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THE LINK

Edition 27 19th April 2024



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to another edition of The Link.

Another busy school week has come to an end which has seen assemblies for year 7 and 9 to inform pupils about their forthcoming exams and a gathering of year 11 to check on pupils as they near what we know is a time of increased pressure and worry. Messages of support and reassurance were given to all year groups, along with reminders about sensible revision and how to best manage time. Thank you to parents and carers for your support as pupils prepare for their assessments, be they internal end of year or for year 11, their final 11 GCSE exams.

Summer term is not though all about assessments and all year groups have a range of other events to look forward to. Year 11 will no doubt be thinking about their end of exam prom, year 10 have work experience week at the end of term and all other years have a variety of Enrichment Week experiences to choose from. Later this term we also look forward to welcoming the 124 year 6 pupils who have secured a place in our school in September to a 'welcome to Church Stretton School' transition day (and for parents, a new intake evening). Details about all of these summer term events (and more) will be shared in more detail as the term progresses.

Finally, thank you to parents and carers for completing the survey sent out last week. Your feedback and thoughts are always valuable to us and we will be looking closely at the survey results for things that we might be able to further improve.

Have a lovely weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Next week will be Week B

Tutor Time Take-away

This weeks' focus was on Staying safe & Vaisakhi. Please do ask your child about the topic and get them to explain to you what was discussed.



Tutor time take-away



Today's take-away is....

Staying safe & Vaisakhi

Ready, Respectful and Safe

Pupil Absence Procedure

Please click [here](#) for information regarding reporting a pupil absence. Thank you.

Appointments

We appreciate that pupils may need to have appointments during the school day, please could we ask that we have prior notice and a copy of the appointment card/letter. Thank you.

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.



What are we learning, why are we learning it and how you can support.

Dear Students and Parents,

The Church Stretton Science department aims to help our students become scientifically literate, where they can describe, define, investigate and ultimately try to understand the world in which they live and how it works. We have been busy this term focussing on some key concepts, which, as outlined below are revisited and extended on a regularly basis. Here's a breakdown of what each year group has been getting up to this half-term alongside some useful links that will help you support their study.

Year 7 'elements, atoms and compounds'



Why are we studying this?

This topic develops students understanding of amorphous particles met in their last topic. In deepen their understanding, students will differentiate between an atom, molecule and compound and understand their role in chemistry. Particular attention is placed on how atoms react to form new substances, which in turn introduces the periodic table and how elements combined to make compounds. Students will go on to explore chemical symbol and balance chemical reactions (a skill which will be developed throughout their chemistry journey).

Links

[Knowledge Organiser](#)
[Tracker sheet](#)

Year 9 'the Earth'



Why are we studying this?

This topic has many overlaps with the KS2-4 geography curriculum, so even though the students have not covered this topic since KS2 they will have more recently studied them in KS3 geography. Rock formation was touched upon in KS2 with fossil and soil formation and the properties of the different rock types. This topic focusses on the three rock groups; igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rock, and how they are linked through the Rock Cycle. Students will understand the role of weathering and erosion and students will be able to identify specific types of rocks within the three main categories.

Links

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How can you support?

Below each unit description you will find links to useful resources that can be used to increase students' knowledge and help them read around the subject.

Don't forget to look at our [curriculum page](#) which includes the Programme of Study and all our useful links and resources.

Year 8 'The Periodic Table'



Why are we studying this?

Students were introduced to the Periodic table in Year 7 and will now go on to explore the history of the period table and why elements have been group in the way they have. Students will learn about some of the important chemical and physical properties of the elements, discover why elements in the same group have similar properties. Students will conclude the unit by investigating reactivity and how this relates to an elements position in the period table. All of which will be consolidated each year as part of a cyclical curriculum.

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Chemistry: KS4 Spring Term



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GCSE chemistry provides students the opportunity to extend and deepen their understanding, providing a firm foundation for studying chemistry beyond GCSE.

Year 10 'acids and alkalis'



Why are we studying this?

This topic brings together a lot of key concepts taught at KS3; the 'big idea' of particles, how particles join to make compounds, and how substances interact in chemical reactions to make new materials. Students acquired knowledge of acids and alkalis and some of their reactions in Year 8 and 9. This topic extends the knowledge gained in KS3 using the idea of ions, thus describing acids as a source of hydrogen ions and alkalis as a source of hydroxide ions. Students will go on to discover the difference between a dilute and concentrated solutions. Practical work will allow students to discover that different acids and bases produces different salts with a variety of properties and uses.

