



Shobnall Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Friday 9th March 2018

It's been two weeks since the previous newsletter due to the heavy snow and ice. The "Beast from the East" certainly had the edge over the "Terrors from Taylors" (Janitors) when it came to battling to keep the school open! I would like to say a huge thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding in the decisions made to close the school. I hope you found that these decisions were made as early as possible to ensure that you were able to make suitable alternative arrangements. I am hoping that many of you benefitted from being able to spend time having fun in the snow with your children!

Mother's Day Lunches

It was wonderful, once again, to throw open our doors to our mums and significant female members of our families this week. Many of the children were so excited in having the opportunity to have lunch with their family members although I'm not sure how long this excitement lasted with one or two of our children after hearing comments like, "Eat your veg" or "Do you normally do that at dinner time?" Thank you so much for all families who attended and we look forward to seeing a bumper crowd of Year 5 & 6 mums on Monday lunchtime for the final sitting.



PFA Quiz Night – Friday 16th March 7.00 pm – MORE TEAMS NEEDED!

Mrs Frost and the team have asked me to include a final reminder to all our parents to submit an entry into the *parents only*, PFA Quiz, held at Marston's Social Club. The number of teams entered so far is rather disappointing, and we've put this down to the fact that many parents are worried and apprehensive about facing such quality and knowledge from the various staff teams! Come and have a fun night and experience how knowledgeable the school staff are! Mr Gordon believes that, this year, his team have it in the bag – I can't see it myself, not if Mr Attwood is part of his team! Please see Mrs Frost for an application form.

Morning Punctuality

Please can I take the opportunity to remind our families that the school bell, which signifies the beginning of the school day, rings at 8.55am. Sadly, I have noticed that a small proportion of families seem to be becoming a little late in the mornings and arriving after this time. The school doors officially shut at 8.55am and therefore arrival after this time could trigger a late mark. Please can I ask some families to revise their morning routines at the earliest opportunity and make every effort to arrive at school between 8.45 am and 8.55 am. We frequently educate our children of the importance of effective routines, respect and an awareness of others – punctuality encompasses all of these points so please can you support the school with this matter. Thank you in advance.

Supporting Bretby Rotary Club



Today we welcomed Mrs Helen Smart from the Bretby Rotary Club in aid of supporting their work in funding Aquaboxes to war ravaged countries such as Syria and to support 'Purple for Polio Vaccinations', which the Rotary Club are raising awareness of. The children in Key Stage 2 took part in an assembly, learning about these Aquaboxes and how many benefit from such water purifying devices. Mr Adams kindly offered to drink water straight from the River Trent after it had been passed through one of these boxes! He is currently still standing, so they must work!

In addition to this, many thanks to those parents and children who donated cakes for the cake sale and babygrows. All of the money raised will be used to support the purchase of more of these boxes, to then be transported all over the world. Many thanks for your on-going support. Due this special assembly, we were unable to give out the Head Teacher Assembly Awards. Normal service will resume next week!



Key Stage 1 Reading Improvements

Over the past few months you will have seen our endless pleas for help in covering Key Stage 1 reading books, as well as informing you about the considerable improvements which have been taking place in our infant classrooms. We have now included a significant amount of new books into Key Stage 1 reading corners and, as a result, it certainly appears to have had the desired impact. All teachers are delighted with the surge in reading going on at home with children and this is fabulous news! We hope that you will continue to benefit and be inspired by these new books and please can I thank all parents who are now ensuring that they hear their children read almost on a daily basis. Reading is an essential skill and it is no surprise to see that "those who read, succeed!"

E-mailing of Weekly Newsletter

Many thanks to those parents you have agreed to receive the newsletter by e-mail. We haven't forgotten about this but the inputting of this data takes time, so please be patient! Should any other parents wish to receive the newsletter via this media, please do let the office know and we will add you to our list. Thank you!

Trent Non-Uniform Day Rescheduled!

