Newsletter 22.10.21

# Severndale Star

## Principal's Message

Hello to all families

Hope you are all well and ready for the half term break. I can't believe that we are already at the end of the first half term as it only feels like yesterday when I walked in through the doors on the 1st September. This half term has been very busy but hugely enjoyable and I have loved meeting our young people and also meeting many parents and family members too.

I am hoping that families are beginning to see that things are changing at Severndale and certainly the conversations that I am having with families would say that families are feeling more involved and valued in Severndale life.

This week I was able to look at the parent survey that has been 'live' for the past 3 weeks and unfortunately found that we only had 17 replies on the survey. The information that we received has been really useful although it would be great to get more information from parents. With this in mind, I have put the old survey into a new format and am pleased to say that the new survey (link is below) takes less than 3 minutes to complete (unless you would like to add a comment at the bottom). I would ask parents if they could very quickly complete the survey today or over the weekend because I would like to get the results and actions back out to you as soon as possible.

THE LINK IS HERE… https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X5XXKSB

**In terms of other news…**

**Non Uniform Monday**
Thankyou to all families for your donations to the foodbank and it was also great to see so many Severndale pupils dressed so bright with clothing to match their usual colourful smiles. At the time of writing this mail I am also seeing lots of our young people embracing the Halloween inspired theme too.

**Family Room**
Our family room is schedule to open after half term, however unfortunately we have been unable to recruit a family liaison officer. We will advertising this post again after half term and we'll hopefully be opening our family room as soon as possible.

**Activity flyer for over half term**
Please find information on page six that may be relevant to our families to look at over half term. Our school data has highlighted that this term families have asked for information regarding the "Squid Game" and the Shrewsbury Food Hub.

**Parent Governor Election**
We currently have one space on our local governing body for a Parent Governor. This role is really important to Severndale and will give parents the opportunity to be involved in the strategic overview of the school. If any parents are interested in this opportunity and would like more information about this then please contact Catherine Jervis on the following email - Catherine.Jervis@severndaleacademy.co.uk and Catherine will arrange an informal call back with Brian.

It only leaves me now to say thankyou for welcoming me into Severndale and to wish all families a happy and healthy half term break.

Brian

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## The Hub Went On A Bear Hunt

The students in The Hub went on an amazing sensory Bear Hunt, they experienced mud, rain, snow, forests and a cave with a bear!!

## Treasure Hunt

One of our students from S5 took part in a treasure hunt that took him all around school. To help reading and communication skills, he even came up to our admin offices and met some of the staff! It was so lovely to see him!

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## Formal Make Hedgehog Houses

In Forest School F3 have been learning about hedgehogs and their habitats. The students sketched their own design of a hedgehog house before making it from cardboard. They also made clay and cone hedgehogs. They also all made a class hedgehog house out of wood.

## Our First Non Uniform Day

One of our Pre Formal classes P8 came into school in very bright clothes for our first non uniform day. Everyone brought in food for our food bank. They really joined in the bright theme, well done to you all.

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## Semi Formal Scarecrows

The students in S6 have been busy making a class scarecrow this week. They have done an amazing job!

## We're Back at the Police Station

Today marked our return for our sixth form students to return to work at Shrewsbury Police Station. They were met by our local PCSO who will be helping them whilst they are there for the day. They will be looking after the grounds and probably starting with picking up lots of the leaves around the buildings.

The students were very very excited to be back and they couldn't wait to get started. They were all looking for-ward to seeing a police officer and the police cars.

# Halloweeeeeennnnn ....

There were several Halloween themed displays around school, and students and staff dressed up in their scary outfits which was very spooky. We've even had apple bobbing! Well done everyone for making such an amazing effort.

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# Half Term Wellbeing Information

## Worrying about Money?

Financial advice and support are available if you're struggling to make ends meet.
Click on this link to find out where to get help in Shropshire.

## "Squid Game"

Netflix's Squid Game features some scenes of fairly brutal violence. It follows a group of adults who compete to win innocent-looking playground games, but who are killed if they do not succeed at the tasks.

Squid Game's popularity is beginning to spread across various online platforms. There has been lots of content created that convey the violence of the show, so it is important for parents and carers to understand the basis of Squid Game and the potential risks to young people who might be exposed to it.

A few of our pupils have already watched Squid Game or have had access to associated content. This has caused some pupils to feel very anxious.

If you would like to find out more about 'Squid Game', please click on this link.

FOOD HUB

October #Foodshareimetable. Please help us get good food eaten!

| #Foodshare Timetable | Address | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| Belle Vue Youth Centre | Rocke Street, SY3 7PY | 9.15 – 12noon | | | | | | |
| Christ Church | Glebe Rd, Bayston Hill, SY3 0PZ | 9.30 -10.30am | | | | | | |
| Church of the Holy Spirit | 49 Meadow Farm Drive, SY1 4ND | | | 9.30 – 11am | | | | |
| Emmanuel Church | Mount Pleasant Rd, SY1 2HY | | | | | | 9am – 10:30 | |
| Bicton Heath Community Hall (Outside) | Pensfold, SY3 5HF | | 9.30 – 10:30am | | | | | |
| Martin Wilson School | New Park Rd, SY1 2SP | | | | | | | 10.30 – 12noon |
| Riversway Elim Church | Lancaster Rd, Harlescott, SY1 3LE | | 9.30 -12noon | 9.30 -12noon | 9.30 -12noon | | | |
| Shrewsbury Baptist Church | Crowmere Rd, SY2 5JJ | | | | | 9.30 – 11am | | |
| Shrewsbury United Reformed Church carpark | Coleham Head, SY3 7BJ | | | | | | 9:00 – 10am | |
| St Giles Community Hall carpark | 74 Sutton Way, SY2 6EH | | | | | | | 10:30 – 11:30am |

Please share these times and locations! Note: Venues may close earlier if all the food is taken.

Everyone is welcome. There's always lots of bakery items plus some fruit & veg. It's run on a pay-as-you-feel basis.
Pop in before you shop with a bag, as there's bound to be something useful.
Please wear a face covering & don't come if you're showing Covid symptoms.

## Shrewsbury Food Hub

October food share timetable. Everyone is welcome!

There is always lots of bakery items plus some fruit and veg.
Bring a bag!

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# Reading time in the Library

S12 went into the library this week and looked at some of the wonderful books that we have in their, they relaxed on the comfy seating and looked at their books and even showed us their favourites.

# Sixth Form Independence

Our Sixth Formers have been working on their independence skills this week, from making scrambled egg on toast (which looked really tasty!) to making toast and then washing everything up and putting it away.

## Dates Coming up...

**Friday 22 October last day of term**
**Monday 1 November first day of term**

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