



Shobnall Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

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It's been fabulous to see a huge range of work going on throughout the school this week and the children remain incredibly busy working very hard. The quality and range of writing skills continue to impress the teachers and the progress that the children have shown throughout the year has been amazing. Mrs Farrington was also delighted to see the progress that children are now showing in their skills displayed at Forest Schools. Year 5 are currently working in our Forest School area and have shown that they are retaining tool skills amongst other skills whilst also learning new techniques. This week they have been developing tension knots and using a billhook in their work. Please log on to twitter or our school website which documents perfectly the work of our Y5 children every Wednesday afternoon.

Sunny Weather Appears to have (just about) Arrived.....

We are seeing more consistency in our sunny weather currently and therefore please can I just remind all our parents and carers to consider sending your child with a sun hat/cap – which **MUST be named**. Additionally, should you wish, please apply sun cream on the warmer days please can we ask that you do so prior to your child coming in to school.

Late-Comers!

It is becoming apparent that a rather concerning number of our children and families are arriving at school later and later in the mornings. The school day begins at 8.55am officially although the school doors open from 8.45am onwards. As a school, we constantly educate and remind pupils of the importance of respect and we firmly believe that punctuality is an essential strand of this. Therefore, please can I ask some of our families to revise and reconsider their morning routines to support the school and show children the importance of respecting school rules and expectations? Thank you in advance.

East Staffs Handball Champions

You will have seen the previous newsletter where we were unable to share with you the results of the handball as the tournament was being played last Thursday evening. We are delighted to share with you the extremely exciting news that the children from years 5 & 6 eventually won the overall tournament. The results were a combined effort of both the boys' team and the girl's team and we were thrilled to see our school being crowned overall winners for East Staffs Handball 2018. Many thanks to the parents who came along to support the children and of course, huge congratulations go to: Ava R, Charley W, Kaydee B, Laiba K, Amber W and Eve W, Sam F, Charlie F, Zac C, Ashton M, Zaki A, Callum K and Jayden M.

East Staffs Tag Rugby Tournament

Shobnall's Y5 and 6 Tag boys and girls Rugby team participated in the East Staffs Tag Rugby tournament on Wednesday 9th May 2018. The team had been doing special training with Mr Mason at lunch and in PE and it certainly showed as they were stringing their passing together brilliantly and working as a team superbly. The first game was a draw 5-5 against a strong Edge Hill team, the second game they beat Victoria School 9-1 then third game they just lost 6-5 to William Shrewsbury just missing out on getting to the finals but coming in a respectable 3rd place out of 8 teams and gaining more medals!

PFA is Sadly Lacking Support

We have noticed over the last few months that our PFA is slowly diminishing in numbers at the meetings and even at events which are being run. Sadly, this is nothing new and in my time at school, I have known for the organisation to be disbanded due to dwindling numbers and interest on a number of occasions.

Unfortunately, due to a limited response in terms of arranging our Eid fair this year, we have sadly been left with no other option than to cancel this event. I would like to thank the small number of attendees who managed to turn up for the meeting last night but it was felt that due to the considerable work which would be needed to plan, organise, run and also clear away, it would be too much for a very small handful of volunteers.

Additionally, I would like to invite all of our parents to consider coming along to any PFA meetings in the future. Your time and support is always gratefully received but I would like to remind you of the good work that the PFA have funded over recent years. These have included the funding of refitting and restocking of the KS2 library, the partial support of funding for new reading books in KS1 classrooms, the purchase and installation of the hall stage and lighting plus many more considerable projects. As you can see, all of the money is used to fully support your children, its use and allocation is at the discretion of the PFA towards the benefit of the children.

Many of you will have no doubt heard of the significant cuts that school budgets are facing over the next few years and therefore as a school, we will rely on the support of a healthy and proactive PFA so should you feel able to support in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or Mrs Caroline Frost who will be always interested in receiving additional help and ideas. We do have a final meeting of the year scheduled for 13th June at 3.30pm where the team will be evaluating the year and considering plans and suggestions for next academic year. We would love to see a few new faces at this meeting so do please try and make every effort to attend.

IMPORTANT: School Practice Changes in Light of GDPR Legislation

I feel that you would prefer advance notice of a significant number of detailed forms which will be sent out next week and will require signing and returning to school no later than Friday 25th May. May I take this opportunity to apologise as there is a covering letter explaining everything. Three separate forms will require reading and completing and it will take some considerable time. Sadly, this is not of the schools making and I know you all have very busy lives but due to a change in the law, we are required to now recapture **ALL** data which we have, inclusive of contact details, doctors, permission forms etc. as they now need to be reviewed and redesigned with appropriate GDPR wording. Please can I ask you for patience and understanding in this matter and please set aside some time next week for the completion of these forms. Sorry!

Stem Science Club



Our budding Scientists made Scuttle Bugs this week at STEM club which created a lot of excitement!

Members of the Club had excellent fun!



