



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of term, a very brief message of thanks to you all for your support. Today our school is full of festive cheer, as students and staff are sporting their Christmas jumpers to support fundraising for Save The Children and also Shrewsbury ARK. I know that I have said so before, but students have been fabulous since returning in September, adapting so well and displaying much resilience, whilst staff have worked tremendously hard to provide some normality and the best quality education. At this point though, I know that everyone is thoroughly looking forward to a rest and spending some time with family at home.

Although we are in the final days of term with minimal time to respond, the Government have made some very significant decisions about how schools are to change their approaches after Christmas. Firstly, you will be aware of the Government's ambition for Covid-19 testing to be undertaken in school, by school in the new year. We have significant challenges associated with the practicalities of this which we will be working hard on. Secondly, we have received very late notice (yesterday) that only Year 11 students, students of critical workers who cannot remain at home, those with an Education Health Care Plan or the most vulnerable are to return to school on 04th January 2021. The remainder of students (years 7 - 10) are to remain at home. Therefore, we will be providing distance learning for them, in line with their timetable. More information about this has been provided in a separate letter that can be found on the school website. The letter has also been sent by email - please do check your junk folder if it hasn't been received.

Finally, following Mrs Hough's excellent interim leadership in the role of SENCo this half term, we look forward to welcoming Mrs Quye to our school in January, as permanent SENCo. I am sure that you would like to join me in saying a huge thank you to Mrs Hough who has worked hard to ensure that all students in her care have received high quality support and provision. Thank you!

I have no doubt that there will be further challenges ahead in 2021, but together we will do our best to ensure that students experience the best education possible. So, best wishes to you all for a safe and enjoyable Christmas. We really do hope that you are all able to spend some valuable time together and we look forward to welcoming all back, in line with Government timescales, in the New Year.

Merry Christmas!

John Parr  
Headteacher



This has been a challenging year for all of us at school and equally for those in the community. It has made us appreciate how much we need human contact, our family, friends, and colleagues.

For teachers and parents and pupils, the challenge of home teaching and home learning has been interesting, both positive and negative. I personally have learnt a lot, both about myself as a parent and as a teacher. I have been most impressed with how the students at school have adapted to home learning, supported each other and myself with technical IT issues and how resilient they have been throughout, never failing to crack a smile or a joke when others are feeling the pressure.

When Janet Williams from the Mayfair Centre contacted me to ask if we would like to be involved in supporting the elderly and vulnerable community over Christmas, I knew that the students at Church Stretton School would jump at the chance.

The Design Technology department have designed and manufactured acrylic baubles to hang on the tree, the English Department have provided some very funny Christmas jokes and lovely poems, and the Language Department have created some French Christmas cards. All of these products will be given out with the Christmas meals that the Mayfair Centre are providing for the lonely and elderly over the festive period. It is our hope that these products, jokes and poems will give some joy to the residents of Church Stretton and let them know that the school community is thinking of them and looking out for them.

Merry Christmas to everyone in our wider community from all the staff and students at Church Stretton School.



## Key Stage 4 Student of the Week



**Winners and nominees for this week are listed below....**

**Jacob Scott -**

Nominated by Mrs Outram for excellent motivation in Maths lessons

**Chloe Child -**

Nominated by Mr Bird for fantastic attainment in all Chemistry tests

**Cody Price -**

Nominated by Mrs Scott for outstanding effort and work in Maths

**Alfie Jones -**

Nominated Mr Roberts for impressive English work

This week's nominations:

Mrs Pugh	Ashton Chard	Excellent progress in English
Mrs Pugh	Omar Aokal	Excellent effort in English
Mrs Pugh	Ashton Yapp	Good progress in English
Mr Bird	Jacob Bennet	Brilliance in Chemistry and Physics discussions
Mr Bird	Laura Brian	Brilliance in Chemistry and Physics discussions
Mr Bird	Elliot Thomas	Brilliance in Chemistry and Physics discussions
Mr Bird	Ruby Keeling	Ongoing excellence in Chemistry
Mr Bird	Emma Smith	Answering questions in Q & A's
Mr Bird	Lydia Naylor	Being above target in all Chemistry assessments so far
Mr Bird	Isabella Pett	Super use of Seneca for Science revision
Mr Bird	Morgan Emeny	Fantastic attainment in all Chemistry tests
Mr Bird	Chloe Child	Fantastic attainment in all Chemistry tests
Mr Bird	Ashton Chard	Fantastic attainment in all Chemistry tests
Mr Bird	Ria Marland	Fantastic attainment in all Chemistry tests
Mr Bird	Will McGregor	Fantastic attainment in all Chemistry tests
Mr Bird	Toby Wise	Fantastic attainment in all Chemistry tests
Mr Bird	Ed Bowen 11R4	Being incredibly helpful and supportive of his peers during the recent Teams lessons
Mrs Mackechnie	Harry Lawrence	Excellent result on assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Fenn Bartlett-Garrard	Excellent result on assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Chloe Aston	Excellent result on assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Isabella Healey	Excellent result on assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Toby Wise	Excellent result on assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Ruari Frankel	Excellent result on assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Laura Brian	Excellent result on assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Will Alston	Working collaboratively to support others
Mrs Mackechnie	Jacob Bennett	Working collaboratively to support others
Mrs Mackechnie	Sam Flack	Working collaboratively to support others
Mr Charles	Abi Griffiths	Tremendous resilience to apply knowledge to multi-step problem solving questions
Mrs Davis (Eng)	Davis Jones	For being so helpful during on line learning ( as always!)
Mrs Davis (Eng)	Zara Khan	For consistent hard work and excellent progress.
Mrs Davis (Eng)	Nancy Beavis	For outstanding effort and progress in Literature.

