



Shobnall Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Friday 13th January 2017

The children and staff have all returned to the normality of the daily routine now and the learning opportunities in class have been wide and varied as always. It was great to see so many parents in school on Wednesday morning, supporting their children during the Year 5 class assembly. Mr Gardner's class prepared and presented the assembly which focussed on homelessness and certainly gave the children an insight into how lucky they are, in terms of having a lovely home and a loving family to return to each and every evening.

School Website

As many of you have realised, the school website has been inaccessible recently due to an unfortunate virus. As a result of this, the school has been completely rebuilding our website, changing its appearance and hopefully making it more user friendly. In fact, the new site looks nothing like previously and once launched, you will notice that the navigation methods are a little easier to locate key information. Of course, feedback is always welcome and if you would like to offer us any further suggestions then we are of course always open to ideas. The main element which has changed is that the "Latest News" section has gone and has been replaced by the school Twitter account. For those of you who don't use social media, this way you will now be able to see all the activities going on in school almost on a daily basis and keep up to date with all current information.

Key Stage 1 Grass Area

Most of you will have noticed that the grass area adjacent to the Key Stage 1 building and hall has been sitting idle for a while now although some rather strange metal poles have been sticking out of the ground with string! This week, Mrs Farrington and I met a company who has begun to work on a design which closely mirrors Skye's in Year 2 (as displayed in the entrance hall) and we are hoping for this area to undergo a significant transformation during the spring term. Watch 'that' space!

EYFS – PHSE Week

I must apologise to our EYFS staff as this write up was intended to be included in last week's newsletter but due to various reasons, it failed to make it. This paragraph is based on the work completed by our Nursery and Reception children when they first returned after the Christmas break.



The Nursery and Reception children have had an action packed week learning about different garden birds and how to care for them. On Thursday we had a visit from Dave Lummis, who works for a support group for the RSPB in Burton. The children were fascinated to hear about the many different birds that frequent our gardens and what we can feed them during the cold winter months. We were thrilled to receive a bird identification book and set of posters, which will certainly help with our future bird spotting in school. Many thanks Dave, for this kind contribution.

The children have had the opportunity of making their own representations of birds using a range of media, have explored real bird nests and a range of eggs and have created their own feeding stations. The children have even turned their hand to a spot of carpentry and have helped to make some nesting boxes which will be placed around our Forest School area. We look forward to seeing if our handy work has paid off!

Themed Lunch Day – On Thursday 19th January 2017 the kitchen are going a ‘Drive Thru’ lunch, with golden tickets for lucky winners. Menu will be sent by text next week.

Head Teacher Assembly Awards

Reception	Ameen A	Bethan P
Year 1	Florence W	Adam C
Year 2	Sienna S	Sophie T
Year 3	Ethan-Lee C	Joseph B
Year 4	Casper P	Zoya K
Year 5	Alfie K	Hajrah H
Year 6	Ethan W	Aaron W

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Ameen A
Year 1	Florence T
Year 2	Haniya N
Year 3	Harley H
Year 4	Benjamin D
Year 5	Zakia I
Year 6	Liam C



Spring Term 2017 – Dates for your diary

Event	Date and Time
Swimming Lessons re-start Meadowside Leisure Centre for Year 5	Tuesday 17 th January 2017
PFA Meeting	Wednesday 18 th January 2017 3.30pm
Final Young Voices Tuesday practise	Tuesday 24 th January 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Vision Screening – Reception Class	Thursday 26 th January 9.15am
Young Voices Concert – NEC, Birmingham	Monday 30 th January – leaving around 12.15 pm – 10.00 pm
Internet Safety Day	Tuesday 7 th February 2017
Year 6 Height and Weight Check	Tuesday 7 th February 2017
Year 4 Class Assembly	Thursday 9 th February 2017 9.15am
Whole school Parent’s Evening	Monday 13 th February 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Whole school Parent’s Evening	Wednesday 15 th February 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Break up for half term	Friday 17 th February 2017 - 3.30pm