SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."

Dear Parents/Carers,

After our first week following new national restrictions, we hope that you are all keeping safe and well. Schools continue to remain open during this period and we would like to reiterate again that you are more than welcome to contact us via the office email or telephone (see above) if you require any further support or advice during this time. As has been the case since we came back after half term, the whole community continue to feel reassured at the vast majority being so compliant with our request to wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting children from the school and for making safe, alternative arrangements with work commitments for drop off and collection to avoid mixing with other households. We would like to thank you once again for this! If you haven't already done so, please refer to New National Restrictions from 5 November to refresh yourselves of the rules during this period of restrictions.

From next week you will notice some banners and parking buddies positioned outside school. These have kindly been provided to us on loan from the local authority to help keep promoting those messages we frequently convey about parking. Many thanks to all of those who are using the facilities at the Albion!

We hope that you have enjoyed engaging with our virtual open evening on Twitter this week! Due to current restrictions, we were unable to hold our open evening as usual this year. However, as has been the case in previous years, we have undertaken some themed learning in school (Music through the Eras) to promote and celebrate the school's curriculum. We are currently completing a short film we have prepared for new and prospective parents who are considering applying for places in our Nursery and Reception classes next year, which will be uploaded to the school website imminently. We hope that you enjoy it! As always, stay safe over the weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone again next week!

Community Support through Covid-19 from the Neighbourhood Watch Network

STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

We recognise that this is a challenging period for us all and even more so for vulnerable people. As Neighbourhood Watch we believe it is very important that we all take care and protect ourselves as a priority and where possible we safely carry on the great work of supporting and staying connected with our communities. In England, between **5th November - 2nd December**, national restrictions mean that:

- You should only leave home for food, medical reasons, exercise, education, or work
- You must work from home if you can
- You should avoid travel unless essential
- Schools and essential shops will remain open

There are a variety of ways however in which we can support our loved ones and communities through these restrictions.

Keeping your loved ones safe

The most valuable thing we can all do is keep ourselves and our loved safe - physically and emotionally.

- Our website signposts where you can get accurate advice and support with your emotional wellbeing.
- Sign up for the FREE Festival Of Discovery running online on 20th and 21st November for lively discussions on hot topics, entertainment, things to make and do, a chance to recharge your wellbeing, and real-life community stories from across the UK.

Supporting your community

There are a variety of ways in which you can support your community depending on your individual situation. A few ideas are:

- set up a Calling Tree to support those who are not connected via social media
- join forces with a Covid-19 Mutual Aid group
- connect with your neighbours with this Calling Card
- connect with your neighbours with this Kindness Card
- if you are, or you know someone who is, facing loneliness have a look at our Loneliness Toolkit
- sign up as a NHS Volunteer Responder - recruitment now open across England

The NHS Volunteer Responders programme, set up by NHS England, is here to help people in England to stay safe during coronavirus. NHS Volunteer Responders have now completed more than a million tasks! Following an initial recruitment campaign for new volunteers in 70 local authority areas, they have now opened up recruitment across England. This is in response to the lockdown that began on 5 November and because demand for the volunteers' support is continuing to rise. It will also help to meet NHS requests for additional direct support during this winter. At the same time, they are encouraging anyone who signed up as an NHS Volunteer Responder in March but had to step down due to other commitments, to re-join the programme and give as much time as they can.

As the programme evolves it will focus on direct support to the NHS with tasks such as the delivery of equipment to monitor vulnerable COVID-19 patients in their homes, and with stewarding people at vaccination clinics. They will also continue to support vulnerable people by delivering food and medication, and through Check In and Chat phone calls. They are not intending to replace any local volunteering activity. They aim to work collaboratively with volunteering leads in local areas.

Beware of scams and crimes

Criminals are using the COVID-19 pandemic to scam the public. To help you avoid becoming a victim, we have highlighted on our website the wide variety of COVID-19 scams and crimes which have arisen, key protection advice and guidance on how to report these scams.

Staffordshire County Council Childcare Survey

Staffordshire County Council are asking all parents for their views:

"This year has been like no other for everyone and we know that parents with young children have faced a great deal of disruption with more to come unfortunately. Each year we carry out detailed information sharing with childcare providers and schools, but we need to get your views too. We would like to know about your experiences using childcare so that we can help to support parents better and make sure that the childcare on offer meets your needs. Please have your view at https://tinyurl.com/y2ane8hu."

