

# Newsletter

# MARCH



Friday 15th March 2024

## Parental Questionnaire

A HUGE thank you to parents for such a high number of responses. There are so many positives to take away from this survey and a few areas of development to continue to improve. Please see the detailed analysis of the questionnaire on the school website under Parent's and carer's view. <https://chcacademy.co.uk/parents/parent-view>

## Children put heart and soul into fundraising concert

7th March  
CHARITY SHROPSHIRE



Children from Clee Hill Community Academy take part in the concert (Image: Submitted)

Students from five schools in South Shropshire and North Herefordshire took part in a special fundraising concert to help eradicate polio.

In front of a capacity audience, students from Clee Hill Community Academy, Bishop's Castle Community College, Weobley High School, Earl Mortimer College and Wigmore High School put heart and soul into a concert - Youth Makes Music - which featured music from the shows, rock and roll and classical.

Arranged by Ludlow Rotary Club and held at the Ludlow Assembly Rooms, the concert raised around £1,000 towards Rotary International's 'End Polio Now' initiative. Together with match funding provided by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, this enables 15,000 children to be vaccinated against the disease.

"It was wonderful that these young people wanted to help end polio by performing this concert, for until polio is totally eradicated every child is at risk of this highly infectious, potentially life-threatening and paralyzing disease," said organiser Tom Hunt of Ludlow Rotary Club.

If you would like to donate, visit [peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/end-polio-now](http://peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/end-polio-now).

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## MONDAY 18th March : Ludlow Family Drop in

We are very lucky to have a number of external agencies joining the Ludlow Family drop on the 18th March including: SDAS - Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service, Social Prescribing (low level counselling), Axis Counselling and School Nurses. These services can be a great opportunity for parents to come and have a chat about how they can help support your child with their emotional health. See poster below for more details.

Science competition poster below!

Shropshire family Information Service

Hello from the **Family Information Service (FIS for short)**. Our job is to give you the info and resources you need to help your family life run a little smoother. We can help with:

- Childcare - finding it and advice on paying for it
- Local baby and toddler groups
- Events, activities, and fun things to do in the school holidays,
- Support for parents and families

We cover everything and anything to do with family life, so if you have a question, chances are we'll be able to help, or if we can't, we'll point you in the direction of someone who can.

Follow us on social media for all the latest news and info.

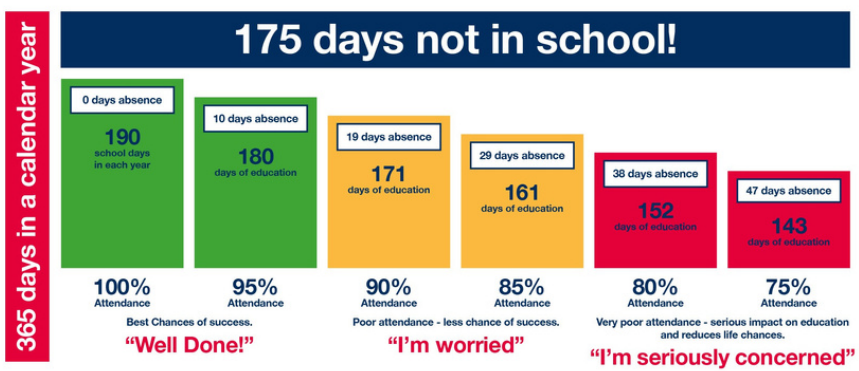
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This week's attendance...

- Class 1 - 95.91%
- Class 2 - 95.84%
- Class 3 - 96.86%
- Class 4 - 96.05%
- Class 5 - 95.61%
- Aim for 100% attendance!

## Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



# Hall of Fame



## Class 1

Praise Certificates: **Maya & Ernie**

Writing Rocket: **Ella**

Reading Rockstar: **Indiana**

Marvellous Mathematician: **Ila**

## Class 2

Praise Certificates: **Freddie, Neve & Blake**

Writing Rocket: **Autumn**

Reading Rockstar: **Reuben**

Marvellous Mathematician: **Jed**

Super Scientist: **Jaymes**



## Class 3

**Breakthrough Artist - Morrigan**

## Class 4

**Tilly - Rock Legend & Evie P -  
Rock Star**

**Turning Heat Maps Green: Ivanna  
& Tilly**

## Class 3

Praise Certificates: **Cian & Morrigan**

Writing Rocket: **Oli**

Reading Rockstar: **Amelia**

Pen Licenses: **Reed**

## Class 4

Praise Certificates: **Ivanna & Lily**

Writing Rocket: **Teanna**

Marvellous Mathematician: **Misha**

Super Scientist: **Alfie**

Handwriting: **Emma**

## Class 5

Praise Certificates: **Paige**

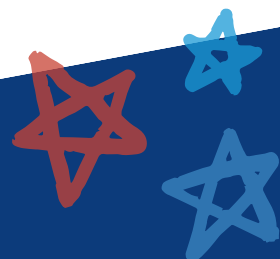
Writing Rocket: **Louis**

Reading Rockstar: **Lianna & Daisy**

Marvellous Mathematician: **Grace M**

Super Scientist: **Harley, Sienna & Darcey**

Handwriting: **Archie E**



# Dates for Diary 23 - 24

Spring Term	
18.3.24 - 21.3.24	Parents Evening: Book slots on Arbor under Guardian Consultations
21.3.24	Autism Awareness Day: Funny Feet (odd shoes/socks) Reading miles - New Zealand
22.3.24	PTA Easter Egg Hunt Last day of term: Maths Problem Solving AM/Board games PM
Easter Holidays	
Summer Term	
8.4.24	Back to school
6.5.24	Bank Holiday
13.5.24	SATs week
15.5.24	New Reception Meeting for Parents
20.5.24	Reading miles - Goa
24.5.24	Last day of half term
May Half term	
3.6.24	Back to school
18.6.24	PTA Escape Rooms Night
21.6.24	Sports Morning (athletics/ field events) No parents
26.6.24	Sports Afternoon - with parents PTA - Strawberries and Cream
27.6.24	Nursery sports afternoon - parents invited
28.6.24	PD day
12.7.24	Summer reports sent home
13.7.23	PTA Colour Run
17.7.24	Reading Miles - France
18.7.24	PTA - CHCA's Got Talent PTA Leaver's disco
19.7.24	Leaver's Play Last day of term: Maths Problem Solving AM/Board games PM
Summer Holidays	

# Science Week Competition!!



British science week starts on the 8th March with the theme this year being TIME!

To kick it off the children will be getting involved with a live science lesson about insects on Friday.

We would love the children to invent their own imaginative insects!



These can be models, paintings, drawings, headdresses, even costumes!



The only thing that they need to have are...  
3 body parts and 6 legs... the rest is up to you!  
Oh and don't forget to name it!!!!

There will be a prize for the winner of each class, including Nursery.

These will need to be handed in by Wednesday 20th March for judging!

Now get imaginative and create some amazing insects!!



# Family Drop-In

Here to help

## Free information, advice and support

You can chat, have a drink and see how we can all help you with:

- Family Life
- Children's health and wellbeing
- Drug and alcohol support
- Housing Support
- Domestic abuse support
- Financial advice
- Home fire safety
- School uniform support
- Help with getting back to work

**Helena Lane House**, 20 Hamlet Lane, Ludlow SY8 2NP

**9am—11am on:**

**Mon 19th Feb Mon 18th March Mon 15th April**

**Mon 20th May Mon 17th June Mon 15th July**



Supporting families with children aged 0-19 years (up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs and disabilities)

We aim to make it easier for you to ask for help and get support when you need it.



[www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)

**Baby Stop**

"Saving the planet one little step at a time"



# Family Drop-In

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Whether you have a baby, toddler or a teenager, being a parent/carer is a huge responsibility.

Come along and chat with our friendly Family Workers

**Helena Lane House, 20 Hamlet Lane, Ludlow SY8 2NP**

**Every Monday from 9am—11am**



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If you would like to find out about further help and support the Parenting Team offer please email

[Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)

or call us on 01743 250950

All our services are free of charge to Shropshire Council residents.

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



S O L I H U L L   A P P R O A C H

# **PARENTING HELP AND SUPPORT LINE**

available

**Monday to Thursday from 9.30am to 4.30pm**

and

**Friday 9.30am to 3.30pm**

***You can contact the Parenting Help and Support Line by calling***

***01743 250950***

*Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. The Parenting Team is here to help and support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.*

*Do you have any questions around your child's development and parenting?*

Why not call our Parenting Help and Support Line where one of our trained Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.

(Please note the Parenting Help and Support Line will not operate on Bank Holidays)

If you have concerns about a child's safety or well-being, please call

**First Point of Contact 0345 678 9021**

- *Would you like to know more about your child's development?*
- *Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?*
- *Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?*



## ***UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS***

### ***From Toddler to Teen***

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**Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 10 April 2024  
From 12.30pm to 2.30pm in Shrewsbury at Sunflower House**

**Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Thursday 11th April 2024  
from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams**

**Understanding Your Child starts on Thursday 11th April 2024  
From 1.15pm to 3.15pm in Bridgnorth at St Marys Bluecoat Primary School**

**Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Friday 12th April 2024  
From 09.30am to 11.30am in Shrewsbury at Sunflower House**

**Understanding Your Child starts on Friday 12th April 2024  
from 12.30pm to 2.30pm Virtually via MS Teams**

The groups are delivered Virtually via MS Teams or Face to Face at a venue in Shropshire.

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups.

To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by: Emailing: [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call us on telephone: 01743 250950

All our groups are free to Shropshire Council residents.