This week's nominations (cont)

Mrs Davis (DT)	Joshua James	Was an absolute IT Legend during a live lesson. Helping students and me solve IT related problems - Thank you Josh!!
Mrs Scott	Cody price	Outstanding effort and work in Maths
Mrs Scott	Alfie dales	Outstanding effort and work in Maths
Mrs Scott	Honey Trow	Outstanding effort and work in Maths
Mr Basnett	Jessie Nicholas	Real determination to improve.
Mr Basnett	Sana Saleem	Real determination to improve.
Mr Basnett	Callum Salisbury	Really taking responsibility for his own improvement.
Mrs Outram	Giles Morgan	Excellent all-round effort in maths
Mrs Outram	Jacob Scott	Excellent motivation in lessons
Mrs Proffitt	Grace Wood	Fantastic result in GCSE French School Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Rosie Wilson	Fantastic result in GCSE French School Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Felicity Davies	Fantastic result in GCSE French School Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Rebecca McFarlane	Fantastic result in GCSE French School Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Luke Matthews	Fantastic result in GCSE French School Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	James Farr	Fantastic result in GCSE French School Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Harry Lawrence	Fantastic result in GCSE French School Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Will Farr	Fantastic result in GCSE French School Assessment
Mr Roberts	Alfie Jones	Impressive English work.
Mr Roberts	Cody Price	Excellent work in English

# Accelerated Reader



Congratulations to the following students for reaching their Accelerated Reader target.



**Year 7**

- Emma Burke**
- Poppy Carr**
- Emily Kirkwood**
- Benjamin Lawrence**
- Ruth Shaw**

**Year 8**

- Rosie Frankel**
- Lily Jardine**
- Freddie Westall**
- Rayan Baig**
- Oscar Zlotowitz**

**Year 9**

- Evie Jackson**
- Finn Feeney**
- Alisa Kovaleva**
- Alexander Macdonald**
- Brooke Stovold**
- Oscar Walden**

**Congratulations to the newest member of our Millionaires Club**

**Emma Burke  
(1,042,812)**



## Students in Year 7/8 and 9 who reached their AR target.

For Year 7 that is since September but Year 8 and 9 includes Lockdown.

### Year 7

Jack Cornehlis (3)  
Troy Lloyd  
Ben Lawrence (2)  
Elsa Lovelock (3)  
Sam Carver (2)  
Harry Cummins  
Reuben Cowley (2)  
Emily Kirkwood (2)  
Jimmy Nicholson (2)  
Isaac Hall (2)  
Scarlett Hurrell (2)  
Mia Sandwith (2)  
Lowri Morris  
Archie Norval (3)  
Charlie Dean (2)  
Charlotte Hale  
George Degg  
Sky Milner  
Indiya Howells  
Poppy Carr  
Maddie Davies  
Rhys Page  
Oliwia Brdej  
Alex Costa-Veiga (3)  
Lawson Wyatt  
Emma Burke  
Emily Child

### Year 8

Finley Healey (2)  
Grace Hilditch (3)  
Siobhan Morris  
Aisha Green  
Sadie Singleton (2)  
Daisy Jones (3)  
Sophie Mackechnie  
William Doley (2)  
Clara Powis  
Rosie Williams  
Poppy Cumberlidge  
Eleni Ward (2)  
Freddie Westall (2)  
Maisie White  
Beth Perry (5)  
Connor Gray  
Joshie Naylor  
Isla Skelly (2)  
George Harrison  
Joshie Naylor (2)  
Siobhan Morris (2)  
Rayan Baig (2)  
Ellie Bill  
Lewis Kershaw (2)  
Eva Knight  
Sophie Allison (2)  
Anya Angell  
Jessica Davies  
Rosie Frankel (2)  
Charlie Hatton  
Jack Smout  
Joe Buckingham (2)  
George Harrison  
Aris Kokkinos (2)  
Lexie Lewis  
Ella McFarlane  
Aisha Raza  
Ozzy Stephens  
Bonnie Innes  
Connie Woodhouse  
Aisha Green

