, thwarting their opponents' advances. Ivy's agility and Larissa's determined efforts kept their team's momentum alive. The court was a flurry of activity, with each player showcasing her unique strengths. The girls finished 5th place which, an improvement on last year, lets keep the momentum and hope for more improvements this year and next.

Last week the U16 netball team took to Telford for their final county tournament. They have been training and working extremely hard and look like a different team to where they were a year ago. Throughout the day, Martha displayed impeccable teamwork, Holly's lightning-fast reflexes, while Mary's strategic passes kept the team in control. Bella's relentless determination shone through her attacking plays, and Tia's swift interceptions disrupted the opponents' rhythm. Sophie's impeccable shooting accuracy left the opposing team scrambling. Eleni's agility and versatility allowed her to excel in multiple positions. Ellie's leadership on the court boosted the team's morale. After playing their a loss, a win and two draws the girls placed a brilliant third place. Well done team!

On Wednesday this week, CSS took part in a 6-a-side football tournament for year 7 girls and boys over at Meole Brace School. Whilst ending in defeat, it was spirited and showcased our resilience, determination, and camaraderie. From the very beginning, we were aware that the tournament would be a challenging test of our abilities. The competition was fierce, and our opponents were no pushovers. Despite our best efforts from both, the odds didn't fall in our favour - the boys lost in 3 games and our girls drew 2 and lost 1. Onwards and upwards as we start football on the curriculum after half term.

Fake news and disinformation online

What's the problem?

Fake news is false or misleading information presented as genuine news.

Your child might have seen fake news online about the Russian invasion of Ukraine. There have been examples of old footage being shared as if it's new, or images being manipulated to present a misleading picture about what's happening. There's been lots of misinformation on TikTok in particular.

Fake news and disinformation have been linked to radicalisation by extremists and attempts to skew people's world views. For example, extremist narratives relating to coronavirus include:

- Antisemitic conspiracy theories blaming Jewish people for the spread of the virus or suggesting it's a 'Jewish plot'.
- Claims that British Muslims have flouted social distancing rules.
- Anti-Chinese hatred.
- Isis-inspired narratives about how coronavirus is a divine punishment for the 'sinful behaviours' of the west.
- Extreme right-wing conspiracies that society is collapsing, and far-right groups can accelerate its end.

Reading information like this can upset or worry your child unnecessarily. Fake news also helps create a culture of fear and uncertainty, with children trusting reputable news outlets less because of fake news.

How can I help my child spot fake news online?

Tell them to ask themselves:

What's the source? Is it a reputable news source, and are mainstream news outlets reporting it too?

When was it published? Check the date an article was published, as sometimes old stories are shared on social media. This could be an accident, or it might be to make it look like something happened recently.

Have you seen anything similar elsewhere? What happens if you search for it on Google or check it using a fact-checking website like Full Fact?

Do the pictures look real? Images might have been edited. They might also be unrelated images that have been used with the story.

Why might this have been created? Could someone be trying to provoke a specific reaction, change your beliefs, or get you to click a link?

Encourage them to read beyond the headline too. Many people share stories having just read the headline, then discover the actual story is quite different.

Point them to the [government's SHARE checklist](#) and [advice from Childline](#) too.

What signs of radicalisation should I be alert to?

It's worth knowing what signs to be alert to, just in case. If you do see these signs, it doesn't necessarily mean your child is being radicalised – it could be nothing at all, or it could be a sign that something else is wrong.

Becoming more isolated from friends and family.
 Not being willing or able to talk about their views.
 Becoming angrier.
 Talking as if from a script.
 A sudden disrespectful attitude towards others.
 Being more secretive, especially about their internet use.

Sources

[How to spot fake news, Childline](#)

[COVID-19: how hateful extremists are exploiting the pandemic, GOV.UK – Commission for Countering Extremism](#)

[Fake news and critical literacy: final report, National Literacy Trust](#)

[Protecting children from radicalisation, NSPCC](#)

[Upsetting coronavirus content online, NSPCC](#)

[SHARE Checklist, GOV.UK – HM Government](#)

PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	<u>LUNCH –12.20-1PM</u>	<u>AFTER SCHOOL 3.10-4.30</u>
MONDAY	KS3 Netball (HH) KS3 Boys Rugby (GK)	Girls Rugby ALL YEARS (GK) Hockey ALL YEARS (MW)
TUESDAY	Table Tennis (JS) Volleyball (GK) Fitness Club/Gym (HH) Leadership Club (LD)	Years 9, 10 & 11 Boys Football (GK) Girls Football (HH + JS) X Country Running Club (YG)
WEDNESDAY	KS4 Netball (HH) KS4 Basketball (GK) Dance Club (AB)	Netball training – ALL YEARS (HH) (AB) Gym Club – Fitness Suite (TW)
THURSDAY	Badminton KS3 (PW) KS4 Football (GK) KS3 Football (JS)	Boys Basketball all years (GK) Girls Basketball all years (HH)
FRIDAY	Badminton KS4 (PW)	

[Joining a club can help you: Improve skills, fitness & social skills.](#) If you have any questions, please see Mrs Hodnett or Mr Kirkby



Science Book Club 2023/24

Science Book Club is refreshed and ready for the 23/24 academic year.

We currently have 18 books available to read in the school library.

We are looking for student reviews.

Details of the books available can be found in the school library.

Books can be reviewed more than once. All reviews are available to read in the library in the Science Book Club folder.

This year, for every book review that is selected to be published in The Link there will be a £10 Amazon gift card awarded to purchase a science book of your choice.

The author of every review entered will receive:

5 house points and a Well Done in Science pen.

If you are interested in writing a review, please contact Mrs Carr for further information.

More books to be added soon...

If you have any suggestions or recommendations please let us know!



Church Stretton School Presents...

SIX

TEEN EDITION

**Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th
October 2023**

7:00pm

(Doors Open 6:15pm)

**Tickets - £5 / £4 Students and Under 16
Available from school reception, Vine&Co and
ParentPay**

This amateur production of SIX: TEEN EDITION is presented by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk



Ludlow Community

Free information, advice and support

Helena Lane House

20 Hamlet Lane, Ludlow SY8 2NP

Every Monday 9.30–11am
and
Every Wednesday 1.30–3pm



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- Housing support
- Children's health and wellbeing
- Healthy living advice
- Dementia support
- Family life
- Home fire safety
- Domestic abuse support
- Drug & alcohol support
- Financial advice
- Getting older

and lots more!



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