



Shobnall Primary School
Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Friday 21st December 2018

What a term this has been and, as always, I have been immensely proud to have been able to work alongside such talented staff, talk and meet so many of our wonderful and supportive parents and most importantly, be able to spend time and witness the excellent progress of all our children. We have experienced many highs this term, including the publication of this year's Parliamentary Review, leading and managing the first ever JTMAT collaborative event in the form of the Christmas Choir performance, successfully leading all of the Dove Valley Schools in the Sports Association, being one of the first schools nationally to be awarded the Wellbeing Award for Schools (see more below) and providing our children with more extra - curricular opportunities than ever before in the form of after school clubs, trips and events.

As always, I would like to thank all families for the support and help that you continue to offer both your child(ren) and indeed the school as a whole. So many of you recognise the importance of helping your child with their homework, spellings, tables and reading and I can assure you, this is always hugely appreciated by everyone at school.

May I take this opportunity to sign off this calendar year by saying to all of our families and friends – Have a very Merry Christmas and the very warmest wishes for 2019. For those of our families who won't be celebrating the festival, may you enjoy a peaceful, family filled 2-week holiday and we look forward to seeing all of you back on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Wellbeing Award for Schools Achievement!

We are delighted to announce that Shobnall Primary has become one of a handful of schools nationally to be awarded this new award in recognition of our efforts for supporting the whole school community. Mrs Knight has successfully led the school in this achievement and the final report will be published just after Christmas. However, the draft states, "*Shobnall Primary is a school where the wellbeing of the staff, pupils and parents is paramount. Because of this, the whole school community feels highly valued and involved.*" The report also goes on to consider the views of all stakeholders, "*The governors are fully committed to the wellbeing of all. They play a very active role in the strategic development of the school.*" Parents viewpoints were also captured, stating that, "*Parents really value the school*", "*Communication is a real strength of the school as parents are well informed about all aspects of school development and have a true partnership between parents and school.*" To conclude the report, it mentions how, "*The wellbeing of all was a key priority before the school embarked upon the reward and has resulted in a team whose morale is high and a staff who are proud of their school.*" As always, to be recognised for our joint efforts makes everyone feel incredibly proud and I am grateful for everyone who makes our school so successful. You may notice a new logo appearing on letters soon and of course a tweet once the certificate is presented. Thank you.

Charity Fundraising

Many parents and wider families thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas performances this year, ranging from our Tiptoe Nativity performed by the EYFS, Christmas with the Aliens from Y1 & 2 and of course the alternative Cosy Christmas from the Year 3 class. A huge thank you to all of those wonderful and generous donations to the Samaritans in Derby this year and we are delighted to announce that through your support, we managed to raise a very respectful £168.50.

January Fitness Classes - Boot Camp & Zumba!

January is historically that month of the year when many of us make resolutions with the belief that the next year will finally be the time when we get back in to shape. Well, perhaps 2019 could be the year that you finally manage to stick to these resolutions. 2019 will not allow you to make any more excuses as the school facilities will be used, starting on Monday 14th January 2019 for a new Boot Camp Fitness Class. The times are 6:30pm-7:30pm, every Monday from then on - £5 per session or £40 for 10 weeks (first session is free). There is a Facebook page that has all of the information on - hilltop fitness & therapy. Please contact Claire John on [07903377971](tel:07903377971) if you would like to book but this isn't essential.

Don't forget that all this is in addition to the Zumba classes which will be starting up again on Thursday 10th January. Perhaps 2019 will finally remove all those excuses that you have found for too long!

What? No Homework?

As many of you are no doubt aware, the school changed its homework policy this academic year, considering the viewpoints of our children, parents and wider expectations. Children are now provided with just one piece of formal homework a week in the shape of either English or Maths but still with the expectation of reading, spelling and tables practise. However, we recognise that many families are incredibly busy over the Christmas holidays and therefore,

when you ask your child if they have any homework and they reply, "No" then they are in fact telling you the truth! Of course, please encourage reading during the Christmas break (the children may wish to have a go at Mr Adams' Winter Reading Challenge) but we would like you all to enjoy a more relaxing break without any additional tasks of homework to get in the way of celebrations, sales shopping or indeed enjoying those precious family times!



Try and complete 10 activities on this sheet. Each activity should last for about 20 minutes. Colour in the square when you have completed it and get an adult to sign it.

Read at 3 O' Clock.	Wear gloves while you read.	Read on Christmas Eve.	Read to your teddy.	Read in the car.
Read to a family member.	Read before you brush your teeth.	Read whilst you eat a snack.	Read under the covers.	On Christmas Day, read before you open your presents.
Read on the sofa.	Read on Boxing Day.	Read to a pet.	Read a new book.	Read a page from a magazine or newspaper.
Read whilst wearing a Christmas jumper.	Wear a hat while you read.	Read on New Year's Day.	Read before you go to bed.	Read before you eat your breakfast.

PFA Fashion Show – 4th February 2019

A NEW event is being held on Monday 4th February 2019, so please look out for details in the New Year. This is an opportunity for you to buy high street clothing at a reduced rate, with a percentage of the proceeds going towards the school. **ASK CAROLINE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Mr Attwood's Holiday Camp

For those of you who have yet to make plans for childcare once the new year comes around, Mr Attwood will be running his sports camp from 2nd January to the 4th January 2019. Don't worry if you have yet to book on this or indeed are just not sure currently. Mr Attwood is easy to contact regarding making a booking so if you would like to get in touch, drop him a text or call and he will ensure provision is made. To contact him, please text or call: 07800812039.

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Bonnie H	
Year 1	Evelina K	
Year 2	Basri H	
Year 3	Pia P	
Year 4	Rocco G	
Year 5	Ethan C	
Year 6	Samaiyah A	

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points w/e 21.12.18	92	103	69	92
Position	2 nd Joint 3 Pts	1 st - 4 Pts	4 th - 1 Point	2 nd Joint 3 Pts
Second half Autumn term	17	23	12	19
Running Total	40	64	37	43

Congratulations to the Rosliston Team – Your reward for coming top will be to wear non uniform on Friday 11th January 2019. Please wear something 'Green'. Well Done!

Spring Term 2019 – Dates for your Diary

Event	Date and Time
School re-opens for the Spring Term	Tuesday 8 th January 2019
EYFS Fashion Assembly for EYFS parents	Friday 11 th January 2019
Bootcamp begins	Monday 14 th January 2019
ESSP Netball Tournament	Thursday 17 th January 2019
Y6 Class Assembly	Thursday 24 th January 2019
Young Voices Concert – NEC	Friday 25 th January 2019
PFA Fashion Show – 6.30 – 8.30pm	Monday 4 th February 2019
Years 4&5 Parents French Meeting – 6.00pm	Thursday 7 th February 2019
Spring Term parents evening – 4.00 – 7.00pm	Monday 11 th February 2019
Spring Term parents evening – 4.00 – 7.00pm	Wednesday 13 th February 2019
Nursery applications for admissions closing date.	Thursday 14 th February 2019
School closes for half term holidays	Friday 15 th February 2019