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NEWSLETTER

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Our school values:

Curiosity, Friendship, Perseverance, Respect.

Value of the month for October:

Thankfulness



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear parents/carers,

Thankfulness was very much the order of the day at St Edith's Church, on Monday. The children delivered our annual Harvest Service, having walked to Eaton from Rushbury. The weather was kind and the walk was wonderful – there and back for a good number of children and adults. It was great to deliver the service to a packed church too. Thank you to the Friends' Group for the drinks and cakes on arrival and for delivering our produce to The Mayfair Centre in Church Stretton. There are photographs further on in this newsletter.

On Wednesday, we hosted a successful Open Afternoon with a dozen or so visitors enjoying a tour of the school. Credit to our Y5/6 pupils who welcomed the visitors and provided a bespoke guided tour. We hope it'll encourage more families and future primary-age children to attend our school. We now have sixty-four children on roll which is the largest number for some considerable time. Even taking this into consideration, we still have smaller class sizes than most other schools and far smaller class numbers in some cases.

In class this week, Ticklerton have been making a 'Wanted' poster in English with Reception working on their rhyming words; they have completed their Hereford Gospels project; used their manners impeccably in PSHE; understood why exercise is important in Science and compared Tudor, Victorian and modern homes in History. Gretton have planned and started to write their own stories; covered formal written methods for subtraction in Maths; studied how the story of the Good Samaritan is one where we should always look to help others in need; looked at healthy teeth in Science and compared the UK and India in Geography. Stanway have embarked on an inter-generational poetry and songwriting project with the Pentabus Theatre Company, which included a visit to Field House Care Home in Church Stretton; found common multiples and factors of numbers in Maths; completed the final stage of writing an updated parable of a poem about one's faith for the Hereford Gospels Project and studied the impact of drugs, smoking and alcohol in their 'Health Bodies' Science unit.

Pupil attendance this week has been absolutely outstanding! Thank you for helping with this. More details can be found further on in this newsletter.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

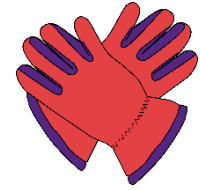
Steve Morris

ENRICHMENT – TRIP TO BLACKHURST FARM FOR LAWLEY





MANY HANDS, MAKE LIGHT WORK...



As you will be aware from last week's newsletter, The Wainwright Trust have agreed to buy the school a new greenhouse. We don't need help now disassembling the old one (it's found a new home with one of our parents) but we will still need help to erect the new one when it arrives – which looks like it's going to be after half term now. Please let the office/Miss Carter know if can potentially help us with this.



THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DESIGNS ARE IN!

The Friends' Group are again running this great fundraising initiative. All the children have completed Christmas themed designs and in the next few weeks we will give you details on how to order cards, tags, wrapping paper, tea towels, mugs etc with your child's images on. These make great Christmas presents, as well as lovely keepsakes.



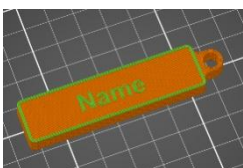
HOMEWORK CLUB – FOR GROWN UPS!

Miss Reeves has kindly volunteered to run a session on Tuesday 21st October from 3.20pm – for an hour or so to support anyone who might like some advice/tips on how to support your child with their weekly homework. There's no pressure and it will be done in a fun, supportive way. This has been arranged as a response to requests from parents, so we do hope you are able to make use of this session.



HOCKEY CLUB

After half term, our Friday sports club changes to Hockey. ParentMail is now open for bookings. It is open to all our children, on a first come, first served basis as due to staff ratios, numbers are limited. The younger children play with plastic sticks and the older children, once competent progress to wooden ones. This club runs until Friday December 12th (so not the last Friday of this term).



NAMES

Another reminder please for you to have a look at all of your child's uniform and ensure that it is clearly labelled, so lost items can be returned to their owners. We are already building quite a box of items that are unnamed. Many thanks for your support with this.

