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Dear Parents,

This term the children have all had the opportunity to take part in a very exciting Arts and Cultural Project with the other MAT schools, concluding with superb displays and performances at the Brewhouse and parades and dancing at school. You can read more about this further on in the newsletter. In addition, there have been many other exciting learning opportunities, trips, visits, music performances and sporting events for the children to take part in. We are very proud of the wide range of activities that are on offer for the children at our school and we believe that these help them to develop into successful and well-rounded individuals.

You will find the dates for next term attached to this newsletter. Please keep it safe as it has the dates of many things you may be interested in, such as Sports Days, Open Afternoon and the Year 5/6 Summer Production 'Land of Hope and Gloria', written by Mrs Godfrey with songs by Mrs Hawthorn. Look out for more information on these next term.

Have a very happy Easter holiday. I hope that you have a very pleasant and relaxing break with your family. The Easter bonnet parades were beautiful - thank you so much for all your hard work!

School re-opens on Monday 16th April.

Bernadette Hunter

Headteacher



Staffing Update

As you will be aware, Mrs Curtis will be taking over as headteacher when Mrs Hunter retires at the end of this academic year. Mr Runacus, who is currently the Assistant Head in Year 5 and 6 will be the new Deputy Headteacher and Mr Randles will be the new Assistant Headteacher.

Mrs Elsmore, our school SENCo will be returning from maternity leave in May.

End of the day arrangements for KS1

We would just like to remind parents that it is very important to let school know if your child is to be collected by someone different. We have had a few cases recently where staff have had to call home to check arrangements and this has caused embarrassment to those collecting.

If you have a range of people collecting your child let your class teacher have a general list to prevent the need for checking each time.

At home time the playground is very busy. Please help staff by

- Looking out for your child and making eye contact with staff as they dismiss the children
- Standing well back so staff can see all the parents

Thank you Mrs Hayden.

AFWS Summer Gala -

An important date for your diary next term
Saturday 23rd June at 1.00 pm

Assessment Weeks

The children will be taking part in annual assessments after Easter so please make sure they attend regularly and punctually. Also please make sure they get plenty of rest, early nights and TLC!
Year 6 Assessment Week is 14th - 18th May

Sports Headlines

...William Shrewsbury Teams Triumph...Medal haul in wonderful week leaves school staff speechless!

Bronze for the Y5/6 hockey team

Silver for the Y3/4 gymnastics team

Gold for the Y3/4 hockey team

Silver for the Y5/6 gymnastics team

Bronze for the Y1/2 gymnastics team

Gold for the Y5/6 netball team



Children from the age of 5 all the way up to the age of 11 represented the school across three different sports in the space of seven days. This is an unprecedented run of success, even by our wonderful standards. With a handball tournament still to come at the time of printing, this could possibly increase. As well as our successful winning teams, the school always gives other children a chance to represent William Shrewsbury. At every event possible, we enter a team for the future or a team of enthusiastic beginners to give them a taste of the excitement of competition. These children always do the school and themselves proud. They sometimes surprise themselves by qualifying for knockout stages or even winning medals for themselves. Either way, we are very proud of our young people. For more information about how to get your child involved in an after school club, please contact the school office - our summer sports club programme begins after Easter. Please check the timetable on our website for new clubs and some changes of times and days to some of our regular clubs.

Footprints Orphanage

Parents have generously supported Footprints Orphanage in Kenya for the last 10 years and we recently had a visit from one of the charity's trustees, Jo Menzies to thank the school community. She gave a presentation to the children about how the donations been used and presented us with a plaque that is displayed in the entrance at the bottom of the ramp. You can read more about this in their latest newsletter here:

<http://footprintsorphanage.com/files/spring-newsletter-2018.-3docx.pdf>



Family Learning Event Wednesday 23rd May

Our annual Family Learning Day will be held just before half term and this year the theme is 'Book Buzz' and all the activities will be linked to reading and developing a love of books. We hope you will all be able to come along between 3.30 and 6.00 to take part in some exciting family learning activities with your children. There will be more information to follow later.

The children can come dressed as a character from a book on that day (no charge).

Polite request

If you wish to speak to a member of staff or the school leadership team, please try to make an appointment in advance as it can be very difficult to meet parents at short notice because of other commitments.

Thank you for your help with this.

Babygros

Thank you very much indeed for all the Babygros that you have sent in for the Rotary Aqua boxes. We collected three large bags to send to Rotary.



TEACHING

YOUR FUTURE | THEIR FUTURE

Train to Teach with William Shrewsbury and the John Taylor SCITT

Are you considering getting into teaching? If so, please be aware that William Shrewsbury is a Lead School and an alliance partner of the National Forest Teaching School, who we work with to recruit trainee teachers to train locally through accreditation by The John Taylor SCITT.

The programme offered is planned collaboratively with other local primary schools to give you the most up to date training offered by current practitioners, in order to attain QTS (Qualified Teacher Status). The John Taylor SCITT offer both a primary and secondary route into teaching, and can offer advice and potentially school experience for those who are interested in applying to begin training in September 2018.

John Taylor High School will be holding a series of open events throughout the year, please register your attendance at www.jths.eventbrite.co.uk or alternatively, please contact Leah Axten via email at laxten@jths.co.uk to find out more.

You can also find more information via the NFTS website:
www.nationalforestteachingschool.co.uk

Stretton Gala Saturday 19th May 11.00-4.00

Stretton Gala committee warmly invite you to attend their gala day on 19th May at St Mary's Church and the church field. The gala has a 'royal' theme as it coincides with the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan. Children are invited to attend in royal fancy dress and there will be prizes for the best outfits in different age groups. The costume parade will be at 2.00 p.m. In addition, there will be a dog show, tug-of-war, design a poster for the gala and other stalls. The gala will be opened by a mystery 'celebrity' couple!



MAT ARTS AND CULTURAL PROJECT

William Shrewsbury children have joined other schools in the area over the last few weeks to take part in a creative cultural project organised by the Central Co-operative Learning Trust and the Derby Cultural Education Partnership. This culminated in some amazing performances at the Brewhouse on Wednesday this week.

John of Rolleston, Outwoods, Grange Infants, Richard Wakefield and Fountains Schools also took part meaning that in total 1800 children participated with approximately 800 performing at the Brewhouse.

The project, based on 'The Tempest' by William Shakespeare saw Reception children making a beautiful underwater scene while Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a carnival dance and parade. The older children also worked with a range of artists on dance, drama, film making and singing.

This exciting project was made possible thanks to many people and organisations collaborating and working hard to help the children. We are grateful to Central England Co-op who provided a grant to fund the artists and ASDA for the loan of trolleys for the carnival.

The Brewhouse, who hosted the whole event free of charge, will be showing the children's artwork in its community room on Tuesday 3rd April, between 11.00am - 3.00pm. They will also be showing a film of how the project was carried out in the schools. Parents are welcome to view this exhibition.

