

THE CORBET NEWS





February 2019



Hello again,

Thankfully we seem to have been spared the worst effects of the winter weather so let's hope this continues. We have had some winter illness but not as bad as last year's flu outbreak.

The process of appointing my successor is now in full swing. The Chair of Governors will be informing parents, carers and other stakeholders of the successful candidate soon after the half term break.

It is disappointing that the government is indicating that it will not fund any pay rise for teachers in the next academic year. If this is the case it will put a great many schools into financial difficulty which will inevitably have a detrimental effect on pupil's education. It is more important than ever that you contact our local MP's to explain the need for satisfactory education funding. After all, the Prime Minister has promised us that "austerity" is over.

I hope you were able to see the recent government school performance table which showed that pupils from The Corbet School are performing exceptionally well compared to those from other schools locally and further afield. It was particularly pleasing that whatever the ability of a student that they made very good progress during their time at the Corbet. We are never complacent as a school and it's our very clear aim to ensure all of our pupils reach their full potential.

The year 9 pupils have enjoyed another successful skiing trip to the Aosta Valley in I taly. As always, it was a fun and action packed trip with many pupils experiencing the joys of skiing for the first time and others perfecting their skills on the slopes.

Our year 10 pupils taking separate sciences had a very enjoyable trip to 'Science Live' in Birmingham. Also, Year 10 GCSE pupils had an interesting visit to Derby Velodrome and our hardworking year 11 Prefects enjoyed a trip to AMF Bowling by way of a 'thank you' for their support.

As usual our sporting teams have been in action; full details inside.

We had a very successful KS1 Maths morning with pupils from local primary schools and the support of our maths young leaders. The Year 5 primary pupils will be coming to the Corbet on the last day of this half term to be given lessons by our year 10, language young leaders.

A couple of other notable achievements:

Charlotte Tench, participated in a Young Writers competition on Friday at the University Centre,

Shrewsbury. *Charlotte had to read her 'Dear Darwin' letter aloud to the judges and audience.* With over 500 entries it was a huge achievement that Charlotte came first, winning a helicopter flight for two. Congratulations Charlotte.

Year 8 Faraday Challenge: 12 year 8 pupils represented The Corbet at the Faraday Challenge. Our pupils performed very well and two in particular were complemented for their thinking, Ansel Chaloner-Hughes 8E and Carlito Puente, 8C. The winning team was the host school, Ellesmere College.

Just a reminder that the ever popular Easter chocolate bingo is taking place on Wednesday 3rd April 6.30pm for 7.00pm and as always we kindly ask for any donations of Easter eggs or chocolate. This event is great fun for all the family and always a really valuable fundraiser for the CFA. Please do come along and support this event; tickets available in advance from the school. We are also hoping to organise a "Race Night" for parents, further details to follow.

Governors

If you have looked at the published league tables you will have seen the Corbet sitting at the very top for state schools in Shropshire! The governors have congratulated Mr. Adams and his staff for this tremendous achievement. Governors have visited the new Science labs and been amazed at the transformation that has taken place. The labs have become a very modern learning environment.

Work commitments have led Debbie Brooks to stand down from the governing body and we should like to thank her for the time she has given and the contribution she has made. We are looking to recruit a new co-opted governor in the near future.

Helen Scaribrick Chair of Governors

If you would like to contact the Chair of Governors, Mrs Helen Scarisbrick please email the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Jane Davies. <u>davies.j@corbet.shropshire.sch.uk</u>



THE CORBET SCHOOL

Vacancy for Co-opted Governor

Would you be interested in being a school governor?

The Corbet School currently has vacancy for a Co-opted Governor and would be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to make a contribution by joining the Governing Body. We would particularly be pleased to hear from someone with a background in audit, finance, human resources or marketing. The Corbet School has an excellent reputation and is consistently one of the best performing secondary schools in Shropshire. The Governors work closely with the Head teacher and his management team to help improve school performance.

Informal enquiries can be made via the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Jane Davies on 01939 260296 email: <u>davies.j@corbet.shropshire.sch.uk</u>

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not to be used during school time. Can parents/carers please support us with this, if your child is not feeling well or needs to contact you they must go to reception, not use their mobiles. Thank you.