- *Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?*
- *Does your child struggle with their sleep?*
- *Would you like to access help and support to improve sleep and bedtime routines?*
- *Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?*

## ***SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOP***

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**Starts on Monday 15 April 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am  
at Whitchurch Infants School, Station Road, SY13 1RJ**

**Starts Wednesday 17th April 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am  
Virtually via MS Teams**

**Starts Monday 10th June 2024 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm  
at Bridgnorth Youth Centre**

**Starts Wednesday 12th June 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am  
Virtually via MS Teams**

The workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire  
Our workshops run for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:

Emailing [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)

Or call us on 01743 250950

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# EASTER BINGO

**Friday 15th  
March**

 Open from 7pm

 Eyes down at 7:30pm


 Free entry

 Easter Hamper Prizes

 Nibbles

 Bar open

 Held at Clee Hill Rugby  
Club

 Contact: Natalie Higgins  
07966175493

# Calling all residents of Cleobury Mortimer and surrounding areas!



## Have your say!

Help us and our partners understand what community, health and wellbeing means for you.

Tell us the good and not so good where you live.

We'll use what you tell us to help make things better in your area.



You know you and your community needs best, so let us know!

Scan this QR code with your smartphone/tablet or go to:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/ShropLocalHealthandWellbeingSurvey>

Paper copies can be collected and returned from:

Cleobury Mortimer Library

Please spread the word! Share with everyone you know in the area.

The survey will close on:

21st April 2024



## Communities asked to help partners understand their health, community and wellbeing needs

Communities across the south of the county are being asked to take part in a survey to share their thoughts and experiences on what would make their community a healthier and better place to live.

The survey aims to seek the views from people of all ages living in and around Bridgnorth, Church Stretton, Cleobury Mortimer and Craven Arms, around what makes somewhere a good place to live, what are the biggest concerns and what can be most improved.

The call-to-action forms part of the council's ongoing Joint Strategic Needs assessments (JSNA) programme. All councils are required undertake a JSNA to assess the health and social care needs of the local population to help improve the physical and mental wellbeing of Shropshire's residents and communities and is carried out in partnership with the voluntary and community sector and the local NHS.

Councillor Cecilia Motley, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health said:

"As a council we must carry out assessments to find out the health and wellbeing needs of our communities, to help us to plan and commission the best possible services for residents.

So far, we have been able to use the results of the surveys to build a detailed overview of the health and wellbeing needs in six of our market towns and surrounding areas, and this has already led to positive planning outcomes that will benefit the lives of the people who live there."

Following on from the success of our last Place Based JSNA launches, the next round of community engagement is taking part in Bridgnorth, Church Stretton, Cleobury Mortimer and Craven Arms.

We want communities in and around these towns, to help us and our partners understand what community, health and wellbeing means for you. Tell us the good and not so good where you live. You know you and your community needs best, so do please let us know by completing our survey and encourage your family and friends in the area to do the same.

Your views are vital to help us, and our partners ensure your communities have access to support and opportunities that are right for you.

Like with many councils across the UK, we are facing unprecedented financial challenges, and this insight will more than ever, help us in ensuring that we are able to meet our communities current and future needs."

To find out more and take part in the survey visit  
<https://shropshire.gov.uk/ShropLocalHealthandWellbeingSurvey>

The survey will close on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

You can find out more about Shropshire's JSNA on the [JSNA webpages on our website](#).

### Further information

The joint strategic needs assessment is a helpful tool that the council and its partners use to paint a picture of the diverse communities that live in our county, and the ways that we can best support people to live healthier lives.

It is known that only 10% of our health and wellbeing is actually affected by healthcare, and that it is just as important to consider the broader factors that impact our day to day lives, too.

In Shropshire, the [place-based joint strategic needs assessment](#) is being used to build profiles of 18 key place-plan areas, mainly market towns and their surroundings.

The assessment is being developed by using data about the health and wellbeing of the population, and by understanding the views of our population through a health, wellbeing, and community survey. Local people can take part in online or in person with our community wellbeing outreach team.

So far, Highley, Oswestry, Bishop's Castle, Whitchurch, Shrewsbury, Ludlow, Wem, Market Drayton and Albrighton have all completed the joint strategic needs assessment survey, and the programme has now moved to Bridgnorth, Church Stretton, Cleobury Mortimer and Craven Arms.

The survey takes account of a wide range of factors that are known to impact on health and wellbeing, including housing, equality, environment, and relationships. These factors are known as the wider determinants of health.

The place-based joint strategic needs assessments for Shropshire will continue to progress over the next 12-18 months, and local Shropshire Councillors will help to engage their communities as they are scheduled for assessment.

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school



Free medal  
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Free bouncy  
castles and  
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Pizza Girls



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Sunday 21st April 2024  
11am Ludlow Castle

[www.stormthecastleduathlon.com/juniorstorm](http://www.stormthecastleduathlon.com/juniorstorm)

# CHILDREN'S LEARN TO SWIM PATHWAY



## Pre-School

Designed for pre-school children, building the beginnings of a lifelong love of water.



## Learn to Swim

For children aged 4 yrs+ developing confident and competent swimmers through fun and enjoyment.



Swimming      Diving      Artistic Swimming      Water polo      Rookie Lifeguard

## Aquatic Skills

Opportunities for children who have completed the Learn to Swim Stages 1 - 7 and are now looking to develop their skills.



To know more about the Swim England Learn to Swim Awards, you can download The My Learn to Swim app which is available now on the App Store & Google Play.

[www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/swimlessons](http://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/swimlessons)



Learn to Swim Programme

