



**Shobnall Primary School**

**Newsletter**



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Dear Parents,

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The countdown is on for the Year 5 and 6 French trip, commencing on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October and the excitement is certainly building. For the small proportion of pupils who are unable to attend, they too will be participating in an action-packed French themed week which we will be unveiling to these children early next week. I know that the teachers in Years 5 & 6 have been busy cramming in last minute French lessons, in order to support and prepare our children for what promises to be a fabulous week away. As I sit in my office, typing this, I can hear Miss Barker delivering her French and it is wonderful to hear the Year 4 children's responses to her requests!!!

The calendar really seems to be filling up quickly and our children are now more involved in sport than ever before, Mr Attwood has also been attending Handball training this week, ready to deliver this sport in our curriculum and even entering a competition scheduled for later on in the school year. As you will see below, the school continues to be active and we have participated in the Multi-skills festival and also Dove Valley Football League this week which continues to show that we aim to provide such competitive opportunities.

### **Year 2 – Multi-Skills Experience**

This morning Year 2 had a fantastic time at the multi-sports festival! The children had the opportunity to enjoy and practice their catching, throwing, running and dancing. A big well done to all the Year 2 children who were excellently behaved and represented the school in a superb manner.



### **School Photographs**

Please return your photograph orders by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at the latest.

***Please remember that late orders are subject to an additional charge by Tempest Photography.***

## **Harvest Festival Supporting the YMCA**

Next Thursday, the children will be celebrating our Harvest Festival assembly at St. Aidan's Church where we come together as a school family to talk about Harvest and say "Thank You" for the food and clothes that we have. Each year, we like to support a local charity with donations of either money or food to support those children, adults and families who are less fortunate than us. Therefore, please could I ask if you could make a small donation to our Harvest Festival by sending your child in to school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October with a tin or packet of food. We will once again be supporting the YMCA charity who will come and collect the donations later on during that day.

In addition to this, should anyone else be interested in supporting the YMCA further, then they are planning a 'Sleep Out' event once again on November 11<sup>th</sup> where people are encouraged to sign up and spend a night in a cardboard box so that others don't have to. If you are interested in this, please log on to: <http://www.burtonymca.org/sleep-out/>

## **Parents Evening**

Please check your child's book bag on Monday night for the Parents Evening slip. This is an important opportunity for all of our parents to come into school, meet your child's teacher and learn more about what the children have been learning about since the start of the year. Additionally, it may be a chance for you to ask questions and have a look in your child's books. Therefore, please can I urge you to return the slip at the earliest opportunity as frequently we chase up a significant number and end up allocating appointments based on times and days which are left and invariably parents then state that they can't meet that appointment.

## **Mr Mansfield – 25 Years!**

Next week sees our very own Mr Mansfield reach a historic milestone – he has been working with children at Shobnall School for 25 years! We will be having a small celebration in assembly next Wednesday and if you do happen to see him on Wednesday next week, do please congratulate him on this achievement – anyone who actually taught Mrs Sandhu deserves all the praise they receive!!!!

## **Key Stage 1 – We Need Your Help!!!**

You may remember last week that I mentioned that we are looking to improve the provision of reading books in our Key Stage 1 classrooms. We are now at the stage of transferring some of our reading books from the KS1 library into the class reading corners. However, before we can do this, these books need covering in transparent plastic to ensure the lifespan of these books is maximised. Therefore, Mrs Frost, our PFA chairperson, has kindly agreed to help with the organisation and preparation of these books. Mrs Frost is looking for volunteers to assist her in this task which she will be undertaking each and every afternoon next week, starting from Monday. If you feel that you are able to offer even just an hour of your time, then do please pop in to the school office to let them know or even speak to Caroline directly. We will put the kettle on and maybe dig out some of Mrs Foster's special biscuits!!!! Thank you in advance of any possible support you can offer the school.

## **Shobnall v Rolleston Football Match 28/9/17**

The football team played superbly against a very strong Rolleston side. Despite their best efforts the home side were unable to secure the three points on offer! There were stand out performances from Charlie F and Patryk B. Despite the loss the team played with determination and are looking forward to their next game.

## Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 8 and above...

### An Eagle In The Snow

Written by Michael Morpurgo

Published by Harper Collins

Barney is on a train with his mother when the journey grinds to a halt. A stranger in their cabin offers to tell the true story of a World War I soldier, who had a chance to kill a young Adolf Hitler, but let him go. But how does the stranger know so many personal details? A thought-provoking story that young history enthusiasts will welcome.



### Year 6

This week, Year 6 have had a visit from Mr Heath, a teacher in the Science Department at John Taylor High School. The children had a great time learning about electrical circuits and making their own burglar alarms. They even modelled how electrical particles move around a circuit by taking on the roles of particles, lamps and cells themselves!

Year 6 have also been writing Harvest poems and are looking forward to reading them out in church next Thursday.

*Fruit and wheat,  
Plenty to eat,  
Harvest is finally here!*

*Sing and dance,  
Giving thanks,  
Harvest is time for cheer!*

*Autumn leaves,  
Busy bees,  
Harvest is pretty near!*

*Farmers work,  
Digging through murk,  
Harvest is number one this year!*

**Ava Redfern, Year 6**

### Head Teacher Assembly Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Darcey G	Azaan W-M
<b>Year 1</b>	Luke W	Owais H
<b>Year 2</b>	Whole Class for their excellent work at the Multi Skills Festival	
<b>Year 3</b>	Aleeza H	Martyna B
<b>Year 4</b>	Arzu M	Joe D
<b>Year 5</b>	Ruby T	Izaak T
<b>Year 6</b>	Callum K	Spencer W

## Team Points

Week Ending 29.9.17	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points	3	1	2	4
<b>RUNNING TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>

## Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Maheen F	
Year 1	Alex H	
Year 2	Betsy W	
Year 3	Megan B	
Year 4	Noah J	
Year 5	Kian G	
Year 6	Malaika A	

## Considerate Parking

Please may I remind parents to have consideration for our local neighbours when parking outside school? ***Please do not block driveways or turn around in inappropriate places.*** Your co-operation with this would be appreciated.

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017

The children are invited to have a "Drive Thru" themed lunch at dinner time in the Hall. The menu will be; Hotdog in a Bun **OR** Quorn Hotdog in a Bun **OR** cheese and tomato pizza served with Hash Browns. Dessert will be a Muffin and the meal will be served with a drink.

## Autumn Term 2017 – Dates for your diary

Event	Date and Time
Extra-curricular clubs continue, Week 3	W/b 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2017
Harvest Festival Please remember your food contributions for the local YMCA	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October
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>