



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"You do not find the happy life. You make it."

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a very busy, full week here at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School! The school curriculum is well and truly underway and the children have been fully immersed in their learning, which you can see for yourselves from looking through our Twitter page [@shobnallprimary](https://twitter.com/shobnallprimary)! As a school, we have also been evaluating and developing our school vision in order to move the school forward on the next phase of its journey. Our vision is:

"To be an excellent school, where outstanding practice, equality and well-being are at the heart of all that we do – our school has happy children who are inspired learners.

We endeavour to ensure that our young people are independent and fully prepared for life in the 21st century."



I thought it important to share this with you and if you would like to explore the rationale behind our vision, please visit the school website for more information at <https://shobnallprimaryschool.co.uk/vision-aims-values/>. The website contains a wealth of content, so if there is anything you need clarifying, it can usually be found on there.

Thank you to all parents for helping make this week a safe and enjoyable one too. Please refer to the key documentation that is available on the [Covid-19 Info](#) page on the school website if you need to. We hope that you have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you again on Monday!

Meet the Teacher – Tuesday 14 September 2021

We are really looking forward to welcoming parents into school on Tuesday for our first face-to-face 'Meet the Teacher' event in some time! This will take place in your child's classroom on **Tuesday 14 September** at 3.30pm, for **Years 1 - 6** inclusive. The children will meet their parents on the playground at the end of the day and will take you to their classroom. The purpose of this meeting is to not only 'meet the teacher', but to provide you with an opportunity to learn a little more about the expectations for the year, learning opportunities and curriculum. In addition to this, **Nursery** parents have been invited to a meeting at **11.00am** and **Reception** parents have been invited to a meeting at 2.30pm. There will be hand sanitiser available and you are welcome to wear a face covering if you choose. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!



School Photographs

On **Thursday 16 September**, all children will have their individual photograph taken for our school records. Families within school can also have a joint photograph taken this year, should you wish to purchase this. Parents who wish to have pre-school children included should arrive at school at **8.30am** so that your little ones can have their photograph taken with their siblings.

Nursery Admissions

We currently have one place available in our school nursery. If you wish to apply, please download an application form from <https://shobnallprimaryschool.co.uk/admissions-procedures/> and email to the school office at shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 24 September 2021

We are delighted to announce that the Wellbeing Team at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School will be holding a **Macmillan Coffee Morning** in the school hall on **Friday 24 September** from **9.15 to 11.00am**. Cake donations are warmly welcome from Thursday 23 September in preparation. Please send all donations to the office.

The past two years have been difficult with various restrictions in place but we are very much looking forward to seeing many parents in school on that morning to raise money.

There will be a variety of cakes on sale with tea and coffee also available, which will be served by our Wellbeing Champions (the pupils who represent each class).



PFA Meeting – Wednesday 22 September 2021

The PFA will meet for the first time this year on **Wednesday 22 September** at **3.30pm** in the **Year 6 classroom**. If you are interested in joining us, please do come along. Everyone is welcome! Alternatively, if you are unable to attend the meeting and would still like to get involved as a volunteer by helping out at events, please inform the school office who will forward your contact details on to the yet-to-be-appointed Chair, who will be voted in at the meeting. If you are interested in putting

your name forward for this role, please catch Mr Adams on the gate and he will talk to you a little more about what is involved. We also have a vacancy for Secretary, which may also be a role that interests you. A number of events have already been pencilled in to the school calendar (these can be found on the diary dates at the end of the newsletter) and projects have been assigned as a focus for the fundraising – more details on these to follow! It's great to be able to get the PFA going again and we can't wait to get started!

Parent Volunteers!

Now that restrictions are easing, we would love to welcome some parent volunteers into school to help support our pupils with their learning! Initially, we are hoping to encourage volunteers to come into school and help pupils with their reading as reading regularly to an adult has been shown to significantly increase the rate of progress that children can make. For safeguarding, we would need to ensure that all volunteers have an enhanced DBS check, which school would arrange should anyone wish to help. Please contact Mrs Foster in the school office by email at shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk if you are interested in volunteering. Alternatively, you can catch her on the gates in the morning if you would like to express your interest in person. Many thanks and we look forward to hearing from you.



Think Before You Park

It's the first full week back and the school run can be hectic. Staffordshire Police and their partners are urging parents and carers to park safely, considerately and legally around schools.



Over the next two weeks they are highlighting the need to be aware of pedestrians, other roads users and local residents when dropping your children off or picking them up from school. One way to ease congestion is that if you can't walk to school from your home consider parking further away from the school and walking the last five or 10 minutes.

