

Update from Mr Brough

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. The nights are drawing in now, dark by five o'clock and already the Christmas adverts are on the telly, it won't be long!

Please check out this very useful information for parents provided by **Times Tables Rock Stars**. <https://trockstars.com/parents/> It explains all about the programme and how you can download the App. There is information about why it is so important for children to learn the times tables and tips on helping your child at home especially if they are struggling. TTRS should be part of everyone in Y3 -Y6's homework. Children should use it for 10-15 minutes everyday even if they have a high status! (children are reaching Rock Legend status and have stopped – they must carry on!)

The next **Maths for Parents session** will be on **Thursday 7th December**. I know some of you have found it tricky to attend our evening sessions, so I thought I'd try an afternoon slot. This third one will start at **2:15pm**. The theme will be fractions. The session will give you information when your child is introduced to these topics and go through step by step the methods we now use in school.

Yesterday all the school enjoyed some amazing live music. We were entertained by Shropshire Music Service's Rock and Roll Band. As well as playing some excellent music the band taught the children about some of the instruments they were playing. If the concert inspired your child and they may like to have lessons offered by Shropshire Music Service. We have more information at the school office.

We would like to welcome Lucy Hassell to our staff team. Many of you will know her as Imogen and Billy's mum. Lucy is our new After-school club leader. She and Lauren Roderick will be staffing this excellent facility for us. After-school club is open Monday to Friday till 5.30pm, £3.90 per hour for school aged children, £4.60 per hour for 3-4 year olds, £5.00 per hour for 2 year-olds.

With the rising food prices the cost of school dinner will rise in January to £2.50. This still offers excellent value for money for a two course nutritious meal considering the cost of a coffee latte at Starbucks.

Parents are invited to attend a special **assembly of remembrance at 10:15 on Monday morning**. Children in class 3 presented this assembly to the rest of school this week and we thought it would be a wonderful idea to share it with you. After the assembly you are more than welcome to join us at the war memorial in Diddlebury for a service of remembrance.

Next Friday is Children in Need Day. This will be a plain clothes or fancy dress day with donations to Children in Need. (PE lessons will go ahead as normal).

Finally, for the remainder of the Autumn Term **Multi Sports** on a Monday afterschool will be available for KS2 children—**Years 3—6**. Sessions run from 3.15—4.15 and are £2.00 per week or £12.00 for the rest of the term.

Forest School

Please see below dates for Forest School—All children attending will require wellies and waterproofs.

Tuesday 14th Nov—Year R & 1

Thursday 23rd Nov—All Saints (White House)

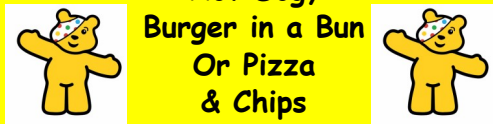
Tuesday 28th Nov—Year R & 1

Tuesday 12th Dec—Year R & 1

After School Clubs

Monday	3.15-4.15	Multi Sports	Year 3 - 6
Tuesday	3.15-4.15	Netball	Year 3 - 6

Heather's Kitchen 13th November

Monday	Macaroni Cheese or Fish
Tuesday	Spaghetti Bolognese or Lasagne
Wednesday	Sausage and Mash
Thursday	Roast Dinner
Friday	<p>Special Children in Need Lunch— Hot Dog, Burger in a Bun Or Pizza & Chips</p> 

Corvedale School Association (CSA)

The CSA met for the annual AGM on Wednesday 8th November at 7.30pm.

There were a few members of the committee who had decided to step down from various roles this year and a couple who have resigned from the committee altogether. Please see below for committee members:

Chair—Jess Morgan, **Vice Chair**—Domi Fowler, **Secretary**—Jo Williams, **Treasurer**—Wendy Richards

We would like to thank everyone that has volunteered to become/remain a member of the committee, with whom we would not be able to raise the much needed funds for our lovely school and to run the fantastic events that are so popular with adults and children alike.

Jess Morgan would like to thank everyone for a great year of fundraising, plus a big thankyou to Mel Banks for being our chair last year and Hollie Leach for being our secretary. They have both done a brilliant job whilst juggling lots of other things.

As previously mentioned we have a couple of events coming up, including the **Wreath Making Workshop on Thursday 23rd November at 6pm**. Tickets are £18.00 per person which also includes a mince pie and glass of mulled wine; Hot pork baps will be available to purchase on the evening. We would be grateful if you could please bring some secateurs if you have them, as they will come in very handy.

We also have the **'Snow Ball'** taking place on **Friday 8th November 5-7pm**, entry will be £1. Heather has volunteered to cook Hot Dogs and Pizza, which will be on sale for £1 per item and there will also be lots of fun activities, competitions and a tuck shop.

For more information contact the school office.

Autumn term 2023

Tuesday 5th September - Wednesday 20th December 2023

HT Monday 30th October 2023 – Friday 3rd November 2023

PD Days (School closed to children)

Monday 4th September

Friday 27th October 2023

Monday 6th November 2023

Spring term 2024

Thursday 4th January - Friday 22nd March 2024

HT Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

PD days (School closed to children)

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Monday 8th April 2024

T4U - Shoebox Appeal

Just a little reminder that we are hoping to talk about the **T4U shoebox appeal** during our PHSE lessons in school in the next few weeks. Part of this will involve putting together some boxes for children in poorer communities across Eastern Europe to bring some joy and excitement at Christmas time. We would be very grateful if you could please have a look at the below list and if you are able, purchase or maybe donate a pre-loved item in good condition, we are also in need of any empty shoe boxes please. Amy Nicholls has kindly offered to collect the shoeboxes and deliver them to the distribution point in Ludlow—the deadline will be Friday 24th November. Thank you for your assistance.

For boys or girls:

Toothbrush & toothpaste, hair accessories/brush, soap & face cloth, stationery & paper, gloves, hat & scarf, new socks/underwear, a soft toy, game, puzzle, small musical instruments, toy vehicles, small ball, sweets (use by date from June), a photo and message from yourself.

The Home box:

Candles, cooking utensils (no knives), plastic containers, t-towels, washing up cloths, hairbrush, small toiletries, bowls & cups, small Christmas decoration, soap, clothes pegs, headscarves, new socks and underwear, jewellery, new makeup.

NO:

Food (only exception is sweets), medicines, military themed items, aerosols or anything highly flammable, sharp items, novels.

Dates for your Diary

13.11.23	Vision Screening—Reception Class
13.11.23	Assembly of Remembrance—10.15am (Parents welcome)
17.11.23	Children in Need—Special dinner and non-school uniform or fancy dress (£1 donation)
23.11.23	House Activities—Waterproofs and Wellies Required
24.11.23	CSA Wreath Making Evening
29.11.23— 30.11.23	Parents Evening
08.12.23	Nasal Flu Vaccination
08.12.23	CSA—'Snow Ball' (Disco)—5-7pm
13.12.23	Panto Trip—Ludlow Assembly Rooms
14.12.23	Nativity—Nursery & Class 1
19.12.23	Christmas Dinner
19.12.23	Carol Service—6.30pm—Class 2 & 3
20.12.23	Last Day of Term
04.01.24	First Day of Spring Term