PromAlly

PromAlly offers the free loan of prom dresses to school children, sixth form students and college students who otherwise couldn't afford one. All dresses are used and either purchased from charity shops or donated directly (many only worn once!). They are checked and freshly laundered before each loan. The loan of a dresses is free of charge however £10.00 is requested to cover the cost of delivery and return postage.

Website link: <u>https://www.promally.co.uk/</u>

Opening times Monday - Friday 9.00am - 10.00pm

Email: promally@yahoo.com



Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day 2018

On Friday 21st December 2018 pupils and staff wore their Christmas Jumpers in aid of Save The Children. The total raised was £663

Well done



Parents Evening Questionnaire - Year 7

	Question						
			Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree
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1	My child enjoys school	15	52%	13	45%	1	3%
2	The school keeps my child safe	17	59%	12	41%	0	0%
3	The school informs me about my child's progress	14	48%	14	48%	1	39
4	My child is making enough progress at this school	14	48%	14	48%	1	39
5	The teaching is good at this school	15	52%	14	48%	0	0%
6	The school helps me to support my child's learning	14	48%	15	52%	0	00
7	The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future	10	34%	11	38%	0	00
8	The school meets my child's particular needs	14	48%	15	52%	0	00
9	The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	12	41%	14	48%	2	79
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Darwin Young Writers Competition

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Congratulations Charlotte.

School Library :

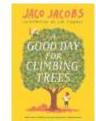




Our Library had a fabulous boost to the New Year; with the help of pupils, staff, parents and carers we achieved half-price Scholastic book sales of £607 (£1,204 @ RRP) and acquired lots of free books for our shelves (see photo). Thank you everyone for your support.

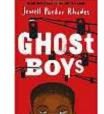
Thanks to the generosity of BookTrust, this month our Library also took delivery of forty **free books including several sets of 'group reads'. If a group of friends like the idea of reading** the same book at the same time, please come and check out some of these new titles (we have six copies of each):













This month we remember Holocaust Memorial Day. We have been pleased to see a number of pupils quietly looking at the books left out for them to read. Similarly, there has been a lot of



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School Library :



We have had a very positive response to our first STRESS BUSTER session for YEAR 11s. As a result, we will be making our Library available to Year 11s only during Monday lunchtime. Please come along with your revision and share any exam concerns you may have. Please Note: Student Librarians are also welcome, we have lots of new books to process!



Moving on into February, our book dating service proved so popular for last **year's Valentine's Day (14th) that we have** been asked to run it again.



If you would like our Librarians to choose and gift wrap a book for you to take home and read, please ask for a dater profile questionnaire at the Issues Desk. When you return your book date, you will be asked to give it a blind date heart rating!









World Book Day (WBD) is nearly upon us...

...and as in previous years, we are hoping to have copies of the free World Book Day **books available in our Library so that pupils can decide which one to 'spend' their £1 WBD** token on. WBD books can be obtained from W.H. Smith, Waterstones and various other stores - watch out for the WBD displays!

We will be asking **staff and pupils for 'shelfies'** to display in our Library alongside a competition to identify the person behind their favourite book. This is **an easy one for 'the regulars' who use our Library!**



LIBRARIAN NOTICEBOARD



Our younger Student Librarians have worked very hard this month thank you guys - you know who you are!

Two of our Year 10 Librarians, Ellie Cooke and Eleanor Sturgess, deserve a special mention for setting up the half-price **book fair in Mrs Brett's absence and for selling so many books. Well** done Ladies.

LIBRARIAN AWARDS PROGRAMME : Many congratulations to : Matthew Squire : (finally!) qualifying for his Yellow Badge

"Dort, wo man Bücher verbrennt, verbrennt man am Ende auch Menschen. "Where they burn books, they will, in the end, burn human beings too." 1821, Heinrich Heine, German Jewish writer

Mrs Brett Library Co-Ordinator

EXTRA! EXTRA!

CALLING ALL JOURNALISTS!

Do you like to ask questions? Do you like to write? Do you want to see your name in print?



JOURNALISM CLUB

Tuesdays – Room 8 – Lunch time

Please see Mrs Ashton for more information

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Shropshire's Family Information Service

The Shropshire Family Information Service provides free information, advice and support on any aspect of family life to parents and carers of young people aged 0-19. This includes:

- Childcare
- Things to do and places to go
- Family Support
- Money Matters
- Behaviour
- Divorce and separation
- Housing
- Parenting
- Disabilities and special needs
- Domestic abuse.
- Healthy eating
- Staying safe



There are times in every parent's life when they feel they need some information or help to support them in their role as parents. Further information is available from: www.shropshirefamily.co.uk

Corbet Alumni

Staying connected with The Corbet School

Corbet school wants to keep in touch with students after they leave school.

