

THE LINK

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we reach the end of another week, we also draw a close to the Summer Assessment series for Year 11.

Students have been fantastic in their approach to this assessment which will now, along with other assessment information, be taken into consideration in reaching the teacher assessed grades. This has been explained more fully in the letter sent to parents & carers of Year 11 this week.

Yesterday we held another virtual Progress Evening for parents & carers of Year 8 students. It was unfortunate that for some, due to circumstances beyond our control with technology, some online meetings with teachers were interrupted or failed to happen. Of course, this was also unexpected for staff who were also frustrated. We apologise for any disappointment and thank parents and carers for your messages of understanding, and appreciation that we are trying hard to provide such an opportunity within significantly challenging times.

Last week I mentioned our tentative planning to return to some more normal ways of working and, therefore, more normal experiences for students. Of course, we are extremely cautious, especially given the cases of variant Coronavirus nationally and more locally, but it has been pleasing to be able, for example, to start using the school Library once again. Whilst this has only been trialled with a very small number of students, it gives us hope that we may find other ways to ease restrictions in school as time goes on. Also, next week, we plan to hold some year group assemblies in the main hall to talk with students about the remainder of the year and any key events. Again, this is a small step but one which will allow us to feel some sort of normality returning. We will keep you informed!

John Parr Headteacher



Accelerated Reader
Well done to the following students for reaching their targets.

Year 7 Dean Harvey Scarlett Hurrell Archie Norval Pippa Pledger Ruth Shaw Megan Williams Year 8
Jayden Chard
Tate Crippin
Bonnie Innes
George Payton
Beth Perry

Year 9

Elizabeth Creffield

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

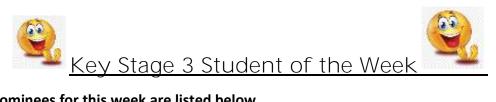
Could you support the P.T.A. by volunteering your help?

The P.T.A. is looking for someone to take on the role of secretary and also the smaller role of keeping The Link up to date with P.T.A. news. The secretary post is key to the running of the P.T.A. and requires someone to take minutes at meetings, email meeting dates to members on the mailing list and complete any administration tasks required of a registered charity. The second role simply requires someone to compile regular, short pieces that are emailed into the school to promote P.T.A. events and activities in The Link. The roles could be shared or taken on by one individual. Whoever takes on these roles will be well supported by an enthusiastic and friendly Chairperson and Treasurer.

In order for the P.T.A. to continue to raise funds that enhance the children's school experiences, including the funding of the school minibus, it is also vital that new members are recruited to the P.T.A.

If you think you could take on either role please email csschoolpta@gmail.com for further details. Please also email us if you would like to be added to the mailing list or would like to join the next meeting which will be held on Tuesday 8th June at 7pm.

Thank you.



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

Will Jackson Nominated by Miss Halliday for excellent responsible attitude to all his learning. He is always helpful and reliable in class.

Wiola Sewry Nominated by Miss Sollars for excellent book review for history

Matthew Giles Nominated by Mrs Hough for excellent responses in French based on the sports topic and the use of comparatives. Well done!

Sophie Mansell Nominated Mr Basnett for great Spoken Language Presentation



This week's nominations:

Mrs Hough	Mackenzie Williams	Work ethic in French was much improved this week and resulted in some good written work produced. Well done!
Mrs Hough	Lawson Wyatt	Excellent recap skills in chemistry on the topic of burning fuels. Well done!
Mrs Hough	Ella Roberts	Excellent responses in chemistry based on creating word and symbol equations for the thermal decomposition of metal carbonates. Well done!
Mrs Hough	Matthew Giles	Excellent responses in French based on the sports topic and the use of comparatives. Well done!
Mrs Hough	Maria Louro	Highest marks in recent French assessment in reading writing and listening in her class. Well done!
Mr Clarkson	Adnan Khalid	Determination in science lessons
Mrs Scott	William Pearson	Excellent work and test result on Unit 4 in maths
Mrs Scott	Joss Nockolds	Excellent work and full marks in maths assessment
Mrs Scott	Alex Hart	Excellent work and full marks in maths assessment
Mrs Scott	Dylan Jones	Excellent work and full marks in maths assessment
Mrs Scott	Edward Muttitt-Jones	Excellent work and result in maths assessment
Mrs Scott	William Smout	Excellent work and result in maths assessment
Mr Basnett	Sophie Mansell	Great Spoken Language Presentation
Mr Basnett	Macey Pezzaioli	Presenting Spoken Language to the class - never easy.
Mr Basnett	Alisa Kovaleva	Presenting Spoken Language to the class.
Miss Halliday	Isabelle Hill	Her excellent work ethic. Isabelle always tries her best and takes great pride in the presentation of her work. Well done Isabelle!
Miss Halliday	Will Jackson	Excellent responsible attitude to all his learning. He is always helpful and reliable in class.
Miss Sollars	Wiola Sewry	Excellent book review for History
Miss Sollars	Erin Robinson	Excellent book reviews for History
Mr Roberts	Holly Collett	Consistent hard work in English
Mrs Proffitt	Hayley Wyatt	Excellent achievement in Spanish despite, picking this subject up recently.
Mrs Proffitt	Lucy Ockenden	Excellent achievement in French, despite only picking this subject up easily.
Mrs Bowler	Megan Williams	Smashing equations with lots of brackets
Mrs Bowler	Scarlett Hurrell	Smashing equations with lots of brackets