Last half term, the children in Trent house won the half termly team point competition and, as a result, earned themselves a non-uniform day. This was originally scheduled for Friday 2nd March but of course the school was closed that day. Therefore, Trent can wear non-school uniform on Friday 16th March, preferably something blue to represent their house.

World Book Day Celebrations 2018



The school finally got to celebrate **World Book Day** this week – thankfully, there was no snow this time! We were so impressed with all the effort that the children (and parents!) put into the wonderful array of costumes we saw around the school! Some members of staff shone out with their outfits too, especially the EYFS staff who all came dressed as Minions! This year's theme has been 'Share a Story' and staff were able to share their favourite books with the children in assembly. We hope that these recommendations inspire the children to pick up a book they perhaps wouldn't normally have chosen. Mr Adams was very proud of Year 6 who went into other classrooms and read their own stories that they had

written to the children. Some are definitely natural storytellers! Many thanks to the PFA, who again organised a Book Swap Sale, and managed to raise £140.00 for new resources for the children. A fantastic day was had by all!

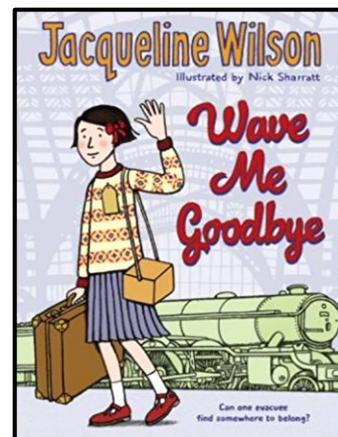


Reading Corner - This week's recommended read is for children aged 10 - 11...

Wave Me Goodbye

Written by Jacqueline Wilson
Published by Doubleday Children's

One day, Shirley's mum tells her she's going on holiday. London in 1939 isn't safe, so Shirley finds herself in Meadow Ridge, a village far away from home. Worse, she's living with the reclusive Mrs Waverley and two rough, silly boys from the East End. Friendship and bravery combine in this sensitive story about evacuees.



Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Zahra K	
Year 1	Sophie M	
Year 2	Adam Cr	
Year 3	Jasmine K	
Year 4	Amarion B	
Year 5	Madeeha H	
Year 6	Bethia P	

Head Teacher's Awards – Due to the Bretby Rotary Club assembly today we did not hold a Rewards Assembly – the list will be published again next week.

Team Points

Spring Term 2018	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
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The team points for the second half of the Spring Term are being recorded but due to the snow days and the special assembly this morning with Bretby Rotary Club, they will not be published until next week.

Spring Term Diary Dates

Spring Term 2018 – Events for your diary	Date and Time
Mother's Day Lunches 11.50 am	Week Commencing 12th March 2018
Year 5/Year 6	Monday 12 th March 2018 11.45 am
Last day for entering teams for PFA Quiz 16.3.18	Monday 12 th March 2018
Year 4 Swimming	Tuesday 13 th March 2018
Last Day for 'Design Your Dream Home' entry for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Pupils	Thursday 15 th March 2018
Trent Non Uniform Day – Wear Something Blue	Friday 16 th March 2018
PFA Quiz 7.00 pm prompt	Friday 16 th March 2018
3.30 pm Parents 'On-Line Safety Meeting'	Wednesday 21 st March 2018
BBC Sport Relief	Friday 23 rd March 2018
Year 5 D & T Bus	Monday 26 th March 2018
Year 5 Bikeability (First Half)	Tuesday 27 th March 2018
Year 6 SAT's Meeting 3.30 pm	Wednesday 28 th March 2018
PFA Bingo 'Eyes Down 6.00 pm' Doors Open at 5.30 pm	Wednesday 28 th March 2018
Year 5 Bikeability (Second Half)	Thursday 29 th March 2018
Break Up for Easter Holidays	Thursday 29 th March 2018
School Opens to Pupils 8.45 am	Thursday 12 th April 2018