Links

[Knowledge Organiser](#)

[Tracker sheet](#)

[GCSE Bitesize Link](#)

[Extracurricular](#)

Year 11 'Groups in the Periodic Table'



Why are we studying this?

This topics provides students with another opportunity to revisit the periodic table and retrieval some of the fundamental ideas that are essential for explaining chemical processes. Groups in the Periodic Table builds upon a lot of the work from Year 10, specifically electronic configurations linked to groups and periods. In Year 11, specific groups in the periodic table (alkali metals, halogens, noble gases) are studied and how the reactivity and properties relate to electron configuration. Students will also explore how periodic groups react with known elements or compounds, how displacement reactions can be used to work out the reactivity of a halogen, and why the noble gases are unreactive. The topic will then move on to looking at rates of reactions.

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[GCSE Bitesize Link](#)

Monday
B4 lunch
Key Stage 3
12:35 - 13:05pm

Science Book Club 2023/24

All books pictured are available to take out at the school library in the 'Science Book Club' section.
If you read one and also write a review you'll receive 5 house points, a science pen and the chance to win a £10 Amazon Voucher.

EVERY LINE OF YOU	THE WORLD OF ALBIE SEEBER	GIRL CODE	Mr. and Mrs. Brown
ADAM KAY KAYS OF MARVELLOUS MEDICINE	GRETA THURBERG	THE JOY OF SCIENCE	Bad Science
THE LONG SHOT	KID SPACE	JIM AL-KHALIL	Bad Science
BEYOND THE SKY	Rude Science	TIM PEAKE Ask an Astronaut	Blood, Bullets, Bones
FIVE FEET APART	THE KEY OF CODE	BRIDGET HEAL	DOES ANYTHING EAT WASPS?

WEEK ONE

MONDAY

TUESDAY


WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN #1


Crunchy Crouton
Mac & Cheese

Pork, Beef or Chicken
Enchilada (choose
one) with Rice 

Roast Gammon, Roast
Beef or Roast Turkey
(choose one), New
Potatoes, Seasonal
Vegetables & Gravy


Jerk Chicken with Rice
and Peas and Pineapple
Slaw

Chip Shop Fish or
Sausage with
Chips, Mushy Peas
and Gravy/ Curry
Sauce

MAIN #2


Bang Bang
Cauliflower Mac &
Cheese

Quorn Chilli Loaded
Wedges 

Roasted Vegetable
Filo Pastry Tart
with New Potatoes
& Seasonal
Vegetables 


Curried Squash,
Sweet Potato &
Butterbean Stew with
Rice and Peas &
Pineapple Slaw 

Chip Shop Vegan
Sausage with
Chips, Mushy Peas
and Gravy/ Curry
Sauce 

HANDHELD

Chicken Wings

Sausage Roll

Chicken Wrap

Bacon & Cheese
Flatbread

Veggie Pitta Pizza

BOWLED OVER

Rice Bowl

Pasta Kitchen

Vegetarian
Noodle Street

Loaded Nachos

Pasta Kitchen

MODERN BAKERY

Pineapple Upside
Down Cake

Chocolate Crunch
Cake

Summer Fruit Crumble
with Custard

Warmed Jamaican
Ginger Cake with Ice
Cream or Custard

Iced Sponge Cake

SUPER SPUDS

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR BAKED
POTATOES WITH A VARIETY OF TOPPINGS
FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM!

SOUP STATION

COME AND TRY OUR HOME-
MADE SOUPS, AVAILABLE DAILY!

MENU KEY

 - IM VEGAN!
 - ADDED PLANT
POWER

ALLERGIES

PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF IF YOU
HAVE AN ALLERGY AND NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S
INSIDE OUR FOOD DISHES. THEY WILL ADVISE
YOU OF YOUR AVAILABLE CHOICES.