HARVEST SERVICE AT ST EDITH'S CHURCH

Everyone participated in our annual tradition of walking to St Edith's and taking part in an informative and enjoyable harvest service. Another thank you to The Friends, for ensuring everyone enjoyed much-needed refreshments on arrival too.



CURRENT HOUSE POINTS

Ragleth have maintained their lead...

Caradoc – 141

Ragleth – 219

Lawley – 195

Callow – 155

PARENTS' EVENING – BOOKINGS VIA PARENTMAIL

Please note that ParentMail will be open from Monday 20th October, for you to book your slots for the first Parents' Evening for this academic year. The sessions are:

Gretton and Stanway – 3.30 - 7.00pm on Monday 17th November

Ticklerton – 2.30-7.00pm on Monday 17th November and 2.30 - 4.30pm on Tuesday 18th November



CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE

Our attendance figures are always very good and again we thank you for your support with this – only keeping your children away from school if it is absolutely necessary. This week's attendance figures have been outstanding, and we wanted to share these with you:

Monday – only 1 child away, so 98% attendance

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – 100% attendance

A cause, we think, to blow our own trumpets....



REMINDER ABOUT THE CLAYBROOK FARM OUTSIDE CINEMA EVENING COMING SOON

Mrs Hartley (mum to Evie and Olive) and her family, have agreed to organise and host an outdoor cinema evening at Claybrook Farm on the 7th November, with proceeds going to Rushbury. Please contact her directly if you would like to book a place.

Claybrookpumpkins@gmail.com



RUSHBURY'S TELEPHONE BOX



As you will be aware from last week's School Council update, the Wainwright Trust has adopted the phone box outside school in order to give it a new purpose for our community. The Trust are keen to seek people's view/ideas for its future. If you have an idea, please contact any of the following, who will make sure that these are put forward and discussed as part of the decision-making processes:

The Wainwright Trust	Martin Pye, trust chair	martinjamespye@outlook.com
Rushbury Primary School	Steve Morris, headteacher	headteacher@rushbury.shropshire.sch.uk
St Peter's Church	Rev Lisa Harper	revlisaharper@icloud.com
The Parish Council	Neil Green, parish clerk	rushburypc@gmail.com

GREAT LITTER PICKING!

The children in Stanway, didn't miss the chance on the harvest walk to show their citizenship skills and collect rubbish on the way!



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



- Ticklerton – Oscar E for super number work all week
- Ticklerton – Florence S-M for creating an excellent Gospels Project piece
- Gretton – Olive H for her boundless positivity and friendliness!
- Gretton – Bertie K for application and work completed in relation to his story writing
- Stanway – Axel K for terrific sorting and tidying of the library & classroom

PLAYTIME FRUIT SNACKS FOR CHILDREN IN GRETTON/STANWAY

In response to a parent's query this week, please note that we are aware that some children get a little peckish mid-morning and might benefit from eating a piece of fruit – which they would have been used to in Ticklerton (which is supplied by the government). We are happy for the children to bring in a piece of fruit to eat during playtime outside but this must be kept to fruit and not be fruit winders, snack bars etc.

CHILD'S PRAYER



Dear Lord
Thank you for our wide, open world, where you can
explore and pray. A world where we can make plenty of
happy, fun memories.
Thank you for our healthy food choices.
Amen



By Emilia L (Gretton Class)

KEY DIARY DATES

Tuesday 21st October	3.20pm – Homework support session for grown-ups - Stanway
Wednesday 22nd October	Morning trip - Claybrook Pumpkin Patch for Ticklerton – back for lunch
Thursday 23rd October	Pupils break up for October half term
Friday 24th October	Staff PD Day
Friday 31st October	Deadline for Year 6 Parents to apply for secondary school
Monday 3rd November	Pupils return to school
Thursday 6th November	Reception/Year 6 Pupils – Height/Weight checks - pm
Friday 7th November	First Hockey Club (runs until Friday 12 th December)
Wednesday 12th November	Whole school trip to Blists Hill
Monday 17th November	Parents’ Evening – for all (Ticklerton 2.30-7.00pm/Gretton and Stanway 3.30-7.00pm)
Tuesday 18th November	Additional Parents’ Evening – for Ticklerton from 2.30-4.30pm

