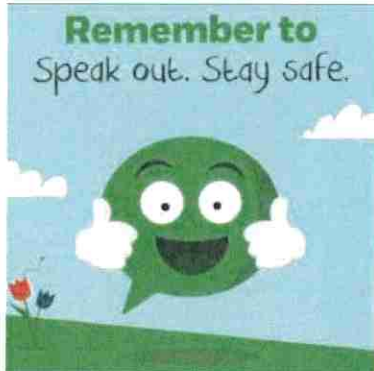




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24th November 2023



NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe

Next week we will be completing the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe programme throughout school - please take the time to read through the attached information.

Lighting Up

The School will be performing on stage at the Lighting Up Ceremony today, 24th November. If your child is performing in the School Choir, please meet Mrs Shingler and Miss Nicholls at the gazebo behind the stage at 4.30 pm.

Christmas Tree Decoration Competition

This year we are having one large Christmas Tree for the hall. We would love to decorate it with homemade decorations. If you wish to enter, please bring 50p in with your completed decoration no later than Wednesday 6th December. There will be a prize for each class winner. Please remember to ensure your child's name is written on the decoration if you would like it to be returned.

Parents Evenings

A reminder that Parents Evenings are on Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th November.

Reception and Year 1 First Day School Photographs

The special supplement featuring full colour pictures of reception and year 1 will appear in the Shropshire Star on 29th November. If you would like to pre-order a copy, please see the attached letter.



Dodgeball

A group of year 3 and 4 children had fun attending a Dodgeball Tournament at Oldbury Wells this week. The children played extremely well and were a credit to the school.



Police Officer Poster Competition

As part of Road Safety Week, Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) John Campion is proud to be launching his mini police officer poster competition. Through his Safer West Mercia Plan, the PCC is committed to reducing harm on our roads and wants to ensure children get to school safely. As such, the PCC is launching a poster designing competition to understand what road safety looks like to young people and is asking young people to demonstrate "how I get to school safely".

Winning schools will get a "mini police officer" sign that can be placed outside to remind road users to "Slow down" or "Think before you park". The deadline for entries is Wednesday 20 December. Please send entries into the office (named in pencil on the back).

Deaf Awareness Assembly

Year 4 had a super class assembly from Ellie, a Teacher of the Deaf. They all got to wear a hearing device to try and experience what it's like for Alex, a year 4 pupil, in the classroom so they could try and be a little bit more considerate about noise in school.

Pioneer

Wow what an exciting time we all had in Pioneer. The children were all super and demonstrated great determination and perseverance with the activities even when they were a little bit nervous. They were extremely well mannered with all staff at Pioneer and we were very proud of them all and hope that they had the best time. We imagine they will sleep well tonight.



Big Education Conversation

Six children from our Year 6 have been selected to take part in the “Big Education Conversation”. They will be going to Meadows Primary School on Wednesday 29th November to talk about the future of education. This is a National project and we are very excited that we have been asked to take part in it.



Netball

On Wednesday 29th November a group of children will be attending a High School Netball Festival at Shrewsbury. Those children involved will have received a letter.

Gym Competition

Next Wednesday 29th November, a group of KS2 children will represent Castlefields at a gymnastic competition at Idsall Secondary School. All children involved should have received a letter.



Free Parenting Workshops

Shropshire Council's Parenting Team will be delivering free Understanding Your Child and Understanding Your Child SEND groups from January 2024. These 10 week groups aim to:

- Promote understanding of children's behaviour within the context of developmental issues
- Promote the development of parent/child relationship
- Increase confidence and self-esteem in both parents and children
- Give parents a strategy for repair when things go wrong
- Promote reflective, sensitive and effective parenting

They are also offering a free SLEEP TIGHT workshop from January 2024.

These 5 week workshops cover:

- Recognising the role of sleep hygiene to improve sleep
- Identifying causes of sleep issues and appropriate practical strategies to try
- Completing sleep diaries and identifying potential sleep issues

Please see the school website <https://www.castlefieldsprimary.co.uk/externalactivities-clubs> or contact the Parenting Team at

parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

PTA News

Bottle Donations

Don't forget that next **Friday 1st December** is bottle donation day in exchange for house points (Uniform to be worn).

Raffle

There are now even more amazing raffle prizes; please see the attached list! Please return any unused books so that they can be used for re-sale. Thank you.

Christmas Shop

The Christmas Shop will be in school from Monday 4th December until Friday 8th December. This is where children can choose a gift for a family member. All items will cost £2.00. Please send your child in with the correct change if they wish to choose an item to wrap.



Travelling Book Fair

Thank you to everybody who supported the Travelling Book Fair. From your purchase, school now has £90 to spend on books for the library.

Bridgnorth Stompers

Shropshire Music Service are have introduced a new regional ensemble in Bridgnorth. Starting 11th January 2024, **Bridgnorth Stompers** will be held at Bridgnorth Endowed School, 4pm every Thursday.

Stompers is open to ALL instrumentalists who can play 5 notes confidently. All participants will need to provide their own instrument with the exception of keyboard and drum kit. The best news of all.....this ensemble is free-of-charge! Please see the attached poster for full details.



FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL SOUVENIR ISSUE
WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Shropshire Star is delighted to once again be producing a special 'first day at school' souvenir edition on 29th November, marking your Son or Daughter's all-important step up to primary school.