The Corbet School has been a big part of your life, but even once you have left, the school can still provide opportunities to learn new skills and maybe get the job you want. If you stay in touch perhaps you can coach one of the sports teams, help set up community events, hear about career opportunities or maybe help set up a school reunion.

Think about where you want to be in five years time and about the things you plan to do, would not it be great to come back and talk to Corbet students about all the amazing things you have achieved. It will help them see what's possible and how they can achieve it too.

So why not sign up to the Corbet's network today and we will keep you connected with the school after you leave. You will receive emails to keep you in the know.

You can keep in touch either by:

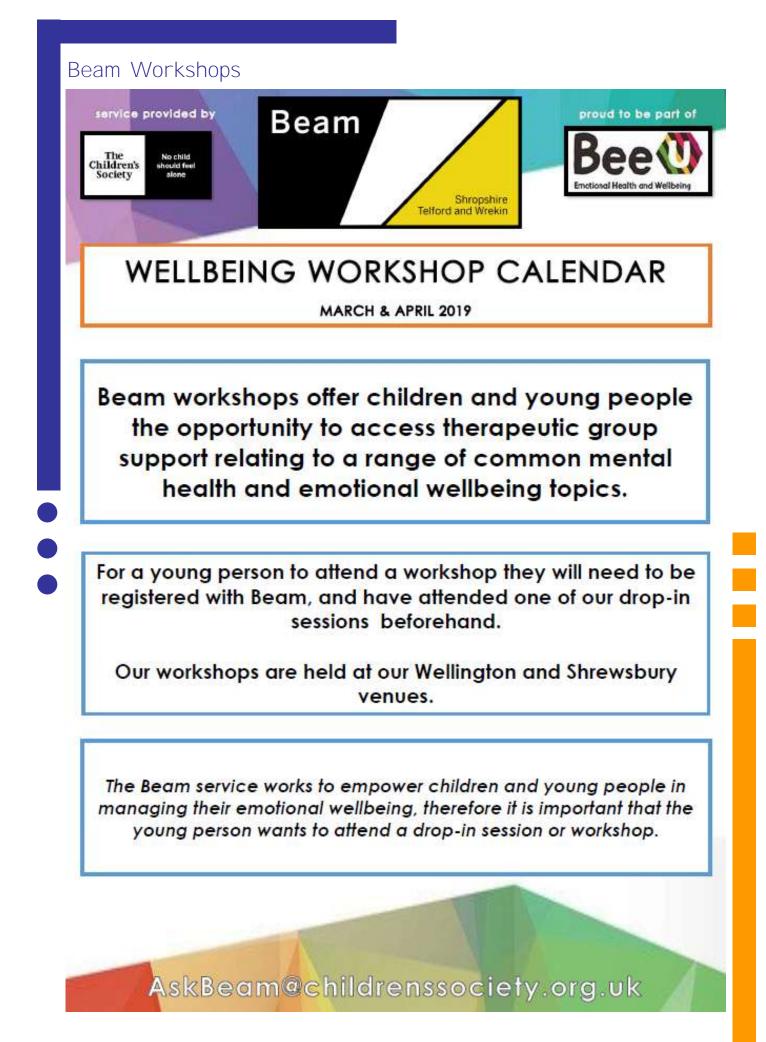
Follow the Corbet Alumni Facebook Page.

https://www.facebook.com/TheCorbetSchoolAlumni

Or email alumni@corbet.shropshire.sch.uk

If you are still unsure and would like more information, please pop in to see Miss Kear (Office situated in the Maths block).





