

# THE LINK

Edition 26, 1st April 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,

As we near the Easter break, the weather watch is on, with fingers crossed for a good day for the Sponsored Walk. Based on this week, it will either be glorious sunshine, fine, wet or snowing! Let's hope all will be fine, but if the weather does prevent the walk taking place, we will let you know as soon as possible and then reschedule the event for after Easter.

Next week is the final week of term, which marks a significant stage for year 11 as their GCSE exams commence only 3 weeks after we return. Year 11 pupils are working very well and we are extremely proud of them and their hard work. For other year groups, the summer term will also see windows of assessments, so that we have a picture of what pupils know and are able to remember, along with wider opportunities, including Work Experience for year 10 and Enrichment Week for key stage 3.

Finally, a reminder that the last day of term is Thursday 07th April, with the following day (08th April) being the additional day of holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr

Headteacher

## **Sponsored Walk**

Sponsor forms have now been sent out, if your child has not yet received one, please ask them to speak to their tutor. All money raised can be made via a link using ParentPay which is now live. Also please can we remind parents to complete the consent form for children to take part in the walk.

#### **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.

Please can we remind you that school doesn't open to students until 8.20am, as we are not able to supervise them before this time. Thank you for your support with this.

#### **Date for your Diary**

There will be a school PTFA meeting at 7.30pm on 17th May. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

#### Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, **school will be closed on Friday 8**<sup>th</sup> **April** meaning that our last day of term for the Easter Holidays will be Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April finishing at our normal time.

Our new term will begin on Monday 25th April.

#### **Nut Free School**

We aim to be a nut free school. If your child brings packed lunches or snacks in from home please ensure (even if your child is not allergic) that they do not contain nuts or nut-products, in order to protect those in school with severe allergies. Our kitchen doesn't knowingly use nuts, however nut traces can be found in many products especially when manufactured in a factory alongside nut products. Many thanks.

#### **Upcoming Girls fixtures this term:**

Students taking part will be given a team sheet a week prior to the fixture taking place.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April Yr 7 & 8 Netball @ Church Stretton

All fixtures are subject to weather being playable, any cancellations due to weather will be made on the day of the fixture.



## Silver Practice Expedition 25th - 27th March

Congratulations to our Silver DofE group who completed their practice expedition last weekend. Having planned their routes, students were tasked with completing 7 hours of planned activity, navigating unfamiliar territory in the Brecon Beacons, and being self sufficient for around 60 hours. The challenging task of walking around 18km a day whilst carrying all their kit was offset by the picturesque surroundings and glorious weather.



Was it tiring? Yes. Did your feet throb afterwards? Yes. But did you enjoy it? Of course!

Last Friday we set out on a three day expedition in the Brecon Beacons: three days of walking amongst hills that had stunning views from the top and amazing wildlife. You get the chance to chat with friends and people you wish you talked to more; have the best meal, hot chocolate or shower of your life, because everything is better when walking and camping; and play a game of Uno in the dark, with some difficulty. But most of all, you get to feel good about yourself after completing the tough Silver D of E expedition. I'd be lying if I said it wasn't hard, but the experience is worth it, without a doubt.

Laura Brian

On Friday we embarked on a treacherous journey through the Brecon Beacons. Conquering mountains, trekking through fields and trying (and failing!) to avoid sunburn.

On the first day we hiked down a valley and clambered through deep marshes. On the second day we started on a steady track and then climbed up a hill (the wrong one – causing us to then have to hastily climb back down!). On the final day we had an easy ascent and an even easier descent.

The days were filled with laughter and in the evenings we were filled with a great sense of achievement of what we had done. It was an incredibly enjoyable weekend!

Based on the experiences of Bella Healey.



... pertaining to hiking, such as map reading and using a compass effectively. It was extremely fun being able to go on such an educational adventure with my friends, and the hike yielded incredibly satisfying results. I recommend this programme to anyone looking to broaden their horizons in life.

Ryan Lloyd-Overton



The Duke of Edinburgh is certainly one of the most fulfilling, enlightening experiences you can have during your time at Church Stretton School. On my expedition in March 2022, I learnt about various essential aspects ...



Up Next... Main Expedition 8th - 10th July





What an amazing term we've had in Year 7 English where we've been researching and exploring the qualities and features of different places we'd like to travel to.