SOME ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST:

Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help

HALLOWEEN CRAFT EVENT

Wednesday 29th October 2025
1pm until 3pm

Helena Lane Community Centre,
20 Hamlet Road, Ludlow, SY8 2NP

shropshire.gov.uk/early-help

Shropshire Council

LingenDavies Cancer Support

EATON MANOR
EATON MANOR *Sunday Lunch*

Sunday, 16th November 2025

Eaton Manor, Eaton-under-Heywood, Church Stretton, SY6 7DH

Arrival from 12.30pm, lunch served at 1.30pm
£29.50 per person to include a welcome drink, two-course lunch followed by tea and coffee.
Catered by Oak Apple Catering.

Scan the QR Code to book

lingendavies.co.uk/events Registered Charity No. 1160922

ESCAPE ROOMS

Can your team solve the escape room puzzles to unlock the team members' certificates?

In the Discovery Centre take on this popular family activity, you'll need to solve the puzzles and clues to "escape". There will be a range of activities for different ages and abilities for to move through.

All groups must be accompanied by an adult.

OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITY

Mon 27th to Thurs 30th Oct
Book your slot at our front desk

£4.50 per child
Recommended age 4 - 11 years

www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk
01588676060

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
School Road, Craven Arms, SY7 9RS

CLAYBROOK PUMPKIN PATCH

Claybrook Farm Wall-Under-Heywood, Church Stretton, SY6 7DP

- Pick Your Own Pumpkin
- CALVE IT ON ONSITE
- Enjoy on-field GAMES
- Our photo booth stations
- Hot drink & tasty treats

OPEN NOW!

HOW TO FIND US

Follow the PUMPKIN signs on the B4371. 3.4 Miles From Church Stretton

What3Words: prowess.clotting.fumes

WE ARE OPEN EVERY SAT & SUN IN OCT (10AM-5PM)

PLUS ALL OF HALF TERM WEEK 25th - 31st October

YOU CANT MISS US

BONFIRE *and fireworks*

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
The home of Grow Cook Learn

Join us for a night of family fun and firework spectacular at our bonfire event on

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER

Handwriting EVENT

grow cook learn
HOT DOG AND BACON BAP STAND

LOW 'N' SLOW SMOKE SPACE

THE SPECIAL CIDER COMPANY

WEDDING PIZZA CO.

Live music from Andrew Pearce

FAIR GROUND RIDES AND FLASHING TOYS

Firework display by the creators of the London New Year's Eve team

TITANIUM

GATES OPEN AT 5PM | BONFIRE 7PM | FIREWORKS 7.30PM

Adults £7 | Kids £5 | Under 5s are FREE

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HALLOWEEN CRAFTS

Join us for an afternoon of crafting this Halloween. Make halloween decorations, experiment at making a pumpkin be "sick" and explore feelie boxes.

Spooky refreshments will be available.

£5 per child

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

Drop in between
1PM - 4PM

COSTUMES WELCOME

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

01588 676 060
School Road, Craven Arms SY7 9RS.
Grow Cook Learn, a registered charity: 1158795
www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk
info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk

Shrewsbury Town Foundation

October Halloween Holiday Clubs

27th to 31st October, 9am to 3pm

For children ages 5 to 11, our holiday clubs are open to all abilities with a focus on fun, sports, and some Halloween themed activities! Groups of mixed age and ability.

at **The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST & Ludlow Football Stadium, SY8 2BN**

Scan the QR code or visit our website to book a single day for £18.

foundationstfc.co.uk/fun

Get in touch

E: admin@foundationstfc.co.uk T: 01743 289177 opt 6



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