



## Shobnall Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

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It's great to see how quick the children have all returned and settled in quickly in to the summer term and of course have been working incredibly hard. This half-term, whilst it is a fairly short one, is mixed with interruptions, school closures and of course SATs in Years 2 and Year 6. I know that both Mr Gordon and Mr Adams have been preparing and supporting the children in these preparations and of course so have many parents and for this the school is truly grateful for your support.

### PFA Events

As many of you are aware, tonight is the PFA Quiz night at Martson's Social Club and we very much look forward to seeing many parents and family members taking on the various staff teams that have been established. However, our PFA are extremely proactive and are keen to extend further opportunities to our children. Therefore, please save the date of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July in your diary for a Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 disco. Further details will be sent out shortly regarding this event.

### YMCA Pyjama Day

A huge 'Thank You' to all our parents and children who contributed to the YMCA charity today, it was certainly interesting seeing classes full of children wearing their pyjamas. We were delighted with the response to raising money and a huge Thank You also goes to Charley W. in Year 5 and her mum who spent lots of time baking and preparing for our cake sale this morning. It was lovely to see our parents enjoying a coffee and chat (plus cake) with our Chair and Vice Chair of Governors this morning.



## **Year 6 SATs**

I would like to take this opportunity in wishing all of our Year 6 children the very best of luck for their SATs assessments next week. The whole school is very proud of their efforts and energy that they have placed in to preparing for next week and all that we can ask is that the children try their very best. Whether or not we agree with the Government testing methods at primary school is sadly irrelevant but I have no doubt that the children will do themselves, Mr Adams and of course their parents proud. Enjoy your weekend children, enjoy your free time and certainly do not spend it feeling that you have to revise and prepare, you have worked so hard up until this time. All that I do ask is that you all come in to school promptly and on time next week and prepared with a sharp pencil (and possibly a small mascot to sit on your desk).

## **Pupil Illness**

Please can I remind all parents that if your child has been sick, you have the responsibility to keep your child off school for a minimum of a 24-hour period. Unfortunately, I am required to remind all of our families of this as we have noticed that since the start of the year, we have been required to send many pupils home, sometimes as early as 10.00am who, it transpires, were ill during the previous night. The consequence of these pupils being sent in to school then results in passing on this illness to their class mates which is grossly unfair and wholly avoidable. Please can I ask you all to be considerate in this matter.

## **INSET Days – Academic Year 2017 – 2018**

As busy parents, I believe that it is essential that I provide you all with next year's INSET days where the school will be closed to pupils. As a parent myself, I recognise the importance of being able to plan for childcare and provision at the earliest opportunity so therefore we have ensured that these dates have been shared with you at the earliest opportunity:

INSET Day 1: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (School opens to pupils on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 17)

INSET Day 2: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

INSET Day 3: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

INSET Day 4: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

INSET Day 5: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## **Fidget Spinners**

I'm sorry to say that as a school, unfortunately we cannot allow these new devices into school due to the issues and interruptions that are being caused in lessons. Whilst we appreciate that these are excellent at relieving stress and pressure, sadly we have seen a significant increase in these being in school and as a result, lessons have been frequently disrupted and a small number of pupils have been falling out over these spinners. Therefore, please can I ask that if your child has one of these, they must remain at home and not brought into school. Thanks for your patience in this matter.

## **Comic Relief**

We have finally received all of the outstanding sponsorship money in from all of our families and we are delighted to share with you all the total of £1708.65. This is a fantastic achievement and we are incredibly proud of the efforts made by the children in their rowing and of course you, as parents, who helped to raise such a fabulous total. Many thanks for your efforts in achieving such an amazing amount.

### Head Teacher Assembly Awards

Reception	Eva W	Keeva D
Year 1	Isabella E	Evie W
Year 2	Hettie B	Zoe C
Year 3	Zeb S	Imogen B
Year 4	Ella L	Emily S
Year 5	Alfie K	Bethia P
Year 6	Freya G	Aaron W

### Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Zara I
Year 1	Qayyam A
Year 2	Haidar A
Year 3	Abdullah Y
Year 4	Falak S
Year 5	Spencer W
Year 6	Safa A



### Summer Term 2017 – Dates for your diary

Event	Date and Time
PFA Quiz Night – 7.30 pm start!	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 Marston's Sports & Social Club
Key Stage 2 SAT's Week – Please ensure your child arrives promptly for 8.45 am	Monday – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
Reception Class – Parents Assembly	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 – 9.15am
Year 3 Class - Parents Assembly	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017 – 9.15am
Break up for Half Term holiday	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 – 3.30pm
Return back after Half Term holiday	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 – 8.45am
School Closed - General Election Polling Station	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
Father's Day Lunches (letter to be sent home shortly)	Week Beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
Year 2 Class – Parents Assembly	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 – 9.15am
School Talent Show	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
School Sports Day	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 (Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2017 Reserve date)