

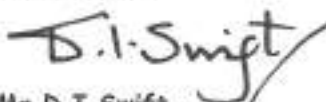


Dear Parents,

Last week was a really busy one with Year 6 Bikeability and Year 8 visiting the Skills Show in order to give them some ideas on future careers.

On Sunday 26th November at 4pm our school choir performs at the Brewood Lights switch-on, there is the Poland Information evening at 6pm on Wednesday 29th November and on Saturday 2nd December families and staff are travelling to London by coach for our annual visit to the museums and for Christmas Shopping!

Best wishes


Mr D I Swift
Executive Headteacher



Children in Need



On Friday 17th November we raised a total of £356.47 for Children in Need. Thank you so much for this support

Poland Visit—Information Evening — 29th November 2017

A reminder that there will be meeting in the school hall for parents of pupils who will be going on the Poland Visit next year. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 29th November 2017 at 6pm.

School Calendar

Wednesday 22 November to Monday 27th November — Book Fair
Sunday 26th November — School Choir Brewood Lights
Tuesday 28th November — 6RC Parent Lunch
Wednesday 29th November — Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 29th November — Poland Information Evening
Saturday 2nd December — London Visit—families
Tuesday 5th December — Year 7/8 Parent Lunch
Wednesday 6th December — 6RC Class Worship
Wednesday 6th December — Young Chef Competition
Thursday 7th December — Last Homework Club of the Term
Friday 8th December — Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12th December — Pupil Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13th December — Carol Service 2pm
Wednesday 13th December — Carol Service for Parents 7pm

WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER TO TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY inclusive
— CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

SPRING 2018

Wednesday 3rd Jan 2018 — School Re-opens 8.43am
Friday 16th Feb 2018 — Inset Day (3)

MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY TO FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY inclusive — HALF TERM
FRIDAY 30th MARCH TO FRIDAY 13th APRIL inclusive — EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 16th April — School Re-opens 8.43am

MONDAY 28th MAY TO FRIDAY 1st JUNE inclusive — HALF TERM
Friday 20th July — School breaks for summer holiday

Attendance

Unfortunately there were no classes with 100% attendance last week due to the current bout of illness.

Mock Sats—Year 6

This week Year 6 will be bringing home their maths and SPaG mock SAT paper. They have been set the homework task to go through their papers and work through as many corrections as possible. Pupils also have the results of their mock SAT recorded in their organiser. They will have a raw score and a converted scaled score. In May, pupils SAT results will be converted to a scaled score (out of 120) for reading, SPaG and maths. A scaled score of 100 - 109 is reported as 'working at the expected standard'. A scaled score of less than 100 is reported as 'working towards the expected standard'. A scaled score of 110 or more equates to 'working at greater depth' - although this is not reported. Please look at your child's mock SAT result so that you can see where your child is currently working at. We will send home the reading paper in the next week or two. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either me or your child's form tutor.

Mrs Clews — Leader of Key Stage 2

Year 6 Visit to Condover

On Wednesday 8th November, Year 6 went to Condover Hall in Shrewsbury where we spent two nights together. They took part in a range of physical and team building activities. On the way we walked from Coalport to Ironbridge, discussing the history of the Ironbridge along the way. It was a beautiful day and we all really enjoyed eating our packed lunches under the Ironbridge. When we arrived at Condover Hall, the children were very excited to see their rooms and explore the beautiful grounds and mansion. All of the children enjoyed their first activity and even got to show off their dance moves in the evening activity; a fantastic disco.

Thursday was an action packed day full of exciting activities: climbing, abseiling, team building activities, trapeze, buggy building and archery. The weather was superb and all children thoroughly enjoyed challenging themselves with each of the activities. The staff were incredibly impressed with the courage, determination and team spirit shown by each of the children. In the evening the children enjoyed a campfire session.

The final day included one last activity and a presentation made by the staff at Condover, before heading back to Brewood. All of the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was a delight to see the children bond with each other and overcome many personal challenges. It was a fantastic visit, full of fun, adventure, laughter and challenge. I am sure it will be a fond memory for all of our Year 6 children.

