

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Another lockdown week completed for us all, a week that has seen changes to presidents in America, vaccines being rolled out in Shropshire and flooding again to our county town.

School has however continued, with remote and live learning alongside 60 vulnerable, SEND students or students unable to access wifi, attending school. We have given out approximately 80 iPads to support students with online learning. Please contact us if you need further support with ICT equipment.

We will be sending out over the next few day's surveys to ask you to complete, to help us to see what is working well with online learning and what we could be better. I would really appreciate your support in completing this, to help us formulate plans for the next coming weeks of on inline learning.

Again, we have been fortunate enough to have been donated more ICT devices, 10 Samsung tablets from Paveways and an amazon fire from a member of the community who requested that her birthday present from her family was an Amazon Fire and for it to be donated to the school to support our student community. These acts of kindness really does overwhelm me, and I want to thank the community who have donated, their kindness really does help.

We have also had a donation of food from Morrison's, to be able to hand out to our families who would benefit from support. Tesco's have also donated carrier bags. The owner of the shop in Knockin also donated £10 to add to our S4T fund to help our community, again this generosity reminds me of how people do care.

I am currently completing grant applications for ICT and for S4T from Shrewsbury Town Council, where our local Councillors have offered an interest in supporting our school through grant applications.

Shrewsbury Town Council have asked me to share a press release based on COVID regulations and parks.

This has been attached to the email.

If this week has shown me anything, it is that we are a community, and we do care.

Have a safe weekend.

*Miss Julie Johnson*  
Head of School



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Mrs Grant

BBC 2 has a focus on secondary education - this week it is History: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00fgg29/clips>  
[BBC Two - Secondary Schools - Clips](#)

Clips from Secondary Schools. The arduous journey west and the search for water — Seven Journeys in the American West. Duration: 01:23

[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)

If you are struggling with online screen time this website gives handy hints and tips for coloured overlays and converting text to speech: <https://www.callscotland.org.uk/blog/learning-at-home-coloured-overlays-and-text-to-speech/>

### Jo Jones – Head of Humanities /Rewards

Over the past week, departments have been nominating a star of the week for each member of staff and this will continue until we return to school. The successful students will receive a certificate and a little treat on return to school. They will also be entered in to a prize draw at February Half term. Thank you to all staff for getting these nominations in. Each nomination will result in 10 house points.

Email distribution groups have now been set up for the houses and each house will be receiving a video message from their house captain and head of house over the next week. There has also been a crime committed.....Morello, the Cherry house mascot has been kidnapped by one of the head of house....Mrs Oram desperately wants him back....stay tuned to see how this develops.

### S4T – Sue Thomas

As you are all aware Sue Thomas, who sadly passed away last week, was the founder of our amazing S4T scheme. S4T – Something for Tea supports our students and their families by providing them with food for a meal. This was something Sue was very passionate about with the important message 'No child should go without a hot meal' being her slogan for the campaign. If you would like to make use of S4T please email either [l.howells@sa.sat.coop](mailto:l.howells@sa.sat.coop), [r.powell@sa.sat.coop](mailto:r.powell@sa.sat.coop) or [s.perkins@sa.sat.coop](mailto:s.perkins@sa.sat.coop).

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### The Pastoral Team

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We hope as a pastoral team everyone is safe and well during this current time. Just to remind you we as a team are still available to support pupils and families with any issues they are facing at the moment and any barriers to learning pupils are experiencing.

We have a dedicated pastoral email, pupils can email with any issues if they require support or even a chat, we would love to hear from you. The email address is checked daily by the pastoral team. [SApastoral@sa.sat.coop](mailto:SApastoral@sa.sat.coop)

We recognise that many pupils may be struggling with mental health at present and we are here to offer support. We would also like to signpost you to Kooth [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) which is an online counselling service, available 7 days a week. Children can access support through the website which offers advice, guidance and online counsellors if required. It is important to look after our mental health alongside our physical. Make sure you take regular breaks from school work and take some time to relax and exercise. Maintaining routine and structure is vital to support our mental health, irregular sleep patterns can influence how we feel and manage.

childline.org.uk also have some great resources for parents and children.

Stay safe all and hopefully hear from some pupils soon, even just to say Hi!

