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# NEWSLETTER

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Our school values:

Curiosity Friendship Perseverance Respect

Value of the month for October:

**Thankfulness**

Please remember that all future diary dates, holidays and PD days can be found on the school website.

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Dear parents/carers,

Occasionally, I may not be too sure where to start with my headteacher message and this time I have two options – school contact with a British legend or a World record attempt! I will go with the former. Many of you will know our wooden play ship is called HMS Attenborough, obviously named after the famous broadcaster and biologist, Sir David Attenborough. Well, a couple of weeks back Stanway Class wrote to him informing him of our ship and the naming of it; as well as asking a series of questions. Earlier this week, we received a reply which was amazing. The children's questions and his responses have been shared below. We will include a framed copy of the letter (and response) and mount it onto the side of our boat. Then, on Thursday morning, KS2 took part in the being involved in the world's largest ever poetry lesson on 'National Poetry Day'. Gretton and Stanway gathered in one class and were counted in with video evidence submitted to aid the clarification of the attempted world record. We await further information on whether this attempt was successful or not.

Also this week, our final set of athletes (Stanway Class) took part in the Y5/6 Cross Country race at Carding Mill Valley. Just like the other two classes previously, they had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in such a large sporting event. Well done to all with a special mention for Darcie Hilditch who finished in SIXTH place. This event was even bigger than the previous two with more than 450 children taking part in the four races during the afternoon. On Wednesday afternoon our KS2 children took part in their enrichment afternoon, which included a lego workshop, gardeners, cooks (making apple and raspberry crumble) and a group who headed out in the minibus. Miss Reeves took this group of children to the mosque in Craven Arms where the hosts shared how impressed they were with the children's questions about the Islamic faith.

So many of the opportunities we are able to offer are made possible due to the generosity of the minibus committee. I met with the committee on Wednesday of this week where they agreed to funding the transport costs for both the Theatre Severn panto in December as well as the cost of transporting KS2 pupils to Young Voices in Birmingham this coming spring term. Furthermore, they have also agreed to meet the costs of Forest School waterproof outfits and a wellie rack to add to our forest school storage equipment/options. And finally, they paid for every pupil in school to be registered for this year's 'Readers to Writers' Shropshire Bookfest activities. All in all, a donation of almost £2,500. Thank you.

As it stands, next week is a little quieter than the previous two or three weeks but we are looking forward to welcoming some musical guests for a drumming workshop – which will be anything but quiet, I suspect!

I hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend. Please see various photographs further on in the newsletter.

Steve Morris

**Sir David Attenborough's personal responses (handwritten) to some of our children's questions:**

- **What has been your favourite adventure?**

*"Watching the 'Birds of Paradise' display in New Guinea."*

- **Have you ever taken a family member of one of your adventures?**

*"I have never taken a family member with me; they have their own adventures!"*

- **What's your favourite living thing?**

*"I don't have a favourite animal."*



**Harvest Festival on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – St Edith's Church in Eaton**

We will be setting off to walk to St Edith's at 9.10am and the service will be starting at approximately 10:30am, lasting for about 20 minutes.

We would kindly request the following:

- Children wear appropriate footwear on the day - wellies or sturdy walking boots if wet. If neither are available then trainers are acceptable but school shoes should not be worn. The route could be wet and a little slippy (school shoes to be brought in though to change into on their return)
- A drink and cake will be made available for the children immediately ahead of the service and will be taken in the churchyard. This has been kindly arranged by the Friends of Rushbury School.
- If attending, please respect the request for a dog-free walk - leaving any four-legged friends at home
- As in previous years we are collecting food donations for the food bank in Church Stretton. Non-perishable items can be sent in from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October and fresh produce on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Items will be taken to the food bank on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**New time for the start of the day**

Further to our ParentMail, a reminder about school opening earlier – effective from 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (after half-term). The registration point and closure of school gates will be 8:55am NOT 9am.

**SHREWSBURY FLOWER SHOW – another success for us!**



As you will know, we exhibited once again at the Shrewsbury Flower. Our small garden had the theme of 'Around the World'. The children were encouraged to bring in their holiday snaps: animals, fun activities, sight-seeing or anything that inspired their curiosity. The display frames were designed and made by some of the children who attend homework club and they had an environmental theme. We have recently heard that we came second in our category so a BIG well done to the children and also for the staff involved in making this happen!

## CHILDREN'S PRAYER



Dear God

Thank you for our family and pets. Thank you for all the people who love us and care for us. Thank you for our houses, food and our beds.

Amen

By  
Max B

## GRETTON'S LOCAL TRIP TO THE CHURCH

Gretton enjoyed a visit to our church on Thursday afternoon and did well in completing quite a tricky quiz that was set by Mr Morris!