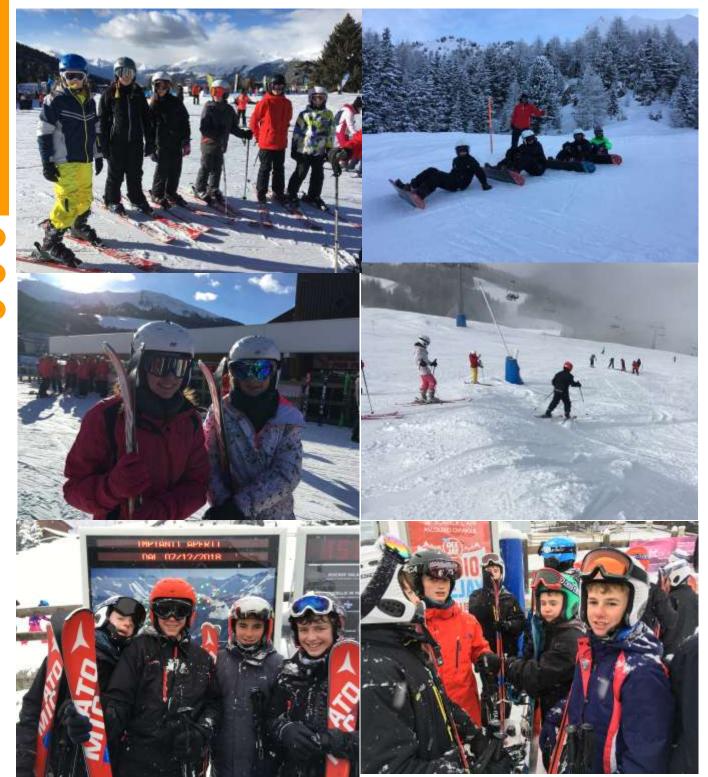
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Year 9 Ski Trip

The annual ski trip saw 66 year 9 pupils travel to the Aosta Valley, Pila, I taly. The excitement seemed to begin building from the point the pupils boarded the coaches at school. This feeling was heightened once the view of fresh snow was upon us, travelling through France and into I taly. A fantastic week of skiing and snowboarding was had by the pupils, all making fantastic progress in the learning or development of their snowsport skills. Each evening an après ski programme was enjoyed; activities ranging from Ten Pin Bowling to Disco night. A particular highlight for most was the challenge of seeing how many freshly cooked I talian pizzas could be eaten at the pizzeria. I hope that all pupils have some great memories of the experience and that some may continue to ski or snowboard in the future.

Mr Simms



February 2019





Colour Run 2019

THE CORBET COLOUR RUN WALK

THURSDAY 11[™] APRIL 3.45p.m. **–** 4.30p.m.

 BRING YOUR OWN WHITE T- SHIRT £6 Entry

> ENTRY FORMS RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 15TH MARCH AT THE LATEST.



50 % TO SEVERN HOSPICE 50% TO P.E. DEPT. EXTRA CURRICULAR



Corbet Colour Run / Walk



CORBET COLOUR RUN / WALK 2018

Velodrome Visit - GCSE PE

In January, the year 10 GCSE PE pupils travelled to Derby Arena for a very different type of sporting experience. The day started with an interesting presentation from a British cycling coach about the world of track cycling and careers associated with Sports Science. Following this, the pupils were kitted out with helmets, cycling shoes and fixed wheel bikes. After a safety talk from the cycling coaches, the pupils were split into three groups and then were ready to take on the challenges of cycling a fixed wheel bike on a 42° Olympic banked track. The pupils were really put their paces by the coaches during the day and all made fantastic progress with their cycling. It was amazing to see the Corbet groups flying around the track, with many making it look like they had been track cycling for years.



Velodrome Visit - GCSE PE



Sporting News & Results

Rugby

Early in January Fergus Downs 11R was selected to play for the North Midlands U16's Rugby team and was in the starting line up for their game against Gloucestershire. The North Midlands team had a comfortable win with Fergus scoring a try. Well Done.

Rugby Results

Year 9 County Cup Rugby V Church Stretton - Corbet won 10-5.

U13 Rugby V Prestfelde - Corbet lost 30-5

U13 County Cup Rugby V Thomas Adams - Corbet won 20-15

Year 11 County Cup Rugby Vs Charlton School - Corbet won 39-12



Year 8 Sport Leaders - The Corbet Primary Schools Sports Partnership

The start of the Spring Term has involved the Year 8 Sports Leaders running Basketball and Gymnastics competitions for local feeder Primary schools. The year 8 sports leaders have helped the events run smoothly and officiated the events. The winners of these events qualify for the North Shropshire qualifiers as part of the county school games.