There are rules on parking, make sure you aren't parking dangerously or causing issues for others. It's important that you do NOT park:

- on zig zags and double yellow lines
- in a way that blocks access for emergency vehicles
- opposite to or near to a junction
- on a bend
- near the brow of a hill
- near a school entrance, bus or tram stop
- over or on the driveway of a property
- over a dropped kerb
- on the pavement - this can cause problems for parents with prams, wheelchair or mobility scooter users and the elderly.
- on or near crossing points where a school crossing patrol operates, this can impede their view, making the crossing unsafe



Another common issue is drivers leaving their engine running when waiting for their children. Idling increases, the amount of exhaust fumes in the air and therefore reduces the air quality around the school where children are walking. Consider the environment and the health of the local community and turn the engine off when you're parked up.

This new school year make a resolution to be a #ParkingStar and think before you park. Residents living near to schools who have concerns or issues regarding parking can find further information on the Staffordshire County Council website [here](#).

School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*, which will continue this year! There is a box situated by the gate on the school car park for any parents who have items they wish to donate. Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box! Amy Roobottom continues sorting and collating this. As previously stated, if you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact the school office via shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.



Hot Lunch Options – 13 to 17 September 2021

Lunch options for the forthcoming week are:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans	Cheese, Ham or EGG Packed Lunch
Tuesday	Sausage & Mash (Pork)	Sausage & Mash (Quorn)	Cheese, Ham or Tuna Packed Lunch
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Fillet, Stuffing & Gray	Cheese, Ham or Tuna Packed Lunch
Thursday	Beef Chili & Rice	Veggie Chili & Rice	Cheese, Ham or Tuna Packed Lunch
Friday	Fish & Chips	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans	Cheese, Ham or Tuna Packed Lunch

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

Let's have a sneaky peek as to what has been going on in our classrooms this week...

Nursery

Nursery children have loved exploring their new learning environment this week and getting to meet new friends. They have enjoyed painting, role play, riding on the bikes and scooters, exploring small world lands and being creative with the playdough. For most children, this is their first time away from parents, so we are so proud with how they have coped during this important transition week.

Reception

The children in Reception have had a fantastic first week at school and we have been so proud of how well they have settled in.

They have enjoyed joining in with lots of exciting activities throughout the various areas of learning. They have had a great time taking part in group activities which have encouraged them to become more familiar with their new friends in the class. There was lots of fun and laughter as they took part in some parachute games and showed fantastic team work as they managed to bounce the teddy the whole way around the group!



The children have also enjoyed singing some of their favourite rhymes and sharing some fabulous books. We have been very impressed with their super listening and speaking skills.

As with our class routines the transition to the hall for lunchtime was a huge success as the children followed this very well and used wonderful manners as they collected and enjoyed their food.

We are very excited to begin for the children to begin their first full week in Reception next week!



Year 1

Year 1 have settled in wonderfully. This week we have been focusing on practising classroom routines and getting to know one another. In English we have been exploring the book 'Room on the broom' by the fantastic author Julia Donaldson. From this the children have worked in groups to design and build their own 'new and improved' broomsticks for the witch. In Maths we have been focusing on our numbers 1-10 and how we can represent them

in many different ways. In PSHE we have been exploring the objective feeling special and safe. For this we have placed names of all the children into balloons. Each morning we will pop a balloon and celebrate that individual by presenting them with a certificate, having a dance around them in a circle and finally they can be the leader of the line for the whole day. I cannot wait to continue to grow and learn alongside your children.

Year 2

What a fantastic week Year 2 have had! They have started off their Year 2 journey with enthusiasm and positivity and are tackling every new challenge and routine with a smile on their face. In Maths the children have started their learning on Place Value to 100 and have demonstrated a brilliant understanding of 10s

and 1s. In Music the children have been learning about 'The Carnival of the Animals'. They have appraised the 14 different pieces of music and written a short summary of their favourite piece which will be displayed in the KS1 corridor. In the afternoons the children have been learning about Materials in Science and have enjoyed exploring the classroom and outdoor areas and making scientific observations. Other exciting firsts have been the return of assemblies, eating in the hall and mixing with the other children in KS1 and EYFS!



introduce ourselves in different ways and engage in conversations in the context of introducing ourselves and discussing how we are feeling. Year 3 have settled fantastically this week, I am very excited for the year ahead – well done Year 3!

Year 4

Year 4 have started the new school year very well! The children have been working very hard on their presentation in Maths and English. We have been creating our own Willy Wonka chocolate bar in preparation for writing a recount next week which I'm already excited to read! The children have been looking at electricity and have had the opportunity to build circuits to see first-hand how electricity is generated.

Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed their first full week in school, getting used to new routines in a new classroom. The pupils have started learning about biographies and autobiographies which they have enjoyed. For their homework this week, the pupils have been asked to find out key facts about their early lives in preparation to write an autobiography.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic week this week! In maths, we have been learning about the place value of numbers up to 1,000 by representing numbers in place value grids. In English, we have been writing a recount of our favourite memory. It has been lovely sharing our special memories with our friends and teachers. We have started our French topic 'Getting to know you'. We have learnt

how to



The children have started learning about changes of materials in science and I am sure the children will enjoy taking part with the investigations later in the term.

