

THE LINK

Edition 37, 16th July 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, thank you to parents and carers for your prompt response when we asked you to collect your child from the school site this week and for making arrangements at short notice to help us. This was very much appreciated.

With all students working from home today, school is once again too empty, but the measures taken have been necessary and governed by the current guidance in response to any Covid-19 cases. We dearly hope that the changes to restrictions allow us to achieve the plans we have in place for much more normality in September and that disruption to students' learning is significantly reduced.

On Wednesday afternoon, when all other students had left site, we welcomed Year 6 children to school, with an outdoor meeting and school tour provided which we hope helped settle any nerves before the end of term. Children left the site with smiles, questions answered and having at least seen children from other schools who will make up their year group. I would like to thank Mr Wright for organising this along with staff who joined us to provide tours and answer questions from the children.

An important note now about school transport in September. There have been changes in Government stance since the initial release of guidance with the most recent stating the following:

From 19 July, the Government is removing the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. This includes public transport and dedicated transport to school or college.

Therefore, please do send your child to school with a face covering to wear on school transport (coaches / minibus) or public transport if used. Thank you for your support with this.

So, all it leaves is for me to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer and we look forward to welcoming students back across their staggered return in September!

Best wishes

John Parr

Headteacher

Happy Retirement Mrs Floyd!



After 34 years of involvement and work in Church Stretton School, we wish Mrs Floyd a very happy and well earned retirement! (Mrs Floyd pictured with Mr Collison, Chair of governors).

Unfortunately, due to an earlier than planned closure for the summer break, we were unable to have our mufti day for Kean Hall. A number of our families have asked if they can still donate. This is the link for his fundraising page is below

https://gofund.me/f9c1146f

Thank you











DofE Round Up

With the academic year coming to a close, it is pleasing to see the number of students having completed their DofE Award or being within touching distance of doing so. Despite the hurdles this year has presented we have still managed to complete all the expeditions for both Bronze and Silver, allowing students to achieve the full award.

Bronze Award

Macy Key becomes the latest students to complete the Bronze Award, Macy maintains the high standards of evidence submitted this year and gave a lot back to the community helping people as part of her volunteering section.

Silver Award

Last weekend saw our Silver group embark on their three-day assessed expedition. Students were transported to unfamiliar territory, the Brecon Beacons and required to navigate their planned routes, walking between 15-18km daily whilst carrying all their equipment. The Brecon Beacons provided a beautiful backdrop to a very challenging few days with all students passing the expedition element of the award with flying colours.

"I think the best part of the expedition for me was the stunning views at the top of the Brecon Beacon hills. The views were always incredible, and even though the climb up to the hills was tough, the natural beauty at the top made the expedition all the more rewarding and enjoyable." **Caleb Richards**

"Not going to lie and say that the expedition is just a walk in the park, it's the equivalent of 5000 walks in the park whilst giving a piggy-back ride to a fully grown adult. The great thing about the expedition is that after an hour of slogging up a seemingly vertical hill for what feels like days, when you reach the top, you feel overwhelmingly smug knowing you've done something genuinely impressive, and the view is certainly compensation: outstanding natural beauty and then when you take your bag off you feel weightless (a zero-gravity experience some people pay thousands for.) So in conclusion, the experience was top-notch." **Rebecca McFarlane**

We asked some of the students to say what they liked most about the expedition:

"Arriving at the second campsite on the penultimate day after a long day walking. That made me a lot happier, realising it was only 1 walk left until we had finished."

Lewis says:

"I will always remember the outstanding views from on top of the mountains and especially when we got to the highest peaks."

Will says:

"Arriving at the minibus on the final day, knowing that I'd finally completed my expedition." Seb says:

"Taking off my socks after a long day of walking."

Tom says:

"A nice change from everyday life and I fell down a hill."

A big thank you goes out to Bruce Orme, 'Wenlock Spring Water' for the loan of their van for the weekend, allowing us to transport all the students' rucksacks etc.

Silver 2021-2022

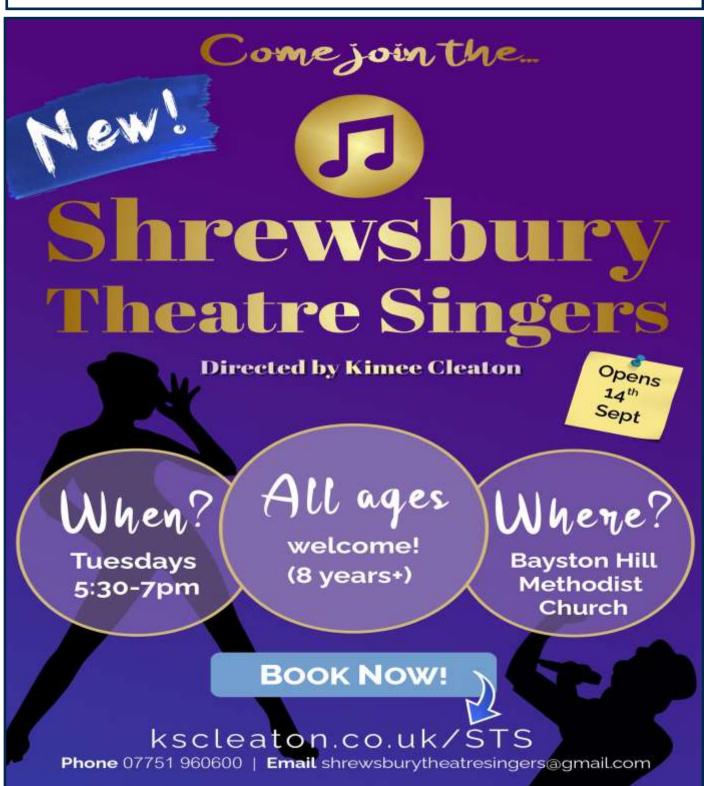
We welcome the next group of students who have started the journey on the Silver Award, 15 students, ready to do it all again. Your DofE accounts have been upgraded to Silver and you are now able to start to upload evidence to support your award, I can see that some of you have already done so. Expedition dates to follow...