Thank you to all the staff who helped to make this experience possible.

By Rachel Clews, Leader of Key Stage 2



Year 6 Visit to Condover



Safeguarding

In line with the School E-Safety policy and recent reminders to all schools from NSPCC, please could you remind your child about the importance of maintaining a positive presence when online. Please explain to them that any images that they may share or post are their personal digital footprint for years to come?

- Please encourage your child to think before they share. They should understand that their actions online can affect both themselves and others.
- Teach your child that it's difficult to keep things private online. Even messages sent between friends get passed on and accounts can be hacked. You should also tell your child not to post anything they wouldn't want thousands of people to see. If they're not happy to wear it on a T-shirt they shouldn't post it online.
- Be a role model so your child understands that you'd never post anything that you wouldn't want them to see.
- If they receive anything of an inappropriate nature then they should report this to yourself or a member of staff or use the CEOP button



Health, Safety & Well-being

Thank you for all parents who support our road safety advice in safely dropping off and collecting their children.

Could I ask that if parents use the school carpark for a school event that they are mindful of pupils crossing the car park and drive in and out slowly? Please be careful of driving in, reversing into spaces and leaving the site.

Year 5 Deaf Awareness Assembly – Wednesday 15th November

Year 5 took part in a Deaf Awareness assembly created and presented by two of our own Year 8 pupils with a hearing impairment. Ellie, who is one of our prefects and Evie who is also a prefect and Head girl for the school, presented the Assembly on Wednesday, entitled; How to Help Your Deaf Friends. They were also kindly supported by Freya Hickman, Lexi Sharp and Mrs Baker.

The girls explained what it means to be deaf and that some people wear hearing aids, whilst others don't. Evie and Ellie also spent time explaining how deaf and hearing teenagers can communicate with each other.

More than seven out of ten (77 percent) teenagers who have not met a deaf person before, said that they have no idea how to communicate with them. At the beginning of the assembly we asked the Year 5 pupils how many of them understood what it meant to be deaf, and two pupils raised their hand. However, when asked the same question at the end of the assembly nearly every year 5 pupil raised their hand to say that they knew about how to communicate with a deaf friend. Congratulations to Evie and Ellie for having such an impact on the knowledge and understanding of our Year 5 children. We are very proud of you both! Finally, Year 5... remember to use these new learnt *LIFE* skills.



Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability

On Thursday 16th and Friday 17th November, 55 of our Year 6 pupils took part in their Level 2 Cycle Proficiency Award delivered by Cyclist Training.

This course is a continuation from the Level 1 Certificate that many of these pupils did in Year 5 and is aimed at preparing pupils for the demands of cycling on roads. The pupils loved going out into the village and learning how to negotiate junctions and turns.

The instructors were generous in their praise for our pupils saying that they were about the best group of riders they had worked with in a long time and that their attitude to learning was exceptional!

I am delighted to say that all 55 participants achieved the standard and will be awarded their certificates and badges in the near future.



New Series for Channel 4

Electric Ray, a London TV Company that has made thought-provoking primetime programmes on parenting, ageing and the wealth divide, among other subjects is looking for families to take part in a Channel 4 new series. They have been commissioned by Channel 4 to make a new series, *Alone at Home* (working title), to sit alongside their other acclaimed hit series with children and parenting at the forefront: *Secret Life of 4 & 5 year olds*, *Child Genius* and *Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds*.

For further information please call Freya Dolby at Electric Ray on 020 7533 1305.

Author Visit—Thursday 16th November

Robin Jarvis was inspired to write about Whitby because of its old legends. In his story there is a family of three including the daughter, Lil, whose parents dress like goths. They think they are witches and own a shop that sells everything magic related. He told us he had seen a peculiar family once when he was signing books in a book shop. The mom and dad were dressed like goths although the daughter was dressed normally and that's how he had the idea of Lil, a girl with goth parents and no intention to join in and dress up.

By Jasmine Hawkins 6KT



Robin Jarvis scratched drawings before he wrote his books for inspiration. He liked drawing spooky pictures and liked writing spooky stories about goths because when he was a child he always liked the genre of fantasy in his books, along with detailed explanations.

