



Shobnall Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

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What a fabulous year it has been! I can't emphasise how proud I have been on so many occasions throughout 2017-2018! As so many of you have read about, both on Twitter and through these newsletters, the sporting achievements of so many children who have played both representative and competitive sport has been incredible and this even includes our EYFS children! Winning events such as the Dove Valley Netball, East Staffs Handball and gold and silver at archery coupled with reaching finals of the football cup, netball final, hockey final have all contributed to our best year ever in terms of sporting success.

The performances that the children have produced have been immensely entertaining and fabulously inventive, including the class assemblies, KS1 and Year 3 Nativity plays and of course the Year 4, 5 and 6 Dracula play. Many of our children thrive on stage and by the look of it, we have many budding actors and actresses amongst us (not including some of the staff).

As I shared with you in last week's newsletter, we are delighted with the final data and scores that the children have attained in the national tests and this is testimony to all of the hard work and commitments of everybody, from the children, staff and of course parents.

This year has also witnessed the school's conversion to an Academy and joining the John Taylor Multi Academy Trust. Whilst many of you will not have noticed anything different, the work going on behind the scenes is very exciting. The school has begun collaborative work with the other schools within the MAT and plans are in place for this to increase in the new academic year. I am looking forward to sharing some exciting news about further work once we return in the Autumn Term.

If you have yet to 'follow' the school on Twitter then please can I remind you about such a fabulous tool which is constantly used to celebrate the children's success. Throughout the year, we have documented so many different elements, from our first ever French trip, each and every sporting occasion, our weekly Forest School sessions and the weird and wonderful lessons that our children have been involved in. We have now exceeded over 400 followers and our twitter account is frequently praised at JT MAT meetings. If you get the chance, do join the 400+ and see what your children are up to on a daily basis.

On behalf of the staff and Governors at Shobnall Primary School I would like to wish each and every one of you a fabulous (and hopefully restful) summer break and safe journeys to wherever you may be travelling to. We very much look forward to welcoming you and of course our children back on Tuesday 4th September 2018.

Have an incredible summer

Best wishes

Mr Cruise

Nursery Graduation



The Nursery children shared their special graduation day with parents and family members earlier this week. They all had an amazing time as they sang their favourite songs, looked back on special memories and received their scrolls. How quickly the year has gone and how fabulous it has been to watch the children grow into confident, happy individuals. Miss Alexander and Mrs Curran thank all of the children and parents for a wonderful year and wish them a fantastic summer and an exciting start in Reception.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

What an emotional morning that was. The children, staff and parents thoroughly enjoyed the assembly and we loved hearing about the many memories, the dreams and wishes of the children and also how they are going to spend their summer preparing – Jayden, I just don't believe your plans for endless revision!!! The school presented each child with a hoody, photograph and a CD full of the many fabulous memories from the Year 6 disco which was held last Friday night. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing our fabulous Year 6 class the very best of luck and warmest wishes as they transfer to their secondary schools.



Year 6 Enterprise Fair



We were blessed again with glorious weather on Monday for the Year 6 Enterprise Fair, which was, not surprisingly, a very enterprising morning! All the school came out to buy toys, have a go at the various games Year 6 had organised and get wet in the stocks! The children managed to raise a total of **£388.82**, for Birmingham Children's



Hospital. They are very proud of what they have achieved and wish to say a big thank you to everyone who provided donations for their stalls.

Dove Valley Cricket



Shobnall Year 4, 5 and 6 cricket team took part in the Dove Valley cricket tournament at Trent Side on Tuesday. The first match was against Rykneld Primary School and we got off to a flying start winning the match with 236 runs to 230 from Rykneld.

We then went on to play against Richard Crosse and started off with the batting and batted really well scoring 246 runs which wasn't quite enough to secure the game as Richard Crosse scored 250.

Sadly these two results weren't quite enough to take us through to the semi-finals but the children had a great time playing cricket in the sun and enjoying the BBQ that Trentside cricket club put on for us.

Year 6 Warwick Castle Trip



Year 6 had an amazing day at Warwick Castle, we hope you enjoyed our 'tweets'! The weather was glorious, which helped us enjoy the day even more! The Horrible Histories Maze was a highlight for many of the children and they enjoyed walking around the castle and looking at the view from the top of the towers. If

you are squeamish or easily scared, then the children wouldn't recommend you go in to the castle dungeons – Mr Adams got tortured, Miss Lord got put on trial and everyone was nearly possessed by witches! Their behaviour was impeccable, which made for a great day all round and a fantastic treat to end the school year.



CONGRATULATIONS – TRENT, Our House Champions!

The results are finally in for our first ever winners of the new House Point Team Shield. Each week, Mrs Roach has been busy compiling the points collected by the Y6 children and this has been shared in our weekly newsletter. Now I can reveal that TRENT have successfully won the shield this year and their name is already engraved on it. Well done to all the children in TRENT. We have also had the sports day shield engraved at the same time so Claymill's achievement is now officially recognised on the new trophy. We are hoping for a new trophy cabinet in our entrance hall, ready for the start of the new year and both shields will be proudly displayed within.

Summer Reading Challenge



Each year, Burton library and the mobile library vans promote a summer reading challenge. A very small number of our pupils enter this but this year we would love it if we could significantly increase this figure. The library publishes a league table of all schools in the town based on the number of participants from each school. Sadly, last year we came 2nd from bottom and we are desperate to avoid this again. The idea is that children are

encouraged to read a number of books and then they are rewarded with stickers, certificates and a medal to show that they have read over the summer months. Please can I ask for your support in trying to raise the school's league table position this year.

And finally.....

Should any parents be considering whether or not to allow your child to have their ears pierced, then the 6 week holidays is undoubtedly the best time to do it. As a school, we strongly urge children to remove their earrings for each and every PE lesson and this supports our health and safety procedures. The 6 week holidays will allow the ear rings to be removed once they return to school.

Autumn Term 2018 – Dates for your Diary

Event	Date and Time
School Closed for Inset Day Number 1	Monday 3rd September 2018
Autumn Term Commences	Tuesday 4 th September 2018
Clubs start for 4 weeks	Monday 17 th September 2018
School Photograph Day	Tuesday 18 th September 2018
Parent's evenings.	Monday 15 th and Wednesday 17 th October 2018
School breaks up for half term	Thursday 25 th October 2018