



# SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*“And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it.” – Billy and The Minpins (Roald Dahl)*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another busy week at Shobnall Primary School, although a little quieter without Mr Adams around! At the beginning of the week I had anticipated sending out a rather short newsletter, but with events that have happened over the week it has proven to be a very lengthy one!

Firstly, I would like to say how well the children have adjusted to our new ways of working. Staff have reported how happy the children are to be back at school and are working so hard and with so much enthusiasm. I spoke to some children this week about how they felt being back at school...

*“At school now it's very different because the rules have changed. We use a one-way system, we have our own bubbles to stay in and one person is allowed in the bathroom at one time.”*    **Haniya, Year 6**

*“I'm happy to be at school so that I can see my friends and it's easier to be taught by your teacher than online.”*    **Martyna, Year 6**

*“I love being at school. I like science and playing with my friends.”*    **Alfie, Year 2**

For the first time this week the Reception children stayed for their lunch and I must say they were all a credit to their parents. Their manners were impeccable and they ate beautifully with a knife and fork.

## Meet the Teacher

This informative annual event in our school calendar has proved to be a real hit with many parents. It is therefore so disappointing that we are unable to run these meetings this year, with having to limit numbers of visitors onto our school site. However, in order for us to provide you with an opportunity to learn a little more about the expectations for your child's year group, learning opportunities and curriculum we are uploading videos from each class onto our class pages on the school website. These will be available to view from next week.



## School Council, Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and Eco-Warriors

Shobnall's School Council, Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and Eco-Warriors have now all been elected in classes and will begin their tasks over the next few weeks. This year, Mrs Sandhu will be working with the School Council, Miss Martin-Mills will be supporting the Eco-Warriors and I will be starting an exciting new project with the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors which will hopefully result in us getting another Shobnall Primary award!

## Shobnall Wrap Around Care Club

This week the children at Shobnall Stars have been settling into new routines and getting used to their bubbles. There have been lots of activities on offer but mostly children have been making the most of the glorious sunshine. Get yourselves booked in as the sessions are getting busier each week. Bookings can be made via our email: [shb-Wraparound@shb.itmat.co.uk](mailto:shb-Wraparound@shb.itmat.co.uk)

## Parking

Unfortunately, the parking around Shobnall at the beginning and end of the school day has once again come to our attention. A small minority of parents are not always as courteous as they could be and are mounting the kerb as they park alongside the road close to school. This is creating an unnecessary obstruction on the pavement, creating a problem for social distancing to be maintained as well as heightening the risk of accidents happening. Parking around schools is often problematic, however, we have excellent links with the Albion pub and are lucky to be able to offer you their parking facilities at these busy times, which I urge you to use for the safety of everyone in our community. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.



## Year 2 Forest School

Year 2 had a lot of fun this week at our first Forest School session this school year. We have been incorporating our theme: 'Fire Fire' into our activities. We started off refreshing our minds with the Forest school rules and safety checks. Children practiced 'creating a spark' using a flint and steel. They also used the 'wattle and daub' technique to build a house using sticks and mud, just like in the Tudor times. After that, children safely used loppers to chop large sticks down, ready for a future activity. Finally, children had chance to explore the Forest school area and use 'loppers' to cut sticks safely. As usual we finished our Session with a hot chocolate and biscuit!

# SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

News from the classrooms this week! Let's take a look at what the children have been up to across the school...

## Nursery

Growing in confidence, the Nursery children have continued their transition visits to the Nursery classroom. They are becoming more familiar with the environment and are beginning to show some great independence by accessing their own water bottles. The 3 hour Nursery sessions are back to normal next week, from 8:45am – 11.45am for all children.

## Reception

The children in Reception have had another great week. We continue to be impressed with how brilliantly the children have settled in and their excellent learning attitudes! They have enjoyed taking part in our circle time activities and were all eager to talk about some of their favourite things, having lots to say! The children have also enjoyed staying for school lunch this week and have been absolute superstars, adapting to the lunchtime routine fantastically. We are so excited for next week as the children will be spending the whole day at school, which means more time for fun learning!

## Year 1

This week the Year 1 children have been working extremely hard in their learning. They are becoming much more independent when coming in, in the morning and have now become super speedy hand-washers! This week the children have had Power Maths lessons every day. They have worked exceptionally hard in them and have shown Miss Martin-Mills how fantastically they can work

independently! Miss Martin-Mills is also ecstatic to see how many children in Year 1 have been reading every evening – amazing! Keep up the great work children, you are all superstars!

## **Year 2**

This week Year 2 have been very enthusiastic and have worked extremely hard. In Maths, we have been learning about numbers to 50. In English, we have started learning about traditional tales. Our first story is 'The Gingerbread Man'. This week we have also had our first Forest School session and started our science learning. Well done Year 2 on a fantastic week!



## **Year 3**

Year 3 have had a fantastic week this week! They have completed 5 lessons of their first Power Maths unit on Place Value. They have also started to look at our guided reading text Charlotte's Web and have begun to predict what they think is going to happen in the story. The children have enjoyed starting our science unit on Rocks. They have learnt about the different types of rock and have been able to sort them into categories such as man-made and natural and igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic. The year 3 class have such a positive attitude towards their learning and have worked incredibly hard! It has been a great week – well done Year 3!

## **Year 4**

Year 4 have really enjoyed this week. We have been tasting chocolate in preparation of creating our own Willy Wonka chocolate bar. The children will be writing a descriptive recount next week which I cannot wait to read. In Science this week, the children have been learning about the human digestive system and the functions of the different parts. An amazing week!