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WEEK TWO

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN #1

Vegetable Chow Mein


Chicken Souvlaki with
Greek Salads

Sausage and Red Onion
Chutney Hot Baguette
with Roasted New
Potatoes


Chicken Tikka Masala
with Rice 

Breaded Fish, Chips &
Garden Peas

MAIN #2

Sweet and Sour
Vegetables with Rice


Feta, Honey and
Spinach Parcel with
Greek Salads

Vegan Sausage and Red
Onion Chutney Hot
Baguette with Roasted
New Potatoes 


Sweet Potato, Chickpea
& Spinach Curry with
Rice 

Cheese and Leek
Frittata with Chips and
Garden Peas

HANDHELD

Selection of Paninis

Sausage Roll

Chicken Wrap

Bagel Pizza

Chicken Quesadilla

BOWLED OVER

Rice Bowl

Pasta Kitchen

Noodle Street

Pasta Kitchen

Loaded Nachos

MODERN BAKERY

Chocolate Sponge
Pudding

Custard Tart with Mixed
Berry Compote

Sticky Toffee Apple
Crumble and Custard

Jam and Coconut
Sponge

Oaty Flapjack 

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WEEK THREE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN #1	Crunchy Topped Tomato Pasta Bake with Roasted Vegetables	THE MEXICAN KITCHEN Spicy Mexican Chicken with Rice and Sides	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread and Salad	FIESTA ESPANOL Chicken Paella with Patatas Bravas and Salads	Fish and Chips with Garden Peas or Baked Beans
MAIN #2	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	THE MEXICAN KITCHEN Vegan Chilli with Rice and Sides	Vegetable Ragu with Garlic Bread and Spaghetti	FIESTA ESPANOL Spanish Tortilla with Patatas Bravas and Salads	Vegetarian Burger and Chips with Garden Peas or Baked Beans
HANDHELD	Selection of Wraps	Pitta Pizza	Chicken Wrap	Selection of Paninis	Sausage Roll
BOWLED OVER	Rice Bowl	Pasta Kitchen	Rice Bowl	Noodle Street	Pasta Kitchen
MODERN BAKERY	Chocolate Orange Cookie	Apple Pie with Cream	Fruit Muffins	Peach Cake	Chocolate Brownie
SUPER SPUDS DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR BAKED POTATOES WITH A VARIETY OF TOPPING FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM!	SOUP STATION COME AND TRY OUR HOME-MADE SOUPS, AVAILABLE DAILY!		MENU KEY - IM VEGAN! - ADDED PLANT POWER	ALLERGIES PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF IF YOU HAVE AN ALLERGY AND NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S INSIDE OUR FOOD DISHES. THEY WILL ADVISE YOU OF YOUR AVAILABLE CHOICES.	

Menu Dates

Week 1 - 29th April & 20th May

Week 2 - 7th May

Week 3 - 22nd April & 13th May

MARKETING CALENDAR 2023 - 2024

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SEPTEMBER INDIA BROCCOLI BRITISH FOOD FORTNIGHT CUPCAKE WEEK - 18 TH - 22 ND MARMITE DAY - 28 TH	OCTOBER POLAND PUMPKIN HARVEST FESTIVAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CHOCOLATE CAKE DAY 18 TH	NOVEMBER CHINA APPLES SUGAR AWARENESS WEEK BRITISH PUDDING WEEK - 9 TH NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK	DECEMBER FESTIVE SEASON BUTTERNUT ENGLISH BREAKFAST DAY - 2 ND CHRISTMAS
JANUARY GERMANY PARSNIPS VEGANUARY 16 TH - INTERNATIONAL HOT AND SPICY DAY 15 TH - NATIONAL BAGEL DAY	FEBRUARY ITALY CAULIFLOWER CHINESE NEW YEAR - 10 TH PANCAKE DAY - 13 TH WORLD PIZZA DAY - 9 TH	MARCH MEXICO BEETROOT STREET FOOD FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL WAFFLE DAY - 25 TH BRITISH PIE WEEK - 4 TH - 10 TH	APRIL JAMAICA CARROTS WORLD HEALTH DAY - ALL MONTH! ST GEORGE'S DAY - 23 RD EASTER
MAY SPAIN TOMATO BRAIN BOOST FOR EXAMS 28 TH - INTERNATIONAL HAMBURGER DAY	JUNE GREECE STRAWBERRIES NATIONAL PICNIC WEEK HEALTHY EATING WEEK - 12 TH - 16 TH	JULY FRANCE LETTUCE AND LEAVES SUMMER IS HERE! 17 TH - HOT DOG DAY BASTILLE DAY - 14 TH	KEY FOOD DESTINATION SEASONAL FOOD CHOICE DIETARY FOOD GROUP/ FESTIVALS CALENDAR EVENTS

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.