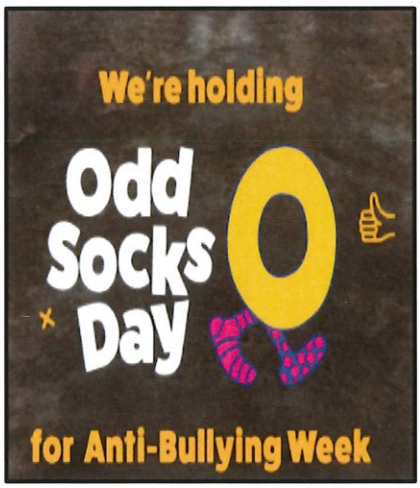
Blue Peter on YouTube!

We would like to inform you that Blue Peter has launched on YouTube https://bit.ly/3hNvZjR at CBBC. Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and videos are being uploaded to YouTube that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy

, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog. If you are interested in this, subscribe to https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.30pm.

National School Meals Week – 9 to 14 November 2020

The annual National School Meals Week is taking place this week. The aim of this campaign is to highlight the importance and benefits of school meals and to champion and celebrate school caterers. Further information on National School Meals Week, the taste for yourself campaign and fun activity ideas are available on the LACA web-site.



Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 16 November 2020 to Friday 20 November 2020

Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is taking place from Monday 16 – Friday 20 November and has the theme 'United Against Bullying'. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at leading children's charity the National Children's Bureau. Our school will be promoting this message through our curriculum and the children will be involved in a series of reflective and essential activities. On Monday (16 November) of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be holding an Odd Socks Day with the support of Andy Day, CBeebies star and front man of Andy and the Odd Socks. Therefore, we would like all of the children and staff to come to school wearing odd socks on that day in support of the event!

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

Nursery

As well as celebrating Children in Need, the Nursery children have been learning all about the celebration of Diwali. We were extremely lucky to have a visit from Dr Sunkara, who told the children how she prepares and celebrates Diwali with her family and of the story of Rama and Sita. The children created their own clay divas and decorated cut out hands with Mendhi patterns. To commemorate Remembrance Day, the children practised their counting skills and number recognition by grouping together 1 and 2 poppies. What another action packed week for our Nursery children!

Reception

It has been another busy week in Reception as we continued our topic on celebrations by learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We were lucky enough to invite Dr Sunkara into our class to share her experiences of this exciting festival. The children all enjoyed the story of Rama and Sita and were very pleased with the happy ending.

'I am happy all of the monkeys helped to get Sita back they were good friends to help them and they will have a party when they get home with lots of sparkly lights.'- Gordon

They then went on to re-tell the story using the small world, role play and reading area. We have seen some fantastic, animated acting and storytelling as well as beautiful Henna and Rangoli patterns. The children were very excited to create their own diva lamp using clay and carefully manipulated it to create the perfect shape to place a tea light into. On Friday the children completed numerous activities in support of Children in Need which included creating a huge Pudsey bear!

Year 1

Year 1 have had another wonderful week of learning. In our afternoon lessons this week the children have been doing art. They learnt about the famous artist John Constable and his painting Wivenhoe Park. The children loved learning about his painting techniques and about landscapes. They experimented with colour mixing and different painting techniques before doing their own painting of a countryside landscape inspired by Constables Wivenhoe Park. Have a look at twitter to see their amazing artwork! In Maths the children had lots of fun learning about 2D and 3D shapes and in English they have continued to learn about Beegu the alien. This week the children were writing speech bubbles for different characters throughout the story.

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been investigating sources in History to learn more about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot. In English we have drafted their own information text about The Great Fire of London. In Maths we have continued to learn about money. We are currently adding up in pence and then notes. We also celebrated Remembrance Day by colouring our own poppies and writing letters to soldiers to thank them for their service. Well done Year 2 for a great week!

Year 3

Year 3 have been working very hard this week! In English, they have started learning about myths and legends. The children have enjoyed learning about all the various features which go into each of these. In Maths, the children have started their new topic of multiplication and have been looking at putting things into equal groups. In Science, the children have been learning all about light. They have worked hard on creating some excellent posters and leaflets all about protecting your eyes in the sun. Keep up the good work Year 3!

Year 4

Year 4 have been excited about electricity this week! In Science, they have been learning about electrical hazards in our homes and how to avoid any accidents. The children have been busy completing their wellbeing questionnaires and we have been getting ready for Anti Bullying Week next week! The children are writing a newspaper article about Anti Bullying Week and they have been interviewing Mrs Farrington and preparing quotes.