By Ava Lloyd 6KT



Mobile Phones

A reminder to pupils that mobile phones are to be handed in as soon as they arrive in school. If pupils arrive before 8.30am they should wait by the Key Stage 3 door to hand their phone in. Members of staff are by this door at 8.30 am every morning so no pupils should be taking their mobile phone onto the playground or tennis court.

All mobile phones should be clearly labelled with pupils' name—if they require a label please ask the member on staff who is on duty. If mobile phones are not labelled parents/carers will be asked to collect them from school.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Governor News

It's been another busy week across both schools with our pupils' achievements continuing to demonstrate why the focus on their learning journey remains at the heart of everything we do. Governors have been involved in the oversight of last week's lesson observations and learning walks to ensure consistency in our teaching.

There have been exciting opportunities for Brewood pupils with visits to Conover, the Career Skills Show for Year 8, raising funds for Children in Need and a planned visit to Poland. Again this shows the commitment of your children, our teachers, staff and leadership/Governors to ensure they can be the best they can be.

We are looking forward to our Carol service on 13th December but if you are unable to attend then please support our choir at the opening of the Brewood Christmas lights on Sunday 26th November from about 4pm onwards.

We have been working with Mr Swift to ensure that progress has been made at St Mary's and outstanding actions are completed with outcomes commensurate with our children's needs. We continue to be robust in our challenges of the leadership within the school and we need to recognise the excellent work currently undertaken by Mrs Stanford in moving St Mary's in the right direction.

On Saturday 11th November, St Mary's children's Remembrance Day topic work was displayed in the Village Hall as part of the Village Remembrance gathering. On Sunday 12th November the children's work was displayed in All Saints Church, Lapley and St Mary's Church, Wheaton Aston as part of their Remembrance Services. We look forward to hearing the choir singing at the opening of Wheaton Aston Lights on Saturday 25th November between 4pm and 6pm and the school Carol Service at St Mary's on Thursday 14th December.

The Governors are aware of your concerns regarding one of the bus routes to and from Brewood and together with Anne Holt (Mainstream Transport Officer for Staffordshire) we are exploring ways to reduce the issues. Many of your suggestions have been considered but in simple terms CCTV, additional services or supervision on the bus routes are not sustainable or cost effective by the service provider. We take safety on the buses very seriously and the County have just withdrawn a bus pass from a pupil for a fixed period because of poor behaviour. The bus service is a privilege, provided to Staffordshire families in order for pupils to attend good schools which are not always near where they live. Thank you to parents who support us by having regular discussions with your children about bus safety.

Kind Regards

Peter Haywood, Chair of Governors



National Skills' Show

On Friday 17th November 2017, the whole of Year 8 visited the Skills show at the NEC as part of the new 'LIFE' module. The Skills show is the nation's largest skills and careers event helping young people to discover potential career paths.

Attracting over 72,000 visitors and run over three days, the Skills show event provided 'Have a Go' experiences that aim to inspire young people to explore careers and motivate them to find out more about the world of work.

Over 200 national and local employers and training organisations were on hand to engage with young people. Pupils were also able to observe tradesmen at work such as electricians, bricklayers and carpenters. There were hundreds of great career ideas to explore, including jobs of the future with virtual reality, gaming and programming proving popular amongst the students.

The behaviour of pupils was excellent and an enjoyable day was had by all. Hopefully, Year 8 will feel more knowledgeable regarding careers and be able to make more informed choices when they move up to high school. Thank you to Mr Cartwright, our Leader of LIFE for organising the visit.