The Basketball tournament was very keenly contested by 9 teams taking part. The final between **Baschurch and St. John's Ruyton which was very keenly contested w**ith Baschurch narrowly winning. Well done to all the Sports leaders who refereed the matches.





The Year 8 Sports leaders meet every Tuesday after school where they have looked at how to be a good sports leader, qualities needed and helped organise and run sports tournaments for the local Primary Schools. They have the opportunity to try sports such as dodgeball, archery, basketball and then have to umpire / referee the Primary school events.

Year 8 sports leaders below.



Shropshire School Girls Cross Country Championships

SAMES

On Saturday 2nd February three of our Year 8 & 9 girls braved the cold and muddy conditions and took part in the Shropshire Schools Cross Country Championships at Oswestry School.

Well done to the girls who came 34th, 25th and 37th.



Amelia Quinn-Lock (9C), Emily Cartwright (8O) & Rosie Carter (9C)

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SCHOOL SHOP

Opening Hours

Monday	9 .5 pm
Tuesday	9 - 5 pm
Wednesday	9 - 5 pm
Thursday	9 - 5 pm
Friday	9.5 pm
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Extended Easter and Summer School holiday opening hours

please visit our website for more information

Don't forget...

we also supply Brownie/Cub etc uniform, and offer a full range of sports team wear

www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk

Schedule of Events

February 2019

- Monday 18th Fri 22nd •
- Monday 25th •

- Half-Term Holidays
- GCSE Music Moderation
- Wednesday 27th- Sat 2nd March Oswestry Music Festival •
- Wednesday 27th •
- Thursday 28th •
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Oswestry Music Festival

U14 Girls 8-a-side Football Vs Thomas Adams

Thursday 28th U12 North Shropshire Netball Tournament

March 2019

Monday 4th - Fri 8th	Winter Shropshire Games	
Wednesday 6th	Prefect Buddy Meetings	
Wednesday 6th	Year 10 Study Sensei Elevate Education - Period 1	
Thursday 7th	Year 11 Interim Report to Parents	
Thursday 7th	Year 9 Reports to Parents	
Thursday 7th	Year 9 KS4 Curriculum & Options Evening	
Monday 11th - Fri 15th	Year 10 French & Spanish Mock Speaking Exams	
Tuesday 12th - Thurs 14th	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Exams	
Wednesday 13th	Year 9 NSC Taster Day	
Thursday 14th	Year 9 Parents' Evening	
Monday 18th - Tues 19th	GCSE Art Exam	
Monday 18th	Year 9 Options Choice Deadline	
Monday 18th	Year 9 Submarine Recruiting Team Presentation	
Monday 18th	U13 Boys 7-a-side Vs Oswestry School	
Tuesday 19th - Thurs 21st	Year 11 GCSE practical Exams	
Thursday 21st - Fri 22nd	DofE Expedition 1	
Friday 22nd	Focus Day	
Friday 22nd	7R 7B & 7E Redridge Trip	
Monday 25th - Tues 26th	Year 9 Vaccinations	
Wednesday 27th	Year 10 PSHE - Period 1	
Wednesday 27th	Year 7 Inter-house Rugby Tournament	
Friday 29th	Winter Team Photographs	

February 2019

April 2019

- Wednesday 3rd
- Wednesday 3rd
- Wednesday 3rd
- Thursday 4th
- Friday 5th
- Wednesday 10th
- Thursday 11th
- Thursday 11th
- Thursday 11th
- Friday 12th
- Friday 12th
- Friday 12th
- Monday 15th Fri 26th
- Monday 29th
- Monday 29th Fri 3rd April
- Tuesday 30th

Year 10 PSHE - Period 1 CFA Easter Bingo Year 8 Reports to Parents Year 10 PSHE - Period 3 Year 10 PSHE - Period 1 Year 11 Interim Report to Parents Year 11 Spanish Speaking Exam Corbet Colour Run Newsletter Published Year 11 GCSE Drama Exam End of Term Easter Holidays Start of Summer Term

Newsletter Articles Deadline

- Year 11 French Speaking Exams
- Year 8 Maths Challenge

May 2019

- Thursday 2nd
- Thursday 2nd
- Friday 3rd Sun 5th
- Monday 6th
- Tuesday 7th Fri 10th
- Thursday 9th
- Thursday 9th Fri 10th
- Wednesday 15th
- Friday 17th
- Thursday 23rd
- Thursday 23rd
- Friday 24th
- Monday 27th Fri 31st