### Year 9

Isobel Devey (2)  
Merve Ozsevgec (2)  
Ayaat Green (3)  
Annabelle Kirkwood (2)  
Jack Parr (2)  
Nate Bradshaw-Carney (2)  
Edward Prosser  
Lizzie Creffield  
Alex Macdonald  
James Orme (2)  
Macey Pezzaioli  
Jodie Shelton (2)  
Owen Thomas  
Ben Willis (2)  
Brooke Price (2)  
Amelie Northwood  
Bonnie Kinsey  
Wiola Sewry  
Finaly Walker  
Aman Raza  
Isabella Carter  
Grace Daghish  
Iwan Faulkner  
Jemima Fox  
Alex Hart  
Zoe Henson  
William Middleton  
Finn Morgan-Jones  
James Orme  
Daisy Swain  
Aaron Skitt  
Oliver Walden (2)  
Daisy Deards (2)  
Ayaat Green  
Ben Holdsworth  
William Smout (2)  
Aidan Thomsett  
Oscar Walden  
Eirian Muttit-Jones  
Evie Gerrard  
Evie Jackson  
Erin Robinson  
Morgan Gray

Reminder: The AR Link is the only way to access quizzes at home. It can't be reached through Google. The Link is on Go4 Schools and the Website.



## Seasons Greetings from the P.T.A.

*The P.T.A. would like to wish all staff, parents and pupils an enjoyable and safe festive season and would like to thank everyone who has supported them in 2020.*

*(For last minute Christmas shoppers don't forget items purchased online can raise extra funds for the P.T.A. via Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising, Thank you!)*



### O'Fitness Tree Winners!

Last week KS3 took part in the O'Fitness Tree challenge in which they had to perform 25 exercises located on the tree.

The groups who managed to successfully finished this difficult festive task were placed into a raffle to win some prizes.

A huge well done to all those who managed to complete the course but a special congratulations to our winners from each year group!

Year 7: Toby Williams, Brandon Hall and Isaac Hall

Year 8: Rosanna Price, Serena Vickery and Matilda Booth-Gillet

Year 9: Rosie Carr, Jodie Shelton and Isobel Devey



## NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2022/23

Shropshire Council, as admission authority for community and controlled schools in Shropshire, is conducting a consultation exercise on School Admission Arrangements for 2022/23. The Council is simultaneously co-ordinating a consultation exercise for own admission authority schools, such as academies, whose governing bodies are responsible for setting their admission arrangements and who wish to make changes to those arrangements. We wish to notify all parents/carers that the consultation will begin on 11 December 2020 and continue for more than 6 weeks until 25 January 2021.

The only proposed amendments to Shropshire Council's admission arrangements are:

- **Stiperstones CE Primary School**, located in Norbury, is proposing a reduction to the Published Admission Number from 8 to 7.
- Changes are proposed to the **primary catchment areas in west Shrewsbury** to take account of the new school at Bowbrook and to align boundaries to the by-pass.

Proposed changes to Shropshire's admission authority school arrangements are shown below.

These schools are proposing the addition of 'children of staff' criterion to their policy:

<b>Coleham Primary School,</b>	<b>The Wilfred Owen School</b>
<b>Holy Trinity Academy, Oswestry</b>	<b>Belvidere School</b>
<b>Mereside Academy,</b>	<b>Meole Brace School</b>
<b>Norbury Primary School and Nursery</b>	<b>Mary Webb School &amp; Science College</b>

- **Marches Academy Trust** is proposing changes to align the policy of the school that has recently joined the Trust, namely **Oakmeadow CE Primary**.
- **Whitchurch CE Infant and Junior** schools are proposing the addition of siblings at their linked infant/junior schools to their criteria.
- **Thomas Adams School** are proposing an alteration to their Boarding House policy to enable them to continue to offer 5 boarding places after National Offer Day.
- Arrangements are proposed for the **new primary school at Bowbrook, Shrewsbury**.
- **Bishop Hooper CE Primary School** are proposing to remove faith criteria from their policy.

The following admission authorities are not proposing changes, but they are consulting on their admission arrangements to comply with the 7-yearly requirement of the Admissions Code:

<b>Corvedale CE Primary,</b>	<b>Weston Lullingfields CE Primary,</b>
<b>Our Lady &amp; St Oswald's Catholic Primary,</b>	<b>Whittington CE Primary</b>

The consultation documents and further information can be found on the Shropshire Council website [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk) in the link to Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2022.

To make comments on any of the proposed changes by **Monday 25 January 2021** e-mail [school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk), or contact the school directly, or write to:

School Admissions, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, SHREWSBURY SY2 6ND