Water Bottles



Students are asking reception quite frequently for cups to get a drink. Please can we remind students to bring in a water bottle from home which can be topped up before school, at break and lunch times from 'Bob' our freshly filtered water machine.

Thank you



TAG RUGBY and CONTACT RUGBY

Youth contact rugby under 11's/15's
Sundays from 10.30 to midday

Touch Rugby weds evenings 7pm to 8pm
All ages welcome from school year 7 and above

First three sessions free contact - Ludlow.rfc.youth@gmail.com

Summer Term 1 PE Timetable can be found [HERE](#)

Shrewsbury Town Foundation 2024/25 trials South Shropshire (Ludlow)

Boys

ADC/PDC

Ages 8-12 development centre aimed to develop and enhance the offer players get in addition to their grassroots football. Offering fixtures against other EFL football clubs development groups within half terms.

YDP

Ages 13-16 Youth Development squads playing competitive fixtures in the Midland Junior Premier League every Saturday, developing players through competition with highly qualified coaching.

Girls

GADC/ETC

Ages 8-16 development centre aimed to develop and enhance the offer players get in addition to their grassroots football. Offering fixtures against other EFL football clubs development groups within half terms.

Sign up now!



Extra-curricular activities Summer term 2023-24

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	KS4 Drama Workshops / Revision KS3 Netball- HH KS3 Boys Rugby- GK KS3 DT Lego club G3 Y7&8 Oasis Y4 Guitar Group - B9	Year 10 and 11 Drop-in / Rehearsal Art Club KS3 Table Tennis - JS Volleyball- GK Fitness- HH Leadership Club- LD Year 7 Book Club R5 DSE Band Rehearsals - B9	Stretton Singers – B9 – AJC Basketball – GK Year 7 STEM club in B3-DF & KC Horrible Histories W5	Year 7 Drama Club KS3 Football – JS KS3 Badminton- HH Sport Studies Catch Up- G4- GK Creative writing R3 Handwriting G5 Big String Project – B9 The Debate Society, W5	KS3 film club W6 LS KS4 Badminton - GK Sport Studies Catch up- G4- HH Year 11 Coursework - B9
After school 3.30 start	Hockey – MW Rugby Club KS3 - GK Sport Studies Catch Up- G4- HH Monday Night Noise – B9	Cricket – all years – GK	Netball all Years – HH Gym Club – TW Dungeons & Dragons Club Accordion Group - B9	Boys Basketball – GK Girls Basketball - HH Chess Club Portfolio Workshop (KS4)	Year 11 Drama



Music News



What's on In Music – 22/04/24

Monday Lunch time – Guitar Club

Monday after school – Monday Night Noise – new bands welcome!

Tuesday Lunch time – Band rehearsals – all bands welcome

Wednesday Lunch time – Stretton School Singers – new member's welcome

Wednesday after school – Piano Accordion Band – places available

Thursday Lunch time – Stretton Big String Project – places available

Friday Lunch time – Year 1-1 Interventions

Don't forget to collect lunchtime passes for clubs at breaktime. You will not be allowed in without one

All ensembles are now preparing for Summer performances so please attend promptly!



Interested in playing cricket?



Acton Scott Village Cricket Club

are looking for new players to join us for
Sunday afternoon friendly fixtures between
April and September

All ages and abilities welcome

Please contact
gavintaylor1977@btinternet.com or
stuarttomlins@yahoo.co.uk for more
information



Please also visit our website
www.actonscottcricketclub.co.uk

SHREWSBURY

COLOUR

RUN  Lingen Davies

4th MAY 2024

5k



REGISTRATION COSTS

ADULTS £23
CHILDREN £8.50
(12 and under)

Family tickets available,
see website for details

Help us make a positive difference lives affected by cancer in our community.



4TH MAY 2024



SANSAW ESTATE, HADNALL,
NR SHREWSBURY

JOIN US FOR OUR 2024 COLOUR RUN

Described as the happiest 5K in Shropshire.



COLOUR RUN PACKS

Packs include:
T-shirt
Sunglasses

THE IMPORTANT BITS!

- It would be great if adults could raise £50 and children £25 but we realise this may not be possible for everyone, so however much you are able to raise is appreciated. You can raise funds from asking people to sponsor you, holding a bake sale or dress down day, or any fundraising idea you can think of!
- Anyone can participate.
- To sign up fill out a registration form which you will find at lingendavies.co.uk/event/colourrun2024



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