

# Newsletter

APRIL

Friday 12th April 2024

## A message from our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO)

We understand that life can be busy and unpredictable, but your child's regular attendance at school is crucial for their academic success. Education is like constructing a sturdy building. Every brick matters. We understand that children can be unwell but when a child misses school for avoidable reasons, it's like leaving gaps in the foundations. These gaps can hinder their future learning and cause anxiety for a child. School is not just about textbooks; it's a place where children develop social skills, build friendships, and learn to navigate emotions. Regular attendance fosters these vital aspects of growth.

Research consistently shows that students who attend school regularly perform better academically. Missing even a few days can impact their grades and overall achievement. Attending school daily establishes a routine. It boosts your child's confidence, as they feel part of a community and gain a sense of belonging. Teachers provide personalised guidance, answer questions, and address doubts during class. Regular attendance ensures that your child benefits from this direct interaction.

We remind you that Leave of absence in term time is prohibited for the purpose of a family holiday. Only exceptional circumstances will be considered for the purpose of absence in term time by the headteacher of the school that your child is registered at.

In summary, parents should plan holidays around school holidays and avoid seeking permission from schools to take their children out of school during term time. There are approximately 190 school days in an academic year, leaving 175 days to use for holidays and other activities. Remember, your child's education is an investment in their future. Let's work together to prioritise attendance and set them up for success!

And if you do have any concerns about your child's attendance at school, please talk to school staff or the Education Welfare Officer so that support can be given, and any issues addressed and resolved at the earliest opportunity.

## Breaktime snacks

In our healthy eating policy, we have agreed that key stage 1 children can only have fruit or vegetables at breaktime (including key stage 1 children in class 3).

Key stage 2 children may purchase toast or bring in fruit or vegetables from home to eat at breaktime.

Thank you

P.E. and Games

## P.E Kits

We are seeing some interesting versions of PE kit in school. A reminder of our uniform policy is below. Thanks



The children will need to change for all P.E. and Games activities. A white t-shirt and black shorts will be required for indoor activities. For outside work on the field or playground a pair of trainers will be needed. In the colder months a tracksuit can be worn. P.E kits should be kept in school all week in a small bag marked with the child's name. PE kit/swimming bags are available to purchase from the school office.

This week's attendance...



- Class 1 - 91.25%
- Class 2 - 98.67%
- Class 3 - 99.33%
- Class 4 - 94.19%
- Class 5 - 95.29%

Aim for 100% attendance!

## Good attendance means...

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

365 days in a calendar year

### 175 days not in school!



# Hall of Fame

## Top Table

### Class 1

Praise Certificates: **Xena & Izzy**  
 Writing Rocket: **Noah**  
 Marvellous Mathematician: **Lyra**  
 Super Scientist: **Ella**

### Class 2

Praise Certificates: **Oti & Jaymes**  
 Writing Rocket: **Joe**  
 Reading Rockstar: **Neve**  
 Marvellous Mathematician: **Evie**  
 Super Scientist: **Matilda**  
 Special mention: **Evie - Pony Club Awards**

### Class 3

Praise Certificates: **Raffia & Bryony**  
 Reading Rockstar: **Isaac**  
 Marvellous Mathematician: **Jono**  
 Super Scientist: **Louie**

### Class 4

Praise Certificates: **Trey & Jack H**  
 Writing Rocket: **Emma**  
 Reading Rockstar: **Lynk**  
 Marvellous Mathematician: **Tilly**  
 Super Scientist: **Evie-Mae**  
 Handwriting: **Jack G**

### Class 5

Praise Certificates: **Toby & Harley**  
 Writing Rocket: **Toby**  
 Reading Rockstar: **Kyle**  
 Marvellous Mathematician: **Archy**  
 Super Scientist: **Jack D**  
 Handwriting: **Daisy**  
 Reading Challenge: **Jack D & Evangeline**



#### Class 3

**Amelia (Wannabe), David (Garage Rocker)**

#### Class 4

**Jack B (Rock Legend), Dylan J (Rock Legend)**

**Battle of the Bands Certificates:**  
**Georgia, Emily, Bryony, Bobby C, Heidi, Dylan J, Ivanka, Izzy, Riley H, Darcy S, Harley, Lily**

# Dates for Diary 2024

| Summer Term     |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 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<br>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<br>PTA Leaver's disco                              |
| 19.7.24         | Leaver's Play<br>Last day of term: Maths Problem Solving AM/Board games PM |
| Summer Holidays |  |

# YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!



## CLEE HILL RUGBY CLUB PROMISE AUCTION

### WE ARE HAVING A PROMISE AUCTION TO...

Help make a big push towards  
raising our target of £100,000  
for the new clubhouse

Any donations or promises  
would be greatly appreciated  
£5 Admission

Inclues 1 free pint and a pork  
bap  
Kids go free



### WHERE?

Clee Hill Rugby Club  
SY8 3NL

### WHEN?

27th of April 2024  
6:30pm

For more information or promises  
please call or text

Catherine on:  **07484844903** Or Sadie on:  **07794390959**

# 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)



# Family Drop-In

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Free information, advice and support

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

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**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



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# **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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# Radnor RASCALS JUNIOR STORM



Trophy & £200  
for winning  
school



Free medal  
with every  
entry



Free bouncy  
castles and  
face painting



Beefy Boys &  
Pizza Girls



£7

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