Today Mrs Quye's class delivered their persuasive presentations of world holiday destinations and bought or made some incredible foods for us to taste from a Hawaiian Coconut pannacotta to Polish fudge, Peruvian Salsa, Australian cookies, Italian Panettone and New York Bagels.

> Did you know Dr Pepper was first made in Texas?



## **Year 11 Prom**

## Wednesday 29th June 2022

Where: Shrewsbury Town Football Club

Time: 7pm-10.30pm

**Details:** 2 course meal

Disco

Photo Booth - thanks to the PTA's generosity

Cost: £29.00

## **Meal Choices**

## **Mains**

- Chicken Chicken supreme in a rich chasseur sauce
- Salmon Fillet of salmon with leek cream sauce
- Risotto Pea and asparagus risotto with parmesan crisps

## **Dessert**

- Vanilla Cheese Cake with bramble puree and fresh red berries
- Seasonal fruit crumble with vanilla custard
- Sticky Toffee Pudding with butterscotch sauce and vanilla seed ice cream



## Church Stretton School Shrewsbury Road Shropshire SY6 6EX

Telephone Number: 01694 722209



Job Title: Pastoral Support Assistant Hours: 37 hours per week

Contract Type: Fixed Term until 21st July 2023 (subject to review) Salary: Grade 6, SCP Point

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£20,444 - £22,129 per annum pro rata to hours worked (£10.60 - £11.47 per hour)

Term Time Only (43.21 weeks per year)

START DATE: 25th April 2022 (or as closer to as possible)

The TrustEd Schools' Partnership is a multi-academy trust based in Shropshire consisting of two secondary schools and four primary schools and is committed to raising pupils' aspirations so that all young people reach their fullest potential and achieve the success they want for themselves.

We are seeking to appoint an outstanding individual who meets the following criteria:

- Positive track record of working with young people
- Energetic and tenacious in their approach to systems that promote the good behaviour and academic success
  of students.
- Excellent administration skills and ability to work within teams

The post involves supporting the Senior Leadership Team in attaining high levels of behaviour, welfare and attendance. The successful applicant will work across the school providing support and guidance to individuals and groups of pupils in a mentoring capacity. They will actively strive to build positive relationships and raise pupil aspiration. Some liaison with parents and other agencies will also be involved.

Whilst this is a term time only position, you may be required to work additional hours during the school year to support the school curriculum.

The post will require the successful applicant to be self-motivated, have good communication and organisational skills, a friendly manner and able to work under pressure.

#### Application process:

Full details of the role and application process are available from the School's website <a href="https://www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk/vacancies">www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk/vacancies</a>. If you feel you have the qualities to complement our existing team then we would love to hear from you. Please note CVs will not be accepted.

The closing date for all applications is Sunday 3rd April at 4pm

Interviews will be held as soon as possible after the closing date. An email will be sent to shortlisted candidates with details of the interview process. If you have not heard from us within a week of the closing date, please assume your application has been unsuccessful.

Completed application forms should be returned to Marilyn Gibbs at the school or by email to <a href="mailto:admin@csschool.co.uk">admin@csschool.co.uk</a>
by the closing date. The appointment is subject to satisfactory pre-employment clearances including references, medical clearance and an enhanced DBS Disclosure under the "Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974". Further details regarding this check are available by visiting www.dbs.gov.uk. This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

"The ability to communicate at ease with stakeholders and provide advice in accurate spoken English is essential for the post."





## Holiday fun and food in Shropshire

A free and exciting holiday programme for children and young people aged 4 to 16 in receipt of free school meals. Take part in sports, arts, cooking, forest schools and much more during the three main school holidays in 2022. Free nutritious meals will be provided at each session.

Have fun with your friends, learn new skills, gain confidence and get involved!

Find out more, view the 'What's On' guide and sign up to our newsletter at www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf

- @ShropFamilyInfo, #HAFSHROPSHIRE, #HAF2022
- www.facebook.com/ShropshireFamilyInfo

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# 6 APRIL SPECIAL

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**LUNCH MENU** 

Roast turkey or Quorn fillet Roast & mashed potatoes Spring vegetables Gravy

> Chocolate sponge & chocolate custard Chocolate crackles

Food Allergies & Intolerances

Please speak to our school catering staff about your requirements Tollow up on Facebook on Shike Services' and Twitter or "Monost Facebread"





## EASTER SPECIAL

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE EASTER
SPECIALS DURING THE DAY AND
BETHE WINNER OF EASTER EGG
WHEN BUYING ANY MEAL ON
THE DAY



SELECTION OF CHOCOLATE
TREATS DURING THE DAY AND
EASTER MENU ON OFFER

## JOIN US ON 6 APRIL AND BE THE WINNER!

As a special, students will have the opportunity to buy chocolate at break and lunch time. They may need extra money on ParentPay should they wish to purchase items.