Year 11 student Bryn Wright has written a song to raise awareness about climate change based on Greta Thunberg's 2019 speech at the UN Climate Action Summit. He recently worked with Year 5 and 6 students to record their voices for the final chorus. His piece will be entered into the BBC Young Composer 2021. Good luck Bryn! You can listen to his song here -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmURsqAu-hQ





The Solihull Approach (NHS) has released an online course FREE TO ALL residents of Shropshire:

'Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing'

How do I access?

www.inourplace.co.uk

What's the code?

If you haven't used it already here is the access code for all the online courses (funded for residents): **DARWIN18**

• If, like many parents, you have already used this code, log into your account <u>here</u> and this course will be ready in your dashboard to start whenever you are ready.

Can I tell my family and friends?

Absolutely! Share the news with family members and other families in the area so that they too can take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

How long is it?

'Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing' itself is in 2 parts (2 modules long in total):

Take Part 1....

...then take 'Understanding your child' OR 'Understanding your child with additional needs' (11 modules each taking 10-15 minutes to complete, benefitting from time to digest in between)....

...then take Part 2.

If you like this...

...you might like the other courses 'Understanding your teenager's brain' (short course) or 'Understanding your child's feelings' (taster course), or other courses in the series. www.inourplace.co.uk





Accelerated Reader

Well done to the following students for reaching their targets.



Year 7
Denis Barker
Poppy Carr
Jack Cornehls
Harry Cummins
Poppy Flannagan
Una Frith

Max Hallam
Scarlett Hurrell
Emily Kirkwood
Erin Leigh
Sky Milner
Lowri Morris
Charlie Warburton
Lawson Wyatt

Year 8 Lexie Lewis

Beth Perry Sadie Singleton Eleni Ward Year 9

Milly Lloyd Shannon Sutton Oscar Walden Macauley Williams Ruby Williams

Congratulations to the newest member of our Millionaires Club

Maisie White (1,009,068)

Year 7 and Year 8 students who have made it into the end of year draw for Accelerated Reader.

YEAR 7

Isabelle Hill(2) Poppy Carr **Jack Cornehis** Alfie Taylor **Harry Cummins** Joey Taylor Poppy Flanagan (2) **Reuben Cowley Una Frith** George Degg Max Hallam (2) **Charlotte Hale** Scarlett Hurrell(2) Ben Lawrence(2) Emma Burke **Indiya Howells Ashley Burmingham** Ruth Shaw(2) **Archie Norval** Olivia Whiting(2) Emily Kirkwood(3) Megan Williams(2) Erin Leigh Alex Costa-Veiga Sky Milner Oscar Puslow Lowri Morris(2) Cody-Lee Watts (2) Lawson Wyatt Fabian Zawierucha (2)

Oliwia Brdej Charlie Gregg
Tilly Carter(2) Evie Medlicott

Molly Jeffries(2)
Mia Sandwith(2)
Pinley Foxall
Denis Barker
Charlie Warburton (3)

Abdullah Ozsevgec (2)
Dean Harvey
Pippa Pledger
Skyla Stovold
Toby Williams

Niomi Carroll

Phoebe Jammaz Hadassa Scurtu (2)

The Year 8 winner of the Accelerated Reader Prize Draw is Matthew Giles.

YEAR 8

Lexie Lewis (2)
Beth Perry (3)
Sadie Singleton(2)
Eleni Ward (2)

Mercy Plaza-Richards
Maisie White(2)
Rosie Williams
Tate Crippen (2)
William Doley (2)
Freddie Westall(2)

Daisy Jones Isla Skelly(2) Bonnie Innes George Payton Rosie Frankel

Sophie Mackechnie Chloe Wilson Holmes

Euan France Jack Smout Rosie Williams Phoebe Jervis Anya Angell Zarabeth Boccacci

Courtney Morris
Rosanna Price
Finley Sharland
Jayden Chard
Lincoln Hasted
Matthew Giles
Alex Price
Jordy Simpson



We know how important and exciting it is to be choosing your new uniform when starting at school, and we are here to help.

Due to Covid 19 we want to help everyone to access their new uniform in a safe and controlled way. For Summer 2021 we will be making a few changes and additions to how we serve our customers

ON-LINE – The on-line shop is fully open – Orders can be delivered directly to your address. In addition, we will be offering a collect from store service. (Click/collect)

To aid social distancing, collect from store orders will only be available for collection once you have been contacted to say your order is ready, on arrival you will see a collection point.

Please allow up to 7 days for collect from store – as we need to manage the number of people arriving to maintain distancing.

Last date for orders for back to school – Sunday 15th August 2021.

SHOP – The shop will be open as normal. But to maintain distancing, fewer customers will be able to be in the shop at one time. We STRONGLY advise that customers shop as early as possible.

Please see our website for up to date opening details.

APPOINTMENTS

Appointments are available on Sundays – please telephone or email to make an appointment

We thank you for your help with planning uniform early this summer, so that we can offer everyone a safe environment.

For any queries and help please do contact us:

17-18 Sundorne Trade Park, Featherbed Lane, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NS Telephone: 01743 440449

E-mail: info@schoolshopdirect.co.uk

www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk





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We're looking to your future!

Are you a school leaver this year? Looking to see how you get to the future you want?

Book a place at one of our events to explore your options for September 2022

> **BOOK ONLINE AT** scg.ac.uk/events

Look overleaf for all upcoming events!







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