Year 2 – Tie & Dye Tee Shirts

Year 2 have spent this morning making Tie and Dye Tee Shirts with Mr Gordon and Mrs Hill.

They have made a really good job of them!

Well done to the class for their hard work

Early Years – Reception and Nursery Class



The children in Nursery and Reception have been learning all about Bees this week and have studied in our outdoor space. At the end of the session they were all treated to some yummy honey!



Head Teacher Assembly Awards

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| Reception | Lilly L | Oscar T | |
| Year 1 | Leah W | Lucy W | |
| Year 2 | Amina K | Louie S | |
| Year 3 | Camelia M | Iflak T | |
| Year 4 | Junayd A | Noah J | |
| Year 5 | Falak S | Daniel BS | |
| Year 6 | Spencer W | Charlie F | |

Lunchtime Star Awards

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| Reception | Oscar T | |
| Year 1 | Kaden P | |
| Year 2 | Amina K | |
| Year 3 | Elsie W | |
| Year 4 | Alika A | |
| Year 5 | Aleena H | |
| Year 6 | Callum K | |

Team Points – First Half of Summer Term 2018

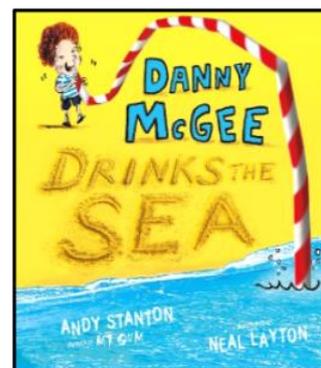
| Summer Term 2018 | Claymills | Rosliston | Sinai | Trent |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Points for w/e 11 th May 2018 | 114 | 112 | 73 | 135 |
| Position | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | 1 st |
| Points for First Half Summer Term | 6 | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| Accumulated Score Whole Year | 68 | 67 | 59 | 102 |

Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 4 - 5...

Danny McGee Drinks the Sea
 Written by Andy Stanton
 Published by Hodder's Children's Books

Can a boy really drink the sea? Danny McGee does (with the help of a straw that's longer than his sister). Then, he swallows the whole of London AND the author of the book, Andy Stanton! Where will it end? Hilarious anarchy with crazy illustrations make this an instant favourite for kids looking for a giggle.



Diary Dates

| Summer Term 2018 Diary | Date and Time |
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| SAT'S WEEK | Monday 14th May to Friday 18th May inclusive |
| Non Uniform 'Red, White & Blue Day' PFA raising funds to celebrate the Royal Wedding, please send in your child with 50p | Friday 18 th May 2018 |
| Royal Wedding Special Lunch Menu | Thursday 17 th May 2018 |
| Reception Class Assembly 9.15 am | Thursday 24 th May 2018 |
| PFA Plant Sale 3.15 pm Key Stage 1 Play area | Thursday 24 th May 2018 |
| BREAK FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAY | Friday 25th May 2018 |
| Inset Day No. 5 School Closed for Training | Monday 4 th June 2018 |
| 8.45 am Term Commences for 2nd Half Summer | Tuesday 5 th June 2018 |
| Start of Mental Health and Wellbeing Week | Tuesday 5 th June 2018 |
| Non Uniform Day raising money for the MIND Charity during Mental Health Awareness Week | Friday 8 th June 2018 |
| Father's Day Lunch – Year 5 / 6 | Friday 15 th June 2018 |
| 9.30 am Sports Day | Monday 18 th June 2018 |
| 9.00 am Parents Assembly & Tea and Coffee Morning to view the work of the children during Mental Health Awareness Week | Tuesday 19 th June 2018 |
| Father's Day Lunch – Reception Class | Tuesday 19 th June 2018 |
| Music Share Concert for Choir only 7.00 pm, Hill Street Baptist Church | Tuesday 19 th June 2018 |
| Sports Day Reserve Morning | Wednesday 20 th June 2018 |
| 9.15 am Year 2 Class Assembly | Thursday 21 st June 2018 |
| Father's Day Lunch – Year 1 | Thursday 21 st June 2018 |
| Father's Day Lunch – Year 3 / 4 | Friday 22 nd June 2018 |
| Father's Day Lunch – Year 2 | Monday 25 th June 2018 |
| Years 4, 5 and 6 Brewhouse Performance – Dracula! 1.30pm and 6.00pm | Wednesday 27 th June 2018 |
| 9.15 am Nursery Assembly | Wednesday 11 th July 2018 |
| Year 6 Leavers Party 6.30 – 8.30 pm | Friday 13 th July 2018 |
| Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.00 am | Wednesday 18 th July 2018 |
| Last day of Summer term – School closes 3.30 pm | Friday 20 th July 2018 |
| School Closed for Inset Day Number 1 | Monday 3rd September 2018 |
| Terms Commences | Tuesday 4th September 2018 |

Kitchen News

We are celebrating the Royal Wedding with a special lunch on Thursday 17th May 2018 with a 'Royal Tea Party'. Please see attached menu.