Non-Negotiable of the week – 20th November to 24th November 2017**Assessment**

- I will know what level I am working at and what I need to improve to do to improve
- I will always help others to assess their work, eg. By using peer marking

Parent Lunches

28th November 2017
5th December 2017
12th December 2017

6RC
Year 7/8
Pupil Christmas Lunch

**Class Assemblies**

6th December 2017 6RC

School Lunch Menu for week Beginning Monday 20th November 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Jacket Wedges	Beef & Vegetable Pie with New Potatoes	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	All Day Breakfast with a Bread Wedge	Crispy Fish & Chips
Alternative Dishes	Tomato & Basil Pasta with Baked Wedges Cheese & Tomato Baguette	Vegetable Pie with Potatoes Marinated Chicken Korma Thigh with	Cheese & Potato Bake Roast Turkey Bap	Vegetable Noodle Stir Fry Mac 'N' Cheese with Fresh	Veggie Hot Dog with Chips
Available Daily	Pasta King, Baked Potatoes, Grab & Go Items available daily	Pasta King, Baked Potatoes, Grab & Go Items available daily	Pasta King, Baked Potatoes, Grab & Go Items available daily	Pasta King, Baked Potatoes, Grab & Go Items available daily	Pasta King, Baked Potatoes, Grab & Go Items available
Vegetables	Carrots & Garden Peas	Green Beans & Cauliflower	Seasonal Cabbage & Roast Parsnips	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Baked Beans & Carrots & Peas
Salad	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar
Desserts	Apple Flap Jack Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt Traybake & Custard	Tropical Crumble Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt Traybake & Custard	Apple & Pear Strudel Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt Traybake & Custard	Fruit in Jelly Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt Traybake & Custard	Chocolate & Banana Muffin Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt Traybake & Custard

School Lunch Menu for week Beginning Monday 27th November 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Mac N Cheese Macaroni Cheeses	Pork Sausages with Creamy Mash & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast potatoes & Gravy	Beef Chilli with rice	Golden Fish Fingers with chips
Alternative Dishes	Veggie Balls in Tomato sauce with rice Egg Mayo Sub Roll	Veggie Sausages with Creamy Mash & Gravy Marinated Chicken Korma Thigh with Rice	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Roast Chicken Bap	Crunchy Topped Italian Bake Marinated Mexican Fajita Chicken Thigh with rice	Quorn Burger with Chips
Available Daily	Pasta King, Baked Potatoes, Grab & Go Items available daily	Pasta King, Baked Potatoes, Grab & Go Items available daily	Pasta King, Baked Potatoes, Grab & Go Items available daily	Pasta King, Baked Potatoes, Grab & Go Items available daily	Pasta King, Baked Potatoes, Grab & Go Items available
Vegetables	Broccoli & Carrots	Sweetcorn & Seasonal Cabbage	Peas & Swede	Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Baked Beans, Carrots & Peas
Salad	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar
Desserts	Chocolate & Mandarin Sponge with Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt Traybake &	Oatie Biscuit Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt Traybake & Custard	Apple & Cinnamon Muffin Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt Traybake & Custard	Carrot Cake with Pineapple Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt Traybake & Custard	Strawberry Cheesecake Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt Traybake & Custard

Accessing School Information

Please tell us if we can make any adjustments to make it easier for you to access school information or the school building. For example in large font or Braille, explaining things over the telephone or accessing the building in a wheelchair. Please contact the school office so that we can arrange this for you.



Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's shoebox Appeal to provide Christmas gifts to children around the world. This is distributed by the Samaritans Purse Organisation who state: 'Operation Christmas Child shows God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and partner with local churches worldwide to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Each child receives a shoebox as an unconditional gift of love, based on need, regardless of their background or religion.'



Achievement Assembly Friday 17th November 2017

Well done to the following pupils who received their merit certificates on Friday 17th November.

Aoife	Briggs	5JC
Liliah	Evans-Bowen	7NK
Samuel	Green	8TC
Lily	Harper	6RC
Tom	Horton	8SF
Jacob	Hughes	5EG
Daisy	Middleton	8JD
Joshua	Mole	6KT
Christy-Rose	Molland	6KT
Maddy	Noakes	5JC
Kaitlyn	Parry	8SF
Aidan	Ryan	5JC
Rebecca	Tyler	8TC
Evie	Wall	8JD
Grace	Woodward	8JD
Poppy	Slawson	5KT
Lewis	Miles	5JC



Well done to pupils who have gained their Bronze Sports Challenge Awards

Thomas	Culverhouse	6LS
Joel	Beason	7NK
Lara	Smith	6GS
William	Spener	5CG

Well done to 7CP and 6LS who have achieved their Bronze Accelerated Reader Awards.