MENTAL @CSSchool HEALTH AWARENESS

SEE BELOW FOR SOME OF THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES
SHARE ACTIVITY IDEAS WITH MRS QUYE OR MR LONGHURST

DAILY STATISTICS AND INFORMATION STAND UP - SPEAK UP

What is mental health?
Where can you go for help?
How can you help yourself and others?
Morning Meditation sessions



SANCTUARY SPACES

SAFE



Look out for the signs showing silent sanctuary spaces to meditate, read, draw or talk to the school dog (sessions with the dog must be pre-booked)

BARE FACED & BEAUTIFUL

CELEBRATE BEING YOU

Be confident being the real you No make up - No mask You are beautiful:)



Book a "walk and talk" session in our beautiful local area

DOODLE & DRAW IN D4/5 @ LUNCH



Drop in sessions - meet at reception at the start of lunch - you can bring your lunch (no hot food - sorry)

FUNDRAISING NON UNIFORM DAY

Friday 29th May 2021

all funds go towards mental health resources in school

School Uniform

Following on from last week's information regarding school uniform, we would like to clarify that:

- Students are allowed natural hair colours only.
- Nail varnish and false nails are not permitted.
- Students are allowed to wear a watch but no other jewellery other that a single pair of studs.
- Clear retainers must be used for nose piercings.

BE EQUIPPED AND READY TO LEARN

Please can you ensure you have the right equipment for lessons.

- $\sqrt{}$ Pen -black/blue
- √ Exercise books
- √ Reading Book
- √ Pencil
- √ Rubber
- $\sqrt{\,}$ Pencil sharpener
- √ Scissors
- √ Coloured pencils
- √ Ruler
- √ Glue stick
- √ Protractor



"Lucy dog" returns to
Church Stretton School
for mental health
awareness week



As part of mental health awareness week (last week of term) we will be having a dog in school on some days.

For some of you this is exciting or calming but some of you may have concerns or fears.

If you don't like dogs or have allergies, please don't worry – the dog will be kept locked away so you won't accidentally bump into the dog in corridors or classrooms.

A lot of careful planning and risk assessments have taken place and any contact with the dog will only take place with parental consent and via booked sessions.

Some of you may already know Lucy the Labrador as she was in school with students during Lockdown.

Lucy is not a therapy or assistance dog but Mrs Quye's pet who is in good health, fully vaccinated and has always shown a good temperament.

You may also have seen Lucy in the holidays or weekends when she volunteers with the National Trust at Carding Mill Valley and the Long Mynd.









Just a reminder:

24-28th May is Mental Health Awareness week at Church Stretton School

Non uniform day – Friday 28th May - £1

Services for Support

Managing behaviour and containment - parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or 01743 250950 or free online at https:// inourplace.co.uk/ with code DARWIN18

- OT support clinics bookable via 01743 450800
- Support with speech, language or swallowing clinics bookable via 01743 450800
- Public Health Nursing Service Please see attached poster 'Shropshire PHNS'
- Single Point of Access 0333 358 3654
- Text for Health Advice: Health Visitor Team and Parenting Chat Health line 07520 635212 / School Nursing Team 07507 330346
- Support with young people's emotional well-being Bee U is the emotional health and wellbeing service for people up to the age of 25
- BEAM <u>AskBeam@childrenssociety.org.uk</u>
- Online support for young people http://www.kooth.com
- Specialist Young People and Families Mental Health Service Single Point of Access 0300 124 0093
- Housing issues / homelessness Housing Options https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/housing-options-and-homelessness/ or SUSTAIN consortium 0300 300 0059 or 01743 285159
- SEND Activities https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/social-care/short-breaks/all-in-programme/
- Adult mental health
- IAPT Psychological Therapies can support people with mild to moderate mental health issues such as anxiety or low mood. Includes Silver Cloud online therapy, https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/improving-access-psychological-therapies-iapt or 0300 123 6020
- See Shropshire Council wellbeing pages for more links https://shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/information-for-the-public/mental-health-and-wellbeing/
- Shropshire MIND Shropshire Mind provides support for any person with emotional or mental health needs, including long term enduring mental health needs or those triggered by recent incidents. Telephone: 01743 368647, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm; Saturday and Sunday 11am to 3pm. Outreach support is available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.
- TogetherAll a free-to-access online community for Shropshire residents aged 16 and above for people who are stressed, anxious or feeling low. The service has an active forum with round-the-clock support from trained professionals. You can talk anonymously and confidentially to other members https://togetherall.com/en-gb/
- Support for young carers simon.jones@crossroadstogether.org.uk
- Domestic abuse https://www.shropsdas.org.uk/ or WMWA 0800 783 1359 or national helpline 0808 2000 247
- Substance misuse https://www.wearewithyou.org.uk/services/shropshire/
- On a low budget or need help accessing free or low cost food Foodbank ... or for more info https://www.shropshirelarder.org.uk/
- Sexual health services https://openclinic.org.uk/
- **Shropshire Council's Covid Helpline** 0345 6789 028 this phoneline is designed to receive enquiries and concerns associated with Covid 19 that are of a non-medical nature.

Useful local websites:

- SC EH https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/
- SC Local Offer https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/
- SC Family Information Directory (FIDy) https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare/parents-and-carers/shropshire-family-information-service-0-19-years/
- Autism West Midlands https://www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk/
- PACC https://cyp.iassnetwork.org.uk/service/shropshire-iass