



Shobnall Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Friday 1st December 2017

The festive feel is beginning to flow through the school as our creative and wonderful Learning Support Assistants have been busy this week beginning to decorate the school to its usual high standard. The tree, stable scene and post-box are all fully set up and please can I remind you to ensure that the children use the postal system in school to reduce the amount of lost cards and lost lesson times when pupils hand them out in class. Please feel free to pop in to our entrance hall and show any pre-school children the stable scene, you are very welcome.

Year 6 French Assembly

We were treated to a wonderful performance this week by our extremely talented Y6 pupils. We were taken back in time to an almost exact re-enactment of the French Revolution and the role of Napoleon and all this was beautifully narrated by Mark and his amazing French accent. We also saw plenty of details about the French trip to Normandy and Hamzah's French was incredible – he spoke almost entirely in French (although I'm not too sure about his jokes!) Thank you to Mr Adams and the Y6 pupils – it was a real treat! We are all now looking forward to next week and the Y5 class assembly on a similar theme.

Academy Progress

This week we welcomed Mr Mike Donoghue, the CEO from the John Taylor Multi-Academy Trust (JTMAT). It was his first opportunity to see the school and the children working and he was incredibly impressed with behaviour, manners, attitudes to learning in all classes and he was amazed by the quality of work in the books. As a school, we are currently gathering evidence and documents required by the JTMAT and we hope to submit these before the end of January. The current timeframe for conversion is around April/May although I will continue to keep you all posted. We also learnt that two other local schools will also be joining the JTMAT this year also and we are very excited about formalising stronger links with each other. As always, if you have any questions, do ask me. I am always available on the school door each and every morning in KS1 apart from Fridays where I open the KS2 door.

PFA Christmas Fair

The PFA will be throwing open our doors at 3.30pm next Friday for the annual Christmas Fair and we would love to see as many of our families as possible at this event. Remember that the day itself will be non-school uniform and the fine for this is that pupils in KS1 are to bring a chocolate item and in KS2 a bottle. In addition to this, I know that requests have been made for good condition books, games and toys so do please help our wonderful team. In addition to this, raffle tickets will be on sale all next week, each and every morning in the KS1 playground with £100 cash as 1st prize alongside other fantastic treats.

School Council News



Over the past few weeks the School Council have been working hard to design a new 'Behaviour Policy', written by the children for all the children in school. Class School Council Members have been collecting the views from children in their classes and collating all ideas in a clear way, for everyone to understand, from the youngest children in our school right up to children in Year 6.

Today the draft policy has been finalised. The School Council are very proud of their efforts and would like to share it with you, see attachment to the newsletter.

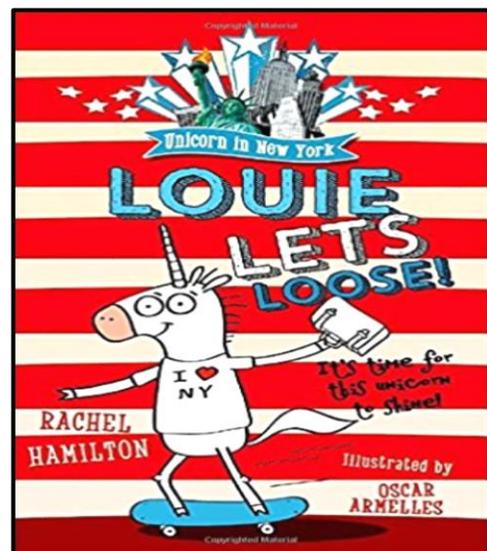
Reading Corner

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

Unicorn in New York: Louie Lets Loose!

Written by Rachel Hamilton
Published by Oxford University Press

Louie's struggling to fit in at the New York School of Performing Arts, despite having the best roommates ever. But with the help of his new friends, Louie steps up to put on a performance the other students will never forget! A brilliant tale of friendship and adapting to a new school that will keep even the most reluctant reader entertained.



Team Points

Week Ending 01.12.2017	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points	2	4	1	3
Autumn 2 nd Half Term Sub Total	12	15	6	17
YEAR RUNNING TOTAL	39	39	21	43

Head Teacher Assembly Awards

Reception	Amelia A	Zahra K
Year 1	Amira H	Kaden P
Year 2	Safi S	Cruz AS
Year 3	Hussein QD	Jack M
Year 4	Francesca E	Scarlet S
Year 5	Laiba K	Isla J
Year 6	Malaika A	Hamzah Y
		Damian E

Gritting Around School

The following arrangements are put in place to minimise the risk to pupils, staff and visitors to school during the winter months when the temperature has fallen below freezing and so there is a possibility of frost, ice or maybe snow.

A path from both Shobnall Road pupil entrances to all school entrances is cleared and ramps are regarded as a priority. A path will also be cleared to the archway where lunch boxes are stored, from both KS1 and KS2 entrances. These paths will be treated with grit/salt to maintain them. Any routes/paths around school that are deemed to be too dangerous will be taken out of circulation, which may result in one of the entrances in/out of school being temporarily closed in extreme weather conditions. We ask that parents ensure their children use these cleared walkways at the start and end of the school day, before and after the school bell, when parents are responsible for them.

Rest assured that if playgrounds cannot be cleared and remain slippery due to compacted snow or ice, we will decide whether it best for pupils to take their break-times indoors.

All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that the school remains open as normal.

Dates for your diary

Event	Date and Time
Choir "Winter Wonderland" Hill Street 7.00 pm	Tuesday 5 December 2017
Year 5 Class Assembly 9.15 am	Wednesday 6 December 2017
Non Uniform Day all pupils - Fine to be Chocolate for EYFS/KS1 and a bottle for KS2	Friday 8 December 2017
PFA Christmas Fair 3.30 – 6.00 pm	Friday 8 December 2017
Christingle Service for all pupils & staff	Monday 11 December 2017 9.15 am
Foundation Stage Nativity 9.15 am	Tuesday 12 December 2017
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Year 3 Christmas Performance	Thursday 14 December 9.15am
Whole School visit to Lichfield Garrick Theatre to see a performance of "Aladdin"	Friday 15 December 8.45 am
Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performances	Monday 18 December 9.15am AND 2.00pm
Christmas Lunch for all pupils	Tuesday 19 December 2017
School Breaks up for Christmas Holiday	Tuesday 19 December 2017 at 3.30pm
Mr Attwood's Holiday Camp	Wednesday 20 – Friday 22 December
School closed to pupils Christmas Holiday	Wednesday 20 December 2017