



October 2021 Newsletter

Covid-19

As you are probably aware, the levels of Covid in the local area are very high at present. The LEA have asked schools to reinstate extra measures to reduce the spread of Covid-19, to the point where some Church Stretton Secondary School year groups are back to Distance Learning this coming week, and the school has requested that children don't mix outside of school.

Flames has therefore, very regretfully, decided that the only responsible decision to protect the children, families, and coaches and stop the high level of Covid-19 transmission in its tracks is to cancel the training session on Friday. We are as disappointed as we know the children will be.

League Matches

We have registered three teams to play in the Shropshire Junior League this season:

- Bright Flames - Years 11 and 10 (U16)
- Flickering Flames - Years 9 & some 8/7 (U14)
- Fiery Flames - Years 8/7 (U14)

The Shropshire Junior League dates and fixtures are attached below. Sadly, given the local Covid-19 situation, we have decided that we can't participate in the matches this coming Sunday, so our first matches for Flickering Flames and Bright Flames will be Sunday 24th October, and for Fiery Flames 7th November, by which time the Covid-19 situation might hopefully have improved.

We have grouped the children into Teams based on their age, the number of children in the year group and their time at Flames. This may well change as the season progresses and we all find our groove having had such a mixed experience over the last 18 months. We will send notifications separately to explain which children will be part of the Flickering Flames Team, and which Fiery Flames.

The year 9 children will continue to train in the first 5.30-6.45 session with the U16 Team. The younger children in Flickering Flames will continue to train in the 6.45 – 8pm session, with the exception of Fridays before a match on the Sunday, when they will be invited to the first session to play with their year 9 teammates.

Matches will once again take place at Telford Langley School – directions for which can be found here: <https://flamesnetball.co.uk/find-us/> . The league match guidance is also attached below.

We are hoping to arrange some informal 5's matches for the younger players (years 5 and 6) later in the season when they have found their feet.



Engage Affiliation and Flames Registration

A huge thanks to those who have paid their affiliation and club fees on the Engage website <https://engage.englandnetball.co.uk/>. **This needs to be paid before the next session**, as the player won't be insured without it.

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium, then please do get in touch to let us know on hello@flamesnetball.co.uk.

Please also fill in the registration form on the Flames Netball website, so we have the updated contact info, agreements for Covid-19 and photography etc.. This can be found at: <https://flamesnetball.co.uk/registration/>. We can then hopefully put some photos up from the Hoopathon!

Hoopathon

As you are hopefully aware, the Hoopathon was a great success and the girls smashed their target with a whopping 1525 goals scored during the session. There was also some fabulous hula hoop skills on display!

It would be great to have any sponsorship monies paid directly into the Flames account:

Account Name: Flames-Craven Arms Netball Club

Sort Code: 20-53-22

Account No.: 23686906

Stretton Focus Community Award

Flames are the lucky recipients of a £250 Community Award from Stretton Focus to put towards the new dresses and other fundraising endeavours, thanks so much to Tom Beaumont and the Stretton Focus team for their time and consideration in securing this <https://www.strettonfocus.co.uk/>.

New Match Dresses

Juliet Hurrell has been working hard researching options for our new match dresses! We will in the near future send some information about the choices that we have and will let the players vote on which option they prefer. Watch this space!

Flames Fixtures Autumn Term 2021

| Date | Fiery Flames U14 Div 3 | Flickering Flames U14 Div 2 | Bright Flames U16 Div 2 |
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| 10/10 | 14.30 v Recycle Lynx Court 4 | 9.30 v Telford Aristocats Court 6 | 13.30 v Oswestry Terrapins Ct 7 15.30 v Telford Tiger Ct 7 |
| 24/10 | | 10.30 V Brymbo Ct 5 | 12.30 V Silver Lightening Ct 6 14.30 V Baschurch Bombers Ct 5 |
| 7/11 | 9.00 v Oswestry Tigers Ct 6 11.00 v Tibberton Torrents Ct 6 | 10.00 v Bridgnorth Blue birds Ct 6 12.00 v Recycles Jaguars Ct 5 | |
| | TIME KEEPING OUTDOORS ALL DAY | | |
| 21/11 | 9.30 v Wenlock Blue Lightening Ct6 11.30 v Recycles Pumas Ct5 | 13.30 v Drayton Ct 4 15.30 v Hotshots Supershots Ct 3 | 14.30 V Hotshots Megashots Ct 5 |
| 05/12 | 9.30 v Telford Krazycats Ct 4 11.30 v Oswestry Dragons Ct 7 | | 11.30 v Tibberton Twisters Ct 4 13.30 Recycles Royals Ct3 |



Guidance for League Matches

The following is guidance in relation to Shropshire Junior Netball League:

Match Venue:

Langley Academy, Duce Drive, Dawley, Telford. TF4 3JS

Arrival Times:

Please arrive 30 mins before the start of your first match and meet near the courts.

Unable to Play?

Please notify your squad coach as early as you can; using the club's WhatsApp is the quickest method

League matches cancelled

If matches are cancelled due to bad weather/another incident, this is usually done at 08.30 on the morning (earlier if bad snow). A WhatsApp message will be posted as soon as the club is notified

Kit for Matches:

Playing kit (skirt and tops or dresses) will be provided by the club and remain property of the club. These must be worn at matches as part of league rules.

Players should wear warm clothes such as a tracksuit, warm jacket, gloves and a hat to warm-up and to wear when not on court. Matches will be played outside and the venue is notoriously cold! Wearing a black long sleeved tee shirt/skin under match kit is recommended. If rain is due waterproofs are recommended as matches will still be played.

Drinks and Snacks:

Please bring plenty to drink (water or squash) and energy snacks for between matches and after matches. A hot drink may be wise if you have 2 matches on the same day and there is a gap between them

Kit Bag:

A kit bag is really useful to keep kit dry while players are on court and it helps to ensure water bottles and snacks are not lost.

Covid 19 Guidance:

- Please take a Lateral Flow Test before attending matches. If it is positive, please do not come!
- Please label your water bottles
- Please wear a mask through the school entrance
- Please remember to maintain your social distancing to protect yourselves and others
- Please bring your own sanitiser for use before and after matches. The club will provide sanitiser for use during the game.

Spectators:

Currently not allowed. The coaches will be there to look after the children.

Please be at the venue on time to collect your child at the end of the match.