Year 7 Interim Reports to Parents Year 8 & 9 PSHE - Period 4 Year 8 Arthog Trip May Day Bank Holiday Year 10 Exams - Week 1 Year 8 & 9 PSHE Period 5 DofE Expedition 2 Newsletter Articles Deadline Year 8 & 9 PSHE - Period 1 Year 10 Reports to Parents **Parents' Forum Meeting** Newsletter Published Half-Term Holiday

February 2019

June 2019

- Monday 4th Fri 7th
- Wednesday 12th
- Thursday 13th
- Monday 17th Fri 21st
- Monday 24th
- Monday 24th
- Monday 24th Fri 28th
- Thursday 27th

- Year 10 Art portrait Workshop with John Denaro
- Year 7 & 8 Awards Evening
- Year 8 & 10 Awards Evening
- Year 10 Exam Week 2
- Summer Team Photos
- Summer Concert
- KS3 Exams

Year 11 Leavers' Ball at Hawkestone Park Hotel

Term Dates 2019

SPRING TERM 2019

Tuesday 8th January - Friday 12th April 2019 Half Term: Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February 2019 Easter Holiday: Monday 15th April - Friday 26th April 2019

> *Professional Development Days: Monday 7th January 2019

SUMMER TERM 2019

Monday 29th April - Thursday 18th July 2019 May Day: Monday 6th May 2019 Half Term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2019 End of Term: Thursday 18th July 2019

ALL DATES INCLUSIVE

* School closed for pupils



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February 2019

Emergency Arrangements

In the event of an unscheduled school closure

Each year we publish details of a programme which school will follow in the event of a sudden emergency, e.g. severe weather, burst pipes, fire etc. This year it will be as follows and we ask you to *PLEASE KEEP THIS SECTION IN A SAFE PLACE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE*.

We shall ask **BBC Radio Shropshire (96FM) and Free Radio (103.1FM)** to transmit details between 7am and 8am, and details should appear on the BBC Radio Shropshire website <u>www.bbc.co.uk/shropshire</u>

If the school is closing we shall send a text message alert to parents via the schools messaging system.

Parents can ring the Shropshire Council's **Snowline number 0345 6789073** or refer to school closures on their website **shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures**

If there is more widespread severe weather the Shropshire Council Authority will activate a **Helpline** for parents. (When operating, the Helpline number will be given out by the Radio Stations).

Otherwise, if parents are doubtful about the school opening, they should contact their nearest Parent Contact (below). The school will inform these contacts and they have kindly agreed to relay details.

Pupils travelling by school bus should wait at the usual place for 30 minutes after the usual pick-up time. If the bus does not arrive, return home. This is normal practice for every morning in case the bus is delayed.

ALL PARENTS/CARERS ARE ASKED TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR CHILD IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AT SCHOOL DURING THE WORKING DAY. E.G. SUDDEN SEVERE SNOW, OR SOME OTH-ER EMERGENCY, WHICH MAY MAKE IT NECESSARY TO SEND CHILDREN HOME EARLY.

The following is a list of contacts if the school has to be closed in an emergency. The Head will contact the first person on the list and the chain will run as follows:-

Parents' "Snowball" List 2018-2019

01939 260404	Burlton
07989 974919	Kinnerley/Knockin
01691 610528	West Felton
07513 911516	Melverley
07973 188719	Montford Bridge/Bicton
07725 057929	Shrewsbury
01939 290184	Myddle/Harmer Hill
01939 290468	Bomere Heath
07968 173974	Nesscliffe
07801 630082	Ruyton-XI-Towns
01939 260980	Weston Lullingfields/Stanwardine
01939 261159	Baschurch
	07989 974919 01691 610528 07513 911516 07973 188719 07725 057929 01939 290184 01939 290468 07968 173974 07801 630082 01939 260980

Parents are advised to tune into the following radio stations:-

BBC Radio Shropshire (96FM) Free Radio Shropshire (103.1FM)

Please can parents ensure the school has their current contact details, preferably a mobile number (for TEXTS), in case of emergency.

A copy of the above Emergency Arrangements will be available on the school website www.corbetschool.net