## **Year 5**



Year 5 have had another great week and have shown how resilient they are. We have started the week by recapping our understanding of rounding numbers before moving on to applying it when rounding numbers to the nearest 100,000. In English, we have begun learning about performance poetry and are excited to begin writing our own next week. We have also had a fantastic afternoon learning all about 'dancing raisins'.

## **Year 6**

Year 6 have had a busy week and every pupil should be proud of their efforts and how well they have settled back into routine. In maths, we have been looking at the place value in numbers up to 10,000,000 and rounding these numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We have started a new unit in English and have been studying a classic poem called The Raven by Edgar Allen Poe. We have been using evidence from the text to support our inferences and we have also been exploring the challenging vocabulary. During the afternoon sessions, we have started to look at our topic, World War Two, in more detail. Well done Year 6, a great week!

## **Vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor**

We are looking to recruit a Lunchtime Supervisor to join our team. If you would like to learn more about this position, then please do follow the link to our website page:

<https://www.shobnallprimaryschool.co.uk/vacancies/>

## School Photograph Day

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September, all children will have their individual photograph taken at school. Please note that due to pupils remaining in their class bubbles there will be no photographs taken with siblings at this time.



## Burton's Local Outbreak Control Plan

To help curb the spread of coronavirus in Burton, Staffordshire County Council have updated advice from immediate effect, as stated below. To help support this advice could we also be mindful when following our own school guidelines. Could I remind you please that there should only be one parent dropping off or collecting at the end of the day. Avoid congregating around the school gates by making a swift get away and ensuring that our timings are fully adhered to, this will eliminate any unnecessary time, waiting for your child. Thank you for your help in protecting everyone in our community.

### START

**8.45am – 8.55am:** Children with surnames **A – L** (for siblings, key stage 2 pupils to be dropped off at the junior gate first, then key stage 1 at the infant gate, followed by Reception pupils at the EYFS gate)

**8.55am – 9.05am:** Children with surnames **M – Z** (for siblings, key stage 2 pupils to be dropped off at the junior gate first, then key stage 1 at the infant gate, followed by Reception pupils at the EYFS gate)

### FINISH

**3.20pm:** Children with surnames **A – L** (for siblings, key stage 1 pupils to be picked up at the infant gate first, then key stage 2 at the junior gate)

**3.20pm:** All Reception pupils (EYFS Gate)

**3.30pm:** Children with surnames **M – Z** (for siblings, key stage 1 pupils to be picked up at the infant gate first, then key stage 2 at the junior gate)

1. **Cases and close contacts:** *Anyone who gets symptoms must stay home for ten days and get a Covid-19 test. Close contacts must stay at home for 14 days. Spot checks will be made to make sure people are in*
2. **At home:** *Your household can meet one other household per week with a maximum of ten people at a gathering*
3. **In gardens:** *You can meet outdoors with up to six people from other households or up to ten people if everyone is from only two households*
4. **Extremely vulnerable:** *Any residents who have recently been 'shielding' should continue to take extra care*
5. **Face coverings:** *Must be worn on public transport and in shops.*
6. **Organised indoor gatherings:** *This includes weddings, funerals, religious ceremonies, activity clubs and support groups. Maximum of 30 people and precautions to be taken*
7. **Organised outdoor gatherings and events:** *Keep your space at least 2 metres, follow stringent hygiene and keep records of who attended*
8. **Businesses:** *Must follow the national advice. Spot checks and penalties and even closure for those who flout rules*
9. **Shops:** *Small local shops should allow no more than two customers at one time*
10. **Pubs, bars and restaurants:** *Groups of no more than two households and a maximum of ten people indoors. Contact details must be left*

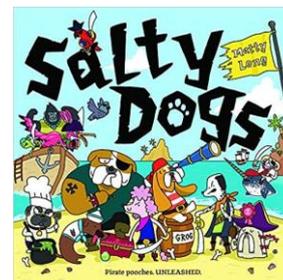
## Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 6 – 7...

### Salty Dogs

Written by *Matty Long*

Published by *OUP Oxford*



The Salty Dogs are a band of pirates constantly on the lookout for riches and treasure. Along the way, they meet outrageous sea monsters and a ship full of monkeys. The illustrations are filled with clever details and speech bubbles which are ideal for helping develop imagination.

### Head Teacher's Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Ava B	Ben S
<b>Year 1</b>	Jonah M-Y	Keyarah B
<b>Year 2</b>	Inayah A	Evalyn W
<b>Year 3</b>	Eric W	Maheen F
<b>Year 4</b>	Musa H	Ameen A
<b>Year 5</b>	Millie D	Betsy W
<b>Year 6</b>	Nosheen S	Millie K

### Lunchtime Star Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Gordon Z
<b>Year 1</b>	Zain A
<b>Year 2</b>	Angelo M
<b>Year 3</b>	Charlotte K
<b>Year 4</b>	Keeva D
<b>Year 5</b>	Alys J
<b>Year 6</b>	Isabelle L

### Autumn Term Diary Dates

Many of our dates for the autumn term remain under review due to adhering to government guidance and advice. Some of our traditional calendar fixtures may not be honoured. We will keep you informed of our arrangements and procedures.

Event	Date/Time
Parents' Evening	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2020
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020
INSET Day	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020
School Re-Opens	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020
Open Evening	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November, 4.30-6.00pm
PFA Christmas Fair	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2019, 3.30-6.00pm
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 11.9.20)	133	100	105	94
Position	1 <sup>st</sup> - 4	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3	4 <sup>th</sup> - 1
Running Total	4	2	3	1