

## THE LINK

**SOUTH SHROPSHIRE** ACADEMY

Edition 11 29th November 2019



many to cater for.

Dear parents and carers,

Autumn term is certainly flying by as we now start to think about end of term arrangements. This week you will have received a letter from myself outlining some of these arrangements, with key events to look forward to including the school Carol Concert and, of course, Christmas lunch!

The Mock Exams have gone extremely well, so a well deserved 'well done' to our Year 11 students for their approach to the exams. Invigilators have commented on how well students entered the examination hall and complied with examination regulations.

With only three weeks remaining of the term, there is still so much to fit in, in addition to the usual teaching that takes place of course!

Yesterday and continuing next week, we welcome parents and carers of students in Year 8 for their Progress Evening. The opportunity to discuss progress directly with subject teachers is always valuable, therefore we hope that all parents and carers are able to attend.

Mr. J. Parr Headteacher

Have a good weekend

#### Christmas lunch - Wednesday, 11th December.

A turkey lunch will be served, including a pudding and a drink for £2.40 for a vegetarian/gluten free option. 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





#### **Massive Congratulations**

Winners for week commencing 11th - 15th November are:

<u>Caradoc/Hazler</u> Sean Robertson fantastic attitude to learning in Maths

Ragleth/Lawley James Farr for a brilliant Hook opening in English.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE SCHOOL TARGET = 96%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
SINCE SEPTEMBER 95.7%

18th November - 22nd November 2019

Caradoc 96% Hazler 95.8% Lawley 96% Ragleth 95.8%

#### **EVENTS - DECEMBER**

4th December - The Winters Tale

10th December - Coppelia

11th December - The Christmas Concert

13th December - Christmas Sweater Day

20th December - End 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 Year 8 Year 9

Tia Adams Liea Andrews Sophie Allison Jemima Fox James Davies Ayaat Green **Euan France Beatrice Hadwen Summer Francis** Ben Holdsworth **Evie Jackson** Lily Jardine Phoebe Jervis **Summar Jones Daisy Jones Bonnie Kinsey** Lewis Kershaw Amelie Northwood Adnan Khalid Joseph Norval Isla Skelly Merve Ozsevgec Serena Vickery William Pearson William Smout

Lauren Edwards Aman Raza

# Congratulations to the newest member of our Millionaires Club:

Sophie Allison (1,004,885)



#### 50 Years at school!

We would like to share with you the outstanding achievement of Mrs Enid Bishop, a member of our school staff who has worked in the school for over 50 years! Mrs Bishop has not only worked for the school but has also had her own son and two grand daughters as students here.

Mrs Bishop joined Church Stretton School in 1969 as a Cleaning Assistant, and then as Cleaning Supervisor from 1989 and also as relief Caretaker during staff absence. She therefore knows the school inside out and we expect that there aren't many areas of the school that Mrs Bishop hasn't cleaned, ensuring the rooms and corridors are ready for students and other staff to use the next day.

Mrs Bishop also dedicated time to support the school as a member of the governing body for over 12 years!

Furthermore, Mrs Bishop has taken on several voluntary roles including looking after donated uniform and Bags 2 School which raises money for the school projects.



#### **LOCKDOWN PROCEDURE**

Dear parents/carers,

During assemblies next week students will be introduced to our 'Lockdown Procedure'

Theses procedures are important and would be used in response to an internal or external incident which could be a threat to the safety of staff and children in the school. There are a variety of reasons lockdown procedures may be activated, these may be: a reported incident, disturbance in the local community; an intruder on the site, a warning being received regarding a local risk of air pollution, or a major fire in the vicinity of the school.

Students will be practising these procedures so that they are prepared if they are ever needed.

Thank you

#### We will be having a "Bag 2 School" collection on Wednesday 4th December.

Any donations of the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE\*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels

Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Will be hugely appreciated.





## P.T.A. NEWS



An informal P.T.A meeting was held this week to celebrate the success of the Craft Fayre. We are now planning ahead to the New Year when we will hold the A.G.M. (date to be announced) and the Mynd Drover Challenge walk (20th June). This is the main Spring fundraiser and is being coordinated by Helen Howes.

We are grateful to all those who volunteer their help but would also welcome new members at meetings, as this is where the planning and organisation of events takes place. We would love to hear from any parents/guardians of children at the school, particularly those with children in Years 7 to 9, who have ideas on how we can generate more interest in the P.T.A, to ensure it can continue to raise valuable funds to enhance our children's education.

If you would like to find out more about the P.T.A or to be kept up to date with P.T.A news please email <u>csschoolpta@gmail.com</u> and we will add you to the mailing list.

### **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

#### - INAUGURAL LECTURE --STRETTONS LANGUAGES GROUP ALL WELCOME!

TALK & DISCUSSION ACCESSIBLE TO Y7 & UP

So, How Many Languages Are There, and Where Do They All Come From?

> David Langslow Professor of Classics, University of Manchester

> > Church Stretton School Hall

Monday 9 December at 5:30pm

followed by discussion and refreshments



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Enquiries: David Langslow 01694 723538 (voice message) or email stretlang@gmail.com





#### **Church Stretton School Theatre**

4th December @ 7.00pm

Judi Dench and Kenneth Branagh star in Shakespeare's great tragicomedy, recorded live at the Garrick. King Leontes of Sicily appears to have it all: wealth, power and a loving, heavily pregnant wife, Queen Hermione. But when he suspects her of having an affair with his friend the King of Bohemia, he sets in motion a terrible train of events. This was the first in a series of exceptional plays from the Kenneth Branagh Theatre Company at cinemas under the Branagh Theatre Live banner over the next year.

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