



# Shobnall Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

A very warm welcome back to school after our summer break and I really do hope you have managed to enjoy quality family time together over the past month or so. It is wonderful to be able to welcome back so many familiar faces and of course so many new faces to our school this week, during my time on the Key Stage 1 & 2 playgrounds in the morning. I'm sure that you are all just about back into the daily routine of the school run now after four days back and huge thanks to all of our parents who have supported the school's implementation of the new tie into our uniform policy. The children look absolutely fabulous in their ties and if you have yet to purchase them, do ask at the school office and the ladies will be more than happy to help.



### School Ethos Statement

As a school, we have chosen to update and amend our previous Ethos Statement and bring it into line with current recommendations. Many of you are no doubt aware that schools often have a short, easily memorable statement which reflect the values and principles of their school. Therefore, to match the school's new Improvement Plan, the staff have created our new statement; "Happy Children, Inspired Learners". Each class has spent time this week discussing what this statement might mean and interpreting the messages behind it. Please ask your child about this statement and some of the discussions which have been had in class. We will be looking at promoting this statement over the year. Attached to this newsletter is some of the work and discussions that the Year 3 class have had.

### Diary Dates

As a school, we believe that sharing crucial dates with you all, well in advance of the event, is so important as many of our parents do have working responsibilities. Therefore, please keep a close eye on this newsletter on a weekly basis and do please make a note on your calendar or diary as soon as possible. Some of the events that were extremely popular with our families last year were class assemblies and performances so we have made sure that we have set these dates for your benefit already:

Year Group	Date (All assemblies start at 9.15 a.m.)
Nursery	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Graduation!
Reception	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Year 1	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Year 2	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Year 3	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018
Year 4	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2017
Year 5	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
Year 6	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2017

## Year 5 and 6 French Trip

Excitement is building in our two upper classes as it is only a matter of weeks before the children head away on a fabulous trip to Normandy, France. Please can I remind all parents of our Y5 & 6 children that the European Health cards **MUST** be handed in by next Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September. Additionally, can I remind you that if your child is going to France then it is imperative that parents attend the final meeting packed full of information on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 6.00pm in the school hall.**



## Meet the Teacher

This event was added to our calendar last year and proved a real hit with a number of our parents. Therefore, we have planned for this event to take place on next Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm, for Year 1 and 3 – 6 inclusive. . Please note that the Year 2 meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> due to Mr Gordon's other commitments. 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 raise any queries that you may have. Please do try and attend this informal meeting when you pick up your child next week.

## Team Points

Each week, we join together for a whole-school assembly to celebrate the children's achievements both in and out of the classroom. However, this year we will be looking to motivate the children further in terms of their own team points. We will be keeping a point tally of all team points given out during the week and the winning team at the end of each half term will be allowed to wear non - school uniform on an agreed date. Watch this space for updates on the team scores. Mr Attwood and Mrs Welch will also be looking into plans for inter-school sporting competitions during this year.

## New Curriculum Launch Days

No doubt many of you will have seen on the school Twitter account and of course the website that the teachers in some of our classes have been designing and promoting the new school curriculum through a series of exciting and inspirational launch days. These have included French food tasting, an American flight experience on board Attwood Airlines, US food tasting as well as experiencing passport control. Key stage 1 will be having their own Superhero day next week to ignite the enthusiasm of the children. Do keep an eye out for some of our superheroes next week! On my travels around the school, it certainly looks like the children (and staff) enjoyed these sessions and have these have definitely inspired our children to get started on the new projects.



## Head Teacher Assembly Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Awarded to the whole class for being such superstars this week!	
<b>Year 1</b>	Joshua McG	Kayden P
<b>Year 2</b>	Harry F	George P
<b>Year 3</b>	Zoe C	Archie W
<b>Year 4</b>	Umair K	Lewis T
<b>Year 5</b>	Lewis C	Bisma R
<b>Year 6</b>	Bethia P	Charlie F

## Lunchtime Star Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Isabelle K
<b>Year 1</b>	Elise K
<b>Year 2</b>	Reshaye B
<b>Year 3</b>	Martyna B
<b>Year 4</b>	Zeb S
<b>Year 5</b>	Lewis C
<b>Year 6</b>	Sulaiman A



## Autumn Term 2017 – Dates for your diary

Event	Date and Time
Nursery 'Helping Your Child at home meeting'	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 – 11.15 am
Year 5 swimming Meadowside Leisure	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
Reception 'Helping Your Child at home meeting'	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 – 2.45 pm
Meet the Teacher meeting (optional Y1, Y3-Y6)	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September – 3.30 pm
Meet the Teacher meeting Year 2 only	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September – 3.30 pm
PFA Meet, Greet & Join Afternoon Tea	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September – 3.30 pm
Extra-curricular clubs begin for 4 weeks	W/b 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
Whole School Individual Photographs	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 – All day
France Parents Meeting for final arrangements	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2017 – 6.00 pm
Years 5 & 6 French trip	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
Parents Evening	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October – 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Parents Evening	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October – 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Last day of school before half term	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
<b>School closed to pupils</b>	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b>