## autism west midlands

Mon 11th April 10:30am -2:30pm Belle View Youth Club Activity Day

Thursday 21st April 10.00am -12.00pm Attingham Park Woodland Work

& Picnic



Thursdays 10.00am - 12.30pm Water based activities, Shrewsbury



Days to be Confirmed 10.00am - 3.00pm Dance sessions, Strewsbury

## Easter Activities

## ACTIO'S ALL IN SHORT BREAKS & MORE

www.actio.org.uk

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Mon-Fri 9:00am - 3:00pm Easter Activity Camp, Condover



Sundays 10.30am - 12.00pm Woodland Treks & Riding Skills, Stotteedon



Seturdays 10.00am - 11.00am & 11.00am - 12.00pm SEND Cycling Sessions, Shrewsbury

Shropshire





Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am - 4.00pm Bushcraft Holiday Club, Ludlow



Multiple opportunities throughout the holidays, Much Wenlock



Saturdays Times and activities vary, Shrewsbury & Market Drayton





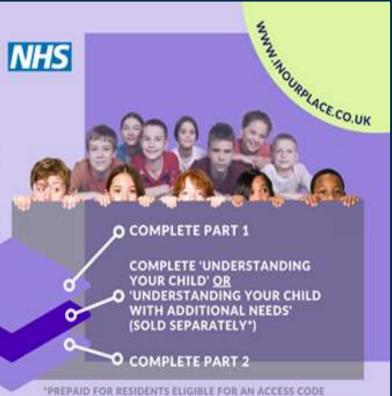
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FREE Online course for parents

'UNDERSTANDING
YOUR CHILD'S
MENTAL HEALTH &
WELLBEING'

ONLINE LEARNING (AVAILABLE 24/7)

WORK THROUGH THE CONTENT ANONYMOUSLY AT YOUR OWN PACE





## GET CREATIVE...

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Name a new information website for Young
People which is all about your future!
We need your help: Can you come up with a
name? Or can you design a logo?

Here are some great name ideas you could use:

Info Ninja, Shropshire Youth Hub, Youth Map, Leap Into Life, My Way Or if you don't like these you can come up with your very own name.

Please send your name suggestions and logo designs to: local offer@shropshire.gov.uk by the 7th April 2022 and we could offer you the chance to work with our team of designers to turn your ideas into reality.

Please include your name and the Dame of your school/college.



At Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

Craven Arms, SY7 9RS



- Displays and demonstrations about sustainable living and protecting Shropshire's biodiversity.
- Electric bike and vehicle expo

- Grow Cook Learn
- Sapa dancers
- Virrelli's Ice Cream
- The Strummers
- Sunflower Pizza Landrover
- Samba band
- Climbing tower
- Bouncy castle
- · Children's activities
- · Play area

## Sponsored by

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## Dog Show 2pm - 4pm

Classes include pedigree, best fancy dressed dog, waggiest tail and more. £2.50 per entry. Entry on the day.



## All proceeds for the Ukraine Crisis (DEC )

Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

## £10 Adults £5 Children

under 5's eat free!

# Big Breakfast Eundraiser for Ukraine

at All Stretton Village Hall on Sunday 3rd April from 9am until 12pm

Please come and join us for a hearty breakfast!

#### Farmhouse Breakfast

Sausage, Bacon, Egg, Beans, Tomatoes, Mushrooms & Toast

## Vegetarian Breakfast

Grilled Hatoumi, Potatoes, Egg. Beans, Mushrooms & Toest

Or Muesii, Comflakes and of course Toast if you'd prefer

Each Breakfast comes with a choice of Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate or Fruit Juice.

Of course there will be a raffle on the day.

Buy a ticket for your chosen sitting by emailing saraperryfundraiser@gmail.com or call Margaret Perry on 01694 723 618

## PLEASE BOOK YOUR SITTING

- Barn to 10am;
- 10am to 11am;
- or 11am to 12pm

Tickets also at Newsworld, Peppers & Kaboodle