



## Shobnall Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

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I think that for the first time this year, this week has been an incredibly settled and dare I say it, quiet one. This is due to the fact that there has been no sporting events or extra-curricular meetings held in which the children have been involved in and as I look forward over the next few weeks, this will certainly change considerably. Therefore, as I have travelled around the school this week, I have had the pleasure of learning a little bit more about what our children are studying currently in class.

**Nursery** – The children in our Nursery have been studying different Super Heroes and have enjoyed playing in the “Bat Cave” created by our wonderful Early Years Team. In addition to this the children have been reading ‘Supertato’ and have been creating their own models of this supermarket hero. Please check out our twitter account for photographs of the exciting work being produced.

**Year 2** children have enjoyed an exciting week and Mr Gordon has been using Purple Mash, a new computing scheme which the school has purchased to develop the children’s IT skills. It was great to see the children utilising our netbooks to further their skills. In addition to this, the children have experienced a practical week and have been using scales to weigh different everyday objects.

**Year 3** have continued to develop their understanding of water and the importance of such a resource. On Wednesday Year 3 had a special visitor from Water Aid. Mr Ward taught us all about the great work Water Aid does and we learnt some amazing new facts all about water, hygiene and countries in need.

**Year 4’s** learning has focused around extreme natural events this week, with the children researching events such as earthquakes and volcanoes. The children have used the iPads to create an information leaflet, on Purple Mash, to display their knowledge. This topic will also link to our letter writing unit in English, as the children will be writing a letter to a loved one pretending that they have survived a natural disaster whilst on holiday!

**Year 6** children have begun to focus more on the forth-coming SATS and thinking about techniques and strategies which should be employed to help and support them in these tests. Mr Adams has begun to split the class into different groups and this has allowed for more targeted teaching and provision. I have been fortunate enough to work with one of the groups and this team teaching approach to learning will be employed now through until May.

**PFA Meeting** - Our PFA met this week to evaluate the success of the events run this year and to establish future dates and events. As mentioned in previous correspondence, the school is looking to completely redesign the Key Stage 2 library and the funding for such an initiative is hopefully to be raised by our PFA. For your diaries, the following events have been planned: Easter Bingo, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 this will also be the date for our Non-Uniform day. We are also looking at organizing an Adult Quiz Night to hopefully be held at Marston’s Sports and Social Club on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017 with teams of up to four. If you are interested please could you speak to any PFA member to register your interest.

**Young Voices** - Next Tuesday will be the last choir practise on a Tuesday evening in preparation for the Young Voices concert at the NEC, Birmingham. We are all very excited about this event on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January and I look forward to sharing our experiences from this fabulous opportunity in a couple of weeks. Please note that choir with Mr Mansfield will continue on Fridays after this date.

### **Top Award for the School**

No doubt many of you will have read the article in the Burton Mail this week regarding the fact that we have been recognised as one of the top performing schools nationally and certainly locally. The results reveal that Shobnall Primary School is the highest performing in the Burton area - and the only school in the vicinity appearing in Staffordshire's top 10. The school is third in the county table. This also places the school as the 157<sup>th</sup> best primary in the entire UK out of just under 15,000 schools. Whilst the staff are absolutely delighted with this, credit must undoubtedly also go to both you, as parents and also the current and previous children at the school. This reward recognises the true team ethic and values of the whole school family and I am incredibly proud to be able to work with each and every one of you to ensure that our provision for your children remains as effective and of such a high standard as is physically possible.

### **Head Teacher Assembly Awards**

<b>Reception</b>	Bethan P	Ben B
<b>Year 1</b>	Amina K	Adam C
<b>Year 2</b>	Archie W	Rocco G
<b>Year 3</b>	Alika A	Olivia R
<b>Year 4</b>	Amber W	Kian G
<b>Year 5</b>	Antoni T	Sam F
<b>Year 6</b>	Aoife M	Danny B

### **Themed Lunch Golden Ticket Winners**

	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Prize</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Prize</b>
<b>Reception</b>	Alexander H	Book	Rosie E	Soft Toy
<b>Year 1</b>	Stephen C	Book	Pia P	Soft Toy
<b>Year 2</b>	Jack W	Bubble Sword	Hettie B	Free Jubbly for a week
<b>Year 3</b>	Joseph B	Bubble Sword	Amelia L	Sweets
<b>Year 4</b>	Zakariyah H	Felt tip pens	Daisy T	Chocolate
<b>Year 5</b>	Safiya N	Free Jubbly for a week	Zaki A	Free Jubbly for a week
<b>Year 6</b>	Leo W	Sweets	Olivia G	Sweets

### **Spring Term 2017 – Dates for your diary**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>
Swimming Lessons Meadowside Leisure Centre for Year 5	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Final Young Voices Tuesday practise	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 3.30pm – 4.30 pm
Vision Screening – Reception Class	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 9.15 am
Young Voices Concert – NEC, Birmingham	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January – leaving around 12.15 pm – 9.00 pm
Internet Safety Day	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
Year 6 Height and Weight Check	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
Year 4 Class Assembly	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 9.15am
Non Uniform Day	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
Whole school Parent's Evening	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Whole school Parent's Evening	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Break up for half term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 - 3.30pm
Mother's Day Lunches (More details to follow)	Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
Non Uniform Day	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
PFA Bingo	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
YMCA – Pyjama Day/Parents Coffee Morning	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2017