



Shobnall Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

9th June 2017

Even though the children have only been in school for 3 days this week, as always, the activities and events have been wide and varied. The excitement was clear to see on all of our younger children's faces when the Mobile Planetarium visited on Tuesday morning. In addition to this, Mr Blood has been in to our Y2 class to help and support the design element of their rockets. The staff and children have been busy practising and learning about the new activities and routines of our new-look Sports Day which is to be held a week on Monday and we have our fingers tightly crossed for dry weather! Next week the children will have a quick run through to put the finishing touches to it and we are really excited about showing off the event to all of our families. As always, the PFA will be offering bacon and sausage cobs to satisfy those mid-morning cravings so do please bring a long some loose change.

Social Media

It has come to the school's attention that a small number of parents have chosen to express their frustrations via social media about the school closure for Polling Day yesterday, Thursday 8th June 2017. As a working parent myself, I too find school closures for Inset and other additional dates become very frustrating as child care arrangements can become very challenging for many of us. Therefore, I believe that the most efficient and appropriate way to support all of our working parents is by providing school closure dates at the very earliest opportunity. With this in mind I have already shared with our parents our INSET days for the next academic year, right through to the summer of 2018!

I therefore find it very disappointing when some comments are posted on social media, stating their shock and surprise that the school was to close on the 8th June 2017 for Polling Day. I wrote to all parents, dated 24th April 2017, at the very earliest opportunity I had, notifying parents of the General Election and I also stated that the school, like the rest of the country, was not aware of the General Election date until the 18th April 2017, which coincidentally was during the Easter holidays. In addition to this, I then included this school closure on all newsletters from 5th May 2017 until 26th May 2017. The School Website was up-dated on the 27th April 2017, and finally we posted this school closure on the school screen which has been constantly shown from the 24th April 2017.

It may be that you are not receiving the letters or newsletters from your child and I would urge you to pop in to school to speak to your child's teacher regarding this. However, please be aware that all newsletters are immediately posted to our school website each Friday. If you are not receiving text messages then do please visit the school office to enable us to update our system. At Shobnall School, we pride ourselves in offering a strong and wide range of communication tools with which to share with you.

Mobile Planetarium

Year 2 have been very busy this week enjoying their "Space Week". The children have had the opportunity to experience a planetarium and have been learning all about the solar system. We have also had the opportunity to design and create our very own space rockets! Today the children were able to shoot them into the sky, keep an eye out on the school twitter to see the rockets. All in all the children have had a blast! Please be sure to catch the Year 2 Space Assembly on Tuesday 13th June at 9:15.

Pumpkin Challenge

We still have a few pumpkin plants available at the Office for those who wish to take up the 'Halloween Pumpkin Challenge' set by Mrs Taylor, Governor of Shobnall School. There will be a prize awarded for the biggest Pumpkin and all of the ones grown will be used in our Halloween Celebrations.

First come, first served – call at the office for a plant and the instructions on how to grow!

Father's Day Lunches

Next week will see the school open its doors to Dads and other significant male members of the family and we very much look forward to welcoming you into school. Please can I remind you to complete payment via Parent Pay prior to the day as it is a little embarrassing chasing up payments after a meal has been taken. However, I am aware that many adults who are visiting the school have multiple siblings to sit with and I understand that this can sometimes be a challenge. If it would be more convenient, we are able to accommodate Dads on one day and arrange for all siblings to sit with them on this one day rather than repeated visits if you so wish. This is only to help all of our family members out but of course, if you prefer, we would love to see you on multiple days throughout the week. All that we ask is that you notify the school if you intend to have a lunch with your children on one day so that we can make appropriate seating arrangements in the hall.

Head Teacher Assembly Awards

Reception	Musa L	Elise K
Year 1	Evie W	Hasan A
Year 2	Seren Y	Sienna S
Year 3	Lewis T	Chloe S
Year 4	Millie G	Samaiyah A
Year 5	Zakia I	Valerija K
Year 6	Liam C	Clarkson S

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Amy R
Year 1	Freya P
Year 2	Tristian L
Year 3	Imogen B
Year 4	Millie G
Year 5	Finley M
Year 6	Saman N



Diary Dates/Events	Date and Time
Father's Day Lunches all week	Monday 12 th June 2017
Year 2 Assembly for Parents 9.15 am	Tuesday 13 th June 2017
5.30 pm Meeting for Parents of new EYFS starters	Tuesday 13 th June 2017
EYFS Reception Visit to Barn Farm, Bromley Wood	Thursday 15 th June 2017
School Talent Show	Friday 16 th June 2017
9.30 am Sports Morning	Monday 19 th June 2017 (Wednesday 21 st June 2017 reserve date)
School Music Share Concert, Hill Street Baptist Church, Swadlincote, Mr Mansfield 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat'	Tuesday 20 th June 2017, 7.00 pm
New Nursery starters Induction Afternoon (1 st Half)	Monday 26 th June 2017
New Reception starters Induction Afternoon Session 1	Wednesday 28 th June 2017
New Nursery starters Induction Afternoon (2 nd Half)	Monday 3 rd July 2017
New Reception starters Induction Afternoon Session 2	Tuesday 4 th July 2017
D & T, Mr S Blood to work with Year 5	Wednesday 5 th July 2017
3.45 pm Transition Meeting for parents for children going into Year 3 in September 2017	Wednesday 5 th July 2017
Reception transition 3.00 pm meeting for parents for children leaving EYFS to move up to Key Stage One	Thursday 6 th July 2017
D & T, Mr S Blood, children of Year 5 working on D & T Bus all day	Thursday 6 th July 2017