## LASAGNA MAKES IT ONTO RUSHBURY'S DINNER MENU!

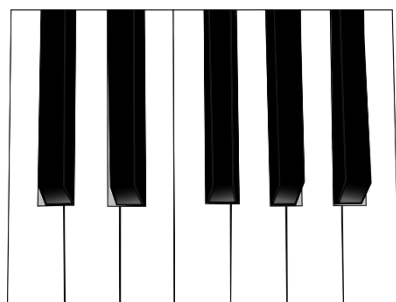
Lasagna is always a popular choice when it is offered as a 'special'. In response to the children's wishes, our lovely cook, Wendy has been authorised to make a tweak to our school menu. The lunch menu runs on a three-weekly cycle (we are currently in week 2). The next time we come to week 2, instead of sweet and sour chicken, there will be an option to choose beef lasagna. ParentMail will be adjusted shortly to reflect this change.



## MUSIC AT RUSHBURY

We have weekly visits from Beverley Turner, the music teacher from the Long Mynd Music Academy. She currently has spaces for beginner recorder and piano as well as for violin (violins can be hired via the Academy).

If you have any budding musicians, please contact the school office and we can provide further details for you.



## BOOK REVIEW

### **Title:**

Bunny Vs Monkey: Machine Mayhem

### **Authors**

Jamie Smarts

### **What I think of this book:**

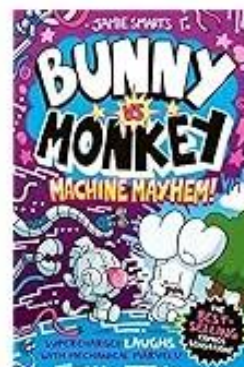
This is one of our new books (from The Friends). I found it funny in some places.

### **Who might like to read it:**

Hunter because he likes graphic novels.

### **My favourite part of this book:**

The intro because it was the funniest bit of the book.



**Review and Star rating by Ellie B (3/5 stars)**

**CROSS COUNTRY AT CARDINGMILL VALLEY – Stanway’s turn this week...**



## **FRIENDS OF RUSHBURY SCHOOL – AGM – WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 7PM**

In order to try and 'catch' more of the school community, the AGM has been moved to **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm** at the Kings Arms in Church Stretton. It will be in The Hayloft which is the meeting room at the back of the pub, up the outside stairs. The meeting is expected to last for about half an hour, and everyone is welcome to stay on afterwards for perhaps a drink/food. We hope to see as many of our school community there as possible.



### **MINI MEDICS CLUB – COMING AFTER HALF TERM!**

We have run this club for the last few years and we are pleased to let you know that this will be happening again, after the October half term. It will be held from 3.15-4.15pm on a Friday for five weeks, starting on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. This is a club for the Key Stage 2 children, and priority will be given to the older children who have not attended before. Further details will be sent via ParentMail in the next few weeks.

### **HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS**

- Ticklerton – Rose S for always being ready to learn
- Ticklerton – Cassian M for trying hard with ALL your learning
- Gretton – Floss R for completing work to her own high standards
- Gretton – Harry N for completing work to his own high standards
- Stanway – Essence G for feisty, competitive participation in the CMV Cross Country Event
- Stanway - Hunter B for setting high standards for himself

### **HOUSE POINTS**

The current cumulative picture for our house points is shown below, showing, Lawley, still in the lead.

- **Caradoc – 160**
- **Ragleth – 161**
- **Lawley – 204**
- **Callow - 169**

	<b><u>KEY DIARY DATES</u></b>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	7pm - Friends Annual General Meeting at The Kings Arms (Hayloft meeting room) in Church Stretton
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Harvest Festival service at St Edith's Church at Eaton. All welcome to attend.
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	1.15-3.15pm - School Open Afternoon
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Flu Immunisation – by spray (see details sent by ParentMail). Only children with written permission will be able to have this.
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Last day of half term for the children (25 <sup>th</sup> October is a staff inset day)
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Final deadline for year 6 parents to apply for secondary school

## Some ideas for local events and items which may be of interest:



**Rushbury**  
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**School Open Afternoon**  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October | 1:15 – 3:15

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### GHOST TRAINS

**Saturday 26, Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 October 2024**

Are you brave enough to ride the Ghost Train?

Is Halloween really complete without a ride on the Ghost Train? Dare to take a thrilling trip into the night at the Severn Valley Railway...

Start your spooky experience at Kidderminster Station with a party courtesy of award-winning children's entertainer Disco Daddy, before making your way along the dark platform to find your compartment.

Once on board the train, hold on tight as the train roars away, passing through haunted stations on the way to Arley - the home of the living dead! Beware, those things that go bump in the night are not just outside the windows...

Your ticket includes:

Reserved seats on the Ghost Train, journey from Kidderminster to Arley and return (approx. 75 minutes) and a goodie bag for each child

See website for full details.

## Bonfire and Fireworks

26th October 2024 5:00pm - 8:00pm