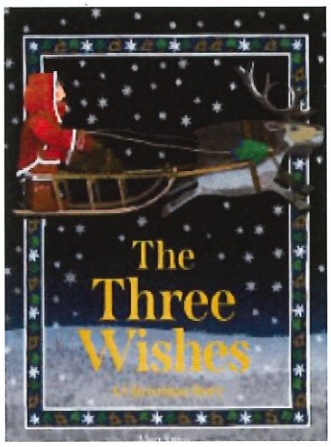
Year 5

Year 5 have had another superb week and have really applied themselves with regards to their learning. In English, we have been learning all about autobiographies and biographies. With the children bringing in information and pictures from home that we have shared as a class. We are extremely excited to begin writing next week. In Maths, we have continued our learning about multiplication and division and have focused on multiplying and dividing numbers by 10,100 and 1,000. In Geography, we have been learning to use the atlases to locate human and physical features in North America.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have started to prepare for their persuasive travel leaflet on South America, linking with our Geography work. They have enjoyed describing settings, characters and places in a way that will convince the reader to visit. Year 6 have also enjoyed delving deeper into the characters from the book 'Hana's Suitcase'; we focused on how a character is portrayed negatively and how we can tell this from both the text and our knowledge of people in World War Two. In Maths, we have started looking at fractions by simplifying, comparing and ordering them. Keep up the good work Year 6!

Reading Corner



This week's recommended read is for children aged 7 – 9…

The Three Wishes
by Alan Snow

In the best traditions of mythology, *The Three Wishes* is a tough but ultimately lyrical version of the story that explains how Father Christmas can visit so many children in one night and why he has a red coat. Set long ago in a country that is far off in the frozen north where there is a strong community of families who live by hunting and foraging while their children look after the reindeer, it tells how a young boy, lost in deep snow in the forest, is saved from death by finding a mysterious cave full of magic and wonder from another world. Once a year the boy returns to his own world, checking on his family and taking them presents. One year, he arrives on a magical flying sleigh and his family give him a beautiful red outfit all lined with fur. From that day on, on one night of the year he rides around the world taking gifts to children everywhere. Evocative, timeless illustrations bring this imaginative story vividly to life.

Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Lily B	Kailen H S
Year 1	Anthony D	Inam U
Year 2	Halima L	Saif N
Year 3	Florence W	Freya B
Year 4	Musa L	Basri H
Year 5	Freya P	Finley D
Year 6	Haniya N	Adyaan H

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Angus B
Year 1	Lewis L
Year 2	Fatimah A
Year 3	Ettie D
Year 4	Sophie M
Year 5	Adam Ch
Year 6	Haniya N

Team Points – Autumn (2)

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (*Week Ending 13.11.20*)	**177**	**142**	**141**	**157**
Position	**1st – 4**	**3rd- 2**	**4th – 1**	**2nd - 3**
Running Total	**5**	**4**	**4**	**7**

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Many of our dates for the autumn term remain under review due to adhering to government guidance and advice. Some of our traditional calendar fixtures may not be honoured. We will keep you informed of our arrangements and procedures.

Event	Date/Time
Odd Socks Day	Monday 16th November 2020
Anti-Bullying Week	Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November 2020
Open Evening	Week beginning Monday 16th November 2020
Christingle Class Assemblies	Tuesday 1st December 2020
Flu Vaccinations Reception to Year 6	Monday 7th December 2020
Bubble Nativities – EYFS, Key Stage 1 & Year 3	Week beginning Monday 14th December 2020
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 16th December 2020
Christmas Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk	Thursday 17th December 2020
Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas PJ Day	Thursday 17th December 2020
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 18th December 2020
INSET Day	Monday 4th January 2021
School Reopens for Spring Term	Tuesday 5th January 2021

YESS

Virtual Coffee Morning for Mental Wellbeing

9:30am-10:30am
Every other Tuesday,
Next meeting on November 10th

Join us on Zoom for an informal tea and talk session, where you will have a safe space to chat about all things mental health and wellbeing and also meet new people

COMMUNITY FUND

The National Lottery Community Fund

To register your interest, email glesni.prytherch@yess.uk

Bereavement Support Group

10:00-11:30am
Every other Wednesday,
Starting from November 18th, 2020

Are you looking for a safe space to process your feelings around grief? Want to meet other adults who you may be able to relate to?

Why not join our bereavement support group, running fortnightly over Zoom.

To secure a place,
call 07763 225412
or email hello@yess.uk

LOOK FOR A LIGHT

December 12th 2020 6.30pm-8pm

Light your lantern and place in your window for others to see.

Search Facebook Look for a Light page for your local lantern workshop or how to get your craft pack

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