The special supplement will feature full colour pictures of Reception classes from schools across the area. I am sure you will agree that they will be popular and we are delighted to be able to offer you the chance to purchase copies of the newspaper at a discounted price.

To order please call our customer services team on 0800 174064 or visit our events partner website shropshirestar.eventbrite.co.uk to order at a reduced price of 90p per copy (normal price £1.10) no later than 26th November. Please note that website orders are subject to additional fees which are charged by Eventbrite.

These copies will be delivered directly to the school on the day of publication for your child to bring home.

Our phone lines are open 9am - 6pm Monday to Friday and 9am – 12noon Saturday. Website orders can be placed until 11pm on 26th November.

If you do not want your child to appear in the photograph, please contact your school office. Photographs will be published in the paper and on our website at shropshirestar.com.

If you have any questions please call us on 0800 174 064 or send us an email to specialitions@nationalworld.com.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Levitt".

Julie Levitt
Shropshire Star



Dear Parent/Carer

NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* Programme** this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Feedback survey for pupils aged 7-11

The NSPCC would like to gather feedback from pupils aged between 7-11 about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme to gauge their learning. **This will be voluntary and children can still take part in the programme if they don't take part in the survey.**

- All survey questions are multiple choice and focussed on the programme.
- The survey is anonymous and confidential. However, if in the process of completing the survey, a teacher becomes concerned for a pupil's welfare (e.g., through something a pupil says) we will follow our school's safeguarding procedures.
- If you **do not** want your child to take part in the **survey**, sign the slip below and return it to your child's class teacher.
- If you have agreed that your child can take part in the survey but your child changes their mind on the day, that is also okay.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

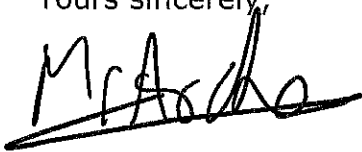
<p>Parent/Carer support</p> <p>Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk/parents</p>	<p>Activities to extend learning at home</p> <p>Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk/activities</p>
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<p>Online Safety Hub</p> <p>For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety</p>	<p>Childline – under 12's</p> <p>Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.</p> <p>www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)</p> <p>www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)</p>
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<p>Talk PANTS with your children</p> <p>Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages.</p> <p>Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.</p>
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I hope you find this information about the NSPCC and the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme helpful. Please do contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,



Deputy Headteacher

Parent/carer SURVEY withdrawal form for children aged 7-11 only

I do not consent to (*Name of pupil*) _____ participating in the completion of the NSPCC Pupil Survey following the delivery of the ***Speak out. Stay safe.*** Programme.

Signed (Parent/Carer) : _____ **Date:** _____

SMS

Shropshire Music Service
TEACHING MUSIC - CHANGING LIVES

BRIDGNORTH STOMPERS

Starts Thursday 11th January 2024

4pm - Bridgnorth Endowed School (N. Gate, Bridgnorth, WV16 4ES).

Rehearsals take place weekly in term time, and are free of charge for all participants.

REGISTER TODAY!



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www.shropshiremusicservice.org.uk/ensembles

SCAN ME!



Friends of Castlefields
WINTER FAIR

Grand Draw Raffle

1st Prize: Log Cabin Break in Snowdonia

2nd Prize: Hencote Wine Tasting Tour

3rd Prize: Ludlow Spring Festival Family Ticket

4th Prize: Afternoon Tea at The Astbury

OTHER PRIZES INCLUDE:

- *LOWER DRAYTON FARM Family Pass
- *ALLEY KATZ TOY SHOP Voucher
- *THE LUX CO £50 Voucher
- *THE LITTLE GIN BOX Bottle of Artisan Pink Gin
- *GADSBY £25 Voucher
- *WESTON PARK Family Ticket
- *FLIP OUT TELFORD £30 Voucher
- *BANDON ARMS Bottle of Wine
- *FULL THROTTLE RACEWAY 25 Lap Voucher
- *LUDLOW GIN DISTILLERY Tour for Two
- *FRANKLY ALPACAS £30 Voucher
- *TANNERS Wine Gift Basket
- *FRESH FROM NATURE Himalayan Salt Lamp
- *PAMPER THAT POOCH Soft Dog Teddy
- *TAYLOR HAINES FINANCIAL PLANNING Voucher
- *ALDERSON'S BUTCHERS £30 Voucher
- *STINKY INK £25 Voucher
- *GIOVANNIS Ice Cream Voucher
- *LADS AND LASSES £30 Voucher
- *HOO ZOO & DINOSAUR WORLD Family Pass
- *BEAMANS BUTCHERS Voucher
- *SHROPSHIRE HILLS DISCOVERY Family Pass
- *THE HIDEOUT 2 Cocktails
- *DUDLEY ZOO 2 x Child Tickets
- *URBAN ANGEL Voucher
- *BRITISH IRONWORK CR Family Ticket & Cream Tea
- *BUBBLE CI.TEA Dirty Milk Tea Kit
- *BRIDGNORTH COSTAS Coffee & Cake Voucher
- *KITT CLOTHING Gift
- *ROOBARB Gift
- *DAVID DEXTERS £50 Voucher
- *GREAT BRITISH TRADING Cheese Gift Box