



Shobnall Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Friday 7th September 2018

A very warm welcome back to all of our parents and carers, it has been wonderful being able to catch up with many of you whilst I have been on duty each morning this week. The children have returned to school full of life and it was lovely to be able to greet both existing pupils and new ones to our school. I do hope that you all managed to enjoy some degree of quality family time together, although I couldn't help but notice the extra spring in the step of many of our parents as they dropped their children back to school after the six-week break! Please be aware that I am always on duty each morning on the Key Stage 1 playground except Mondays where I will be on Key Stage 2 door duty. In addition to this, Mr Adams will be available on the KS1 door each Monday morning. Should you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can address matters immediately – this is why both Mr Adams and I make sure we are available!

Parking Considerations

Many of you know of my frustrations with regards to a small minority of parents and taxi firms who are not always as courteous as they could be when dropping off children in the morning. I would like to start the year as we mean to go on and take this opportunity to remind you of the excellent parking facilities available at the Albion pub. Should you not use the pub to park and drop off and if you are to use the road, please can I ask all parents to consider our neighbours and avoid blocking driveways at all costs. In addition to this, please could I ask you to avoid mounting the pavement as you pull alongside the road - we had *three* near misses last year alone! Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Diary Dates

As a school, we believe that sharing crucial dates with you well in advance of an event is important, due to many of our parents having working commitments. Therefore, please keep a close eye on this newsletter and make a note on your calendar of any relevant dates as soon as possible. One of the events that was extremely popular with our families last year was the class assembly so we have made sure that these dates have been set for your benefit already:

Year Group	Date (All assemblies start at 9.15 a.m.)
Nursery	Thursday 13 th June 2019
Reception	Thursday 11 th April 2019
Year 1	Thursday 27 th June 2019
Year 2	Thursday 4 th April 2019
Year 3	Thursday 25 th October 2018
Year 4	Thursday 31 st January 2019
Year 5	Thursday 28 th March 2019
Year 6	Thursday 24 th January 2019

Inset Dates

You may remember last year that I shared with you all of the INSET days for this academic year. This helps all of our families to consider child care which I know can be challenging. Do keep an eye out for letters from Mr Attwood during the course of the year. He is aware of all our INSET dates as well as holidays and is planning to run holiday clubs during these INSET days to support busy families.

Below is the list of school term dates. You will notice that a new addition has now been included for the 7th January 2019. This is a training day now agreed by the John Taylor MAT for all schools within and therefore the school will also be closed to pupils on this date. Mr Attwood is hoping to run a holiday club on this date however.

Autumn Term 2018

INSET Day: Friday 26 October 2018 (*School closed to pupils*)
Half Term: Monday 29 October – Friday 2 November 2018
INSET Day: Monday 5 November 2018 (*School closed to pupils*)
Term ends: Friday 21 December 2018

Spring Term 2019:

INSET Day: Monday 7 January 2019 (*School closed to pupils*)
Term starts: Tuesday 8 January 2019
Half Term: Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February 2019
Term ends: Friday 12 April 2019

Summer Term 2019:

Term starts: Monday 29 April 2019
Half Term: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May 2019
INSET Day: Monday 3 June 2019 (*School closed to pupils*)
Term ends: Friday 19 July 2019
INSET Day: Monday 22 July 2019 (*School closed to pupils*)

Meet the Teacher

This event has now become an annual one in our school calendar and has proved a real hit with a number of parents. So, we have planned for this event to take place on Tuesday 11th September at 3.30pm, for Year 1 - 6 inclusive.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide parents with an opportunity for you to pop in to school, have a chat with your child's teacher, learn a little more about this year's learning and new curriculum and ask any questions that you may have.

Please do try and attend this informal meeting when you pick up your child next week.

Reading Corner

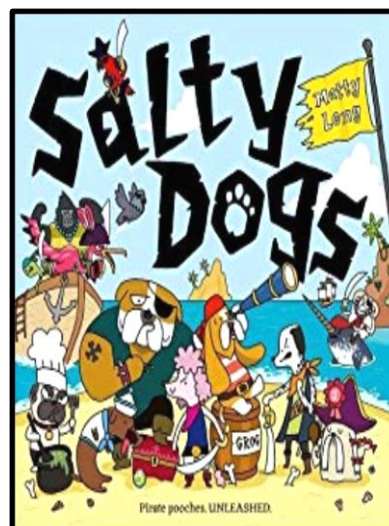
This week's recommended read is for children aged 6 – 7...

Salty Dogs

Written by Matty Long

Published by Oxford University Press

The Salty Dogs, one of five pirate gangs in the Pirate Islands, are sailing for Crossbone Island in search of treasure. Unfortunately, the Sea Monkeys are there already! Yet when the treasure is unearthed, it's clear that only the Salty Dogs will like it. Cartoon-style illustration, funny signage and pirate puns will keep children entertained for ages.



Head Teacher Assembly Awards

Year 1	Millie C	Joseph W
Year 2	Chaanakya S	Eva W
Year 3	Imaan M	Anaya A
Year 4	Tristian L	Haidar A
Year 5	Whole class for a super start to the new Academic Year	
Year 6	Amber W	Freya C

Team Points – First Half of Autumn Term 2018

Autumn 2019	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points for w/e 7/9/18	62	69	69	62
Position	Joint 2 nd (3pts)	Joint 1 st (4pts)	Joint 1 st (4pts)	Joint 2 nd (3pts)
Points for first Half of Autumn Term 2018	3	4	4	3
Accumulated Score Whole Year	3	4	4	3

Autumn Term 2018 – Dates for your Diary

Event	Date and Time
Nursery 'Helping Your Child at home meeting'	Monday 10 th September 2018 – 11.15 am
Year 5 swimming Meadowside Leisure	Tuesday 11 th September 2018
Reception 'Helping Your Child at home meeting'	Tuesday 11 th September 2018 – 2.30 pm
Meet the Teacher meeting (optional Y1-Y6)	Tuesday 11 th September 2018 – 3.30 pm
Extra-curricular clubs begin for 4 weeks	W/b 17 th September 2018
Whole School Individual Photographs	Tuesday 18 th September 2018 – All day
Parents Evening	Monday 15 th October – 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Parents Evening	Wednesday 17 th October – 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Last day of school before half term	Thursday 25 th October 2018
School closed to pupils – Inset Day	Friday 26th October 2018
Half Term Holiday	Friday 26th October to Monday 5th November, inclusive
Term Starts for second Half Autumn Term	Tuesday 6 th November 2018