Year 6

What a fantastic first full week in Year 6! The class have worked incredibly hard and set a great example for the younger pupils. In maths, we have been learning about the place value of numbers within 10,00,000. As part of our classic poetry unit in English, we have been analysing *The Tyger* by William Blake, studying the figurative language and purpose before comparing this to another one of his poems, *The Lamb*. During our afternoons, we have explored our topic, 'Victory Is Ours' based on World War Two, starting by ordering key events on a timeline and looking at various historical sources.



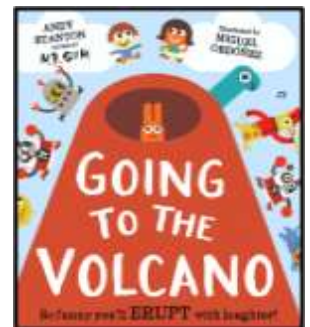
Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 4 – 5...

Going to the Volcano

Written by Andy Stanton

Dwayne is heading off with Jane to look at the volcano, they get a bit of a shock! This hilarious and anarchic picture book features a brilliant rhyming call-and-response format, which makes it ideal for reading aloud and will have children in fits of laughter.



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	EVERYONE!	
Year 1	Baaqir A	Alizah A
Year 2	Seb J	Jonah Y-M
Year 3	Flora P	Inayah A
Year 4	Amelia A	Oliver O
Year 5	Sophie M	Chaanakya S
Year 6	Anaya A	Finley D

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Fynn Mc
Year 1	Layla N
Year 2	Logan J
Year 3	Esmee G
Year 4	Amelia A
Year 5	Eva W
Year 6	Eva W

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 10.09.21)	113	72	97	98
Position	1 st – 4 Points	4 th – 1 Point	3 rd – 3 Points	2 nd – 3 Points
Running Total				

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Event	Date/Time
INSET Day	Wednesday 1 st September 2021
School Reopens for Pupils	Thursday 2 nd September 2021
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 22 nd October 2021
INSET Day	Monday 1 st November 2021
PFA Christmas Fair	Friday 3 rd December 2021
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 th December 2021
INSET Day	Friday 17 th December 2021
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Young Voices	Thursday 27 th January 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 18 th February 2022
INSET Day	Monday 28 th February 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 1 st March 2022
School Closes for Easter	Friday 8 th April 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 25 th April 2022
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 9 th May 2022 – Friday 13 th May 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 27 th May 2022
INSET Day	Monday 6 th June 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 7 th June 2022
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 8 th July 2022
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 20 th July 2022

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
Meet the Teacher	Tuesday 14 th September 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery – 11.00am • Reception – 2.30pm • Years 1 to 6 – 3.30pm
School Photographs	Thursday 16 th September 2021
PFA Meeting	Wednesday 22 nd September 2021
MacMillan Coffee Morning	Friday 24 th September 2021
Harvest	Monday 4 th October 2021
Parents' Evening	Monday 18 th October 2021 Wednesday 20 th October 2021
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 22 nd October 2021
INSET Day	Monday 1 st November 2021
School Re-Opens	Tuesday 2 nd November 2021
PFA Halloween Disco	Friday 5 th November 2021
Open Evening	Wednesday 10 th November 2021, 4.30-6.00pm
Odd Socks Day	Monday 15 th November 2021
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 1 st December 2021 to Friday 3 rd December 2021 Inclusive
JTMAT Christmas Concert	Thursday 2 nd December 2021
PFA Christmas Fair	Friday 3 rd December 2021
Christingle	Monday 6 th December 2021
EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 7 th December 2021, 9.15am
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 8 th December 2021, 9.15am
PFA KS1 Christmas Movie Night	Wednesday 8 th December 2021, 3.30pm
PFA KS2 Christmas Movie Night	Thursday 9 th December 2021, 3.30pm
Year 3 Cosy Celebration	Friday 10 th December 2021, 9.15am
KS1 Nativity	Monday 13 th December 2021, 9.15am AND 2.00pm

Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 15 th December 2021
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Lichfield Garrick, Peter Pan	Thursday 16 th December 2021, 1.30pm
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 th December 2021
INSET Day	Friday 17 th December 2021



Come and join us at our new ground, Battlestead Croft, for a free day out filled with rugby, live music, street food, independent craft stalls, bouncy castles and of course, a licensed bar.

It's the perfect day out for the whole family & to bring the whole Burton community together after such a long time away.

No need to be a rugby fan to be part of our day. Support Burton's newest sports facility as well as lots of local businesses and #bepartofit! #LetTheBattleCommence

FOODSTIVAL

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ARTISAN ALLEY

KIDS ZONE

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