



# Newsletter

January 2022

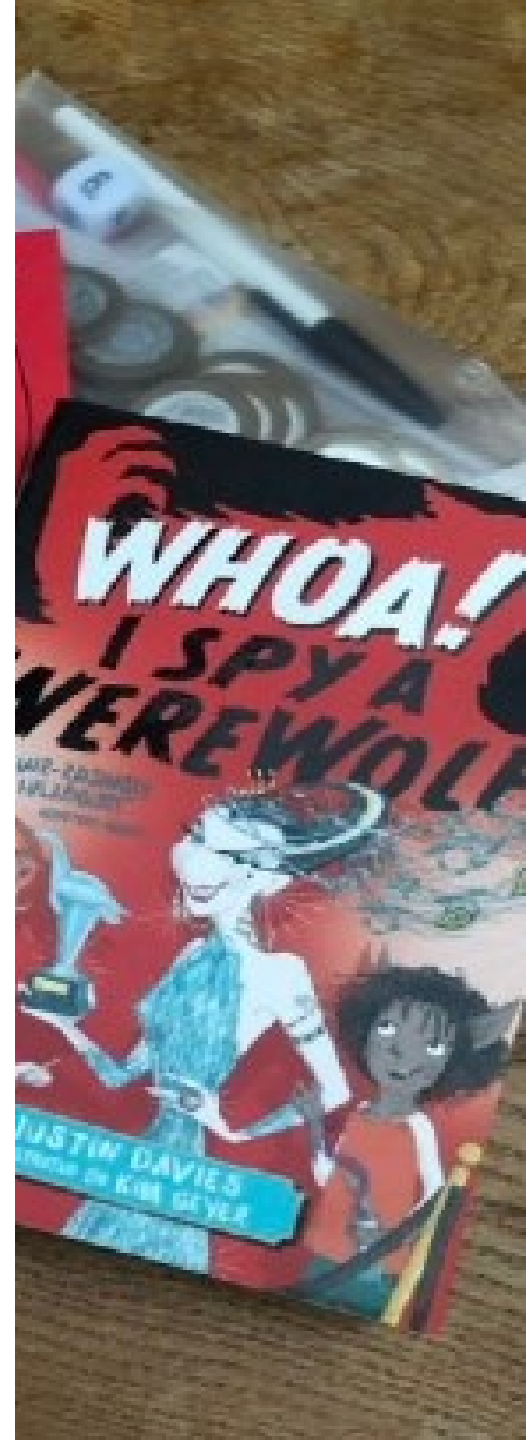
## Update from Shropshire Virtual School

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Happy New Year to you all, we hope you had a good break over the Christmas holiday and that the start of term is going well despite all the covid pressures.

Here are some updates for you and we wish you a good Spring term!

These are just a few examples of the books that your children might get in their Letterbox parcel later this Spring... 😊



# Welcome to Lindsay Armstrong!

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Lindsay is our new Asst Head Teacher - and she will be leading on the workstreams for Previously Looked After Children and Children with a Social Worker.

This will include developing the strategic Action Plan for our Virtual School so that practitioners can access advice, information and training re supporting these young people.

Please do get in touch at [Lindsay.Armstrong@Shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Lindsay.Armstrong@Shropshire.gov.uk) for any advice.

[Promoting the education of children with a social worker \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

[Promoting the education of looked-after children and previously looked-after children \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)



# Shropshire VS Logo Competition

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We had so many brilliant entries for our Logo competition – so thank you for encouraging and supporting your children to send their designs in!

It has been such a pleasure to look at them all and this month we have a variety of young people and practitioners who will choose the winning logo. A professional artist will develop the logo and we will share with you and the young people as soon as it is ready to go live!



Our aim this term  
is for every one  
of our young  
people to have a  
good quality PEP.

We have taken a look at last term's PEPs and there are some **really quick things** that can be done by us all to make sure a good quality PEP is recorded.

We have 'loaned' two teachers from the Physis Group to help us achieve this - **David Lyons and Natasha Moore** will be supporting us for a few hours each week and may well be in touch with yourselves and social workers, so we wanted you to be aware of who they are for safeguarding purposes.

Where PEPs for the children were 'Needing Development' last term David or Natasha will be in touch to advise around ensuring this term's PEP includes those key things our children need and will be able to answer queries so we can all work jointly on achieving this together.

In the meantime, the VS team is working behind the scenes with our LA Social Care Partners to review how we work together jointly to achieve this aim – and to develop the PEP on the epep platform in response to what you told us at the Autumn DT Network.

Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

If you have any queries, please get in touch with your VS Link.





# Shropshire VS are now on Twitter!

- Please do follow us for news on what our young people are achieving and news on resources/training etc to support
- **Follow us on Twitter @ShropVirtualSch**
- We now have a reach of 4.3k so don't miss out...and you never know, you might get a mention!! 😊

# Events this term

SPRING DT NETWORK and UPDATE - 10<sup>th</sup> March

DT NEW TO POST - 2<sup>nd</sup> March

GOVERNOR UPDATE 19<sup>th</sup> May

GOVERNOR NEW TO POST 24<sup>th</sup> March

Attachment Level 1 training – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 9.30-12.30

Attachment Level 2 - Emotional Co-Regulation Training – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 9am-3pm

And watch out for information on this...

## **Nurture Group Project – Training Opportunity 2022**

A 3-day course to train 2 members of staff to enable you to set up your own school nurture group

Accredited training provided by NurtureUK and funded through Shropshire Virtual School.

Open to primary, secondary and early years settings. Also specialist and alternative providers.



**There will be  
Limited  
places: early  
booking  
advised**

# Thank you for...

## **Supporting with entering Attendance data on to epep every week**

It makes such a difference to us in helping to respond swiftly to arising issues and hopefully we can keep supporting you when there are attendance challenges with our young people.

## **Getting in touch in advance of any potential Exclusions for any of our young people**

Hopefully it helps by working together to seek ways forwards and get the best outcomes for everyone.

We look forwards to seeing you at training or meetings this term...but get in touch at any time and we will try to help!

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# The Shropshire Virtual School Team



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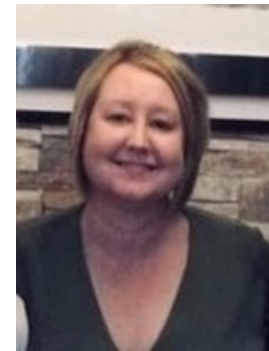


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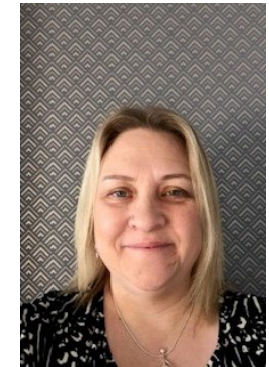


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