



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"The biggest adventure you can take is to live the life of your dreams."

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another busy week it has been, both in school and around the community! Christmas is now in full swing, and it has been wonderful to have welcomed so many of you into school this week to watch our Key Stage 1 and Year 3 Christmas performances! The children looked wonderful in their costumes, delivered their lines with clarity, sang beautifully, and performed some groovy moves! I think we may have found some potential Broadway stars of the future!

Charlotte James Care Home Visit and the Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert



As a school, we believe in working within our local community in a variety of different ways and on many different projects. On Sunday 10 December some of our school choir sang at the Town Hall as part of the Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert. On Wednesday of this week, our choir also visited Charlotte James Care Home where they dazzled the residents and locals with their beautiful singing! They were made to feel so welcome and the children thoroughly enjoyed it! Thank you to Mr Mansfield for organising and leading this event!

Visit to St. Aidan's Garden Development

Some of our children represented our school at the new Lovell Homes housing development and posted our festive 'Notes to the North Pole' in their special post box. Once their campaign has closed, one letter will be chosen, and the winner will be given a £100 M&S voucher for their family to spend on any Christmas goodies they like. Let's hope they pull out a Shobnall winner!



The Week Before Christmas...

As you are all aware, next week is our last week in school before we break up for the Christmas holiday on Friday 22 December at 2pm. It promises to be an enjoyable one but an incredibly busy one at the same time! With that in mind, I thought it would be useful to provide you with a few reminders regarding our plans:

- 🎄 **Christmas Dinner Day is on Wednesday 20 December.** To get into the festive spirit, the children and staff can come to school in non-uniform, ideally with a Christmas jumper and/or Christmas attire! No donations required for this.
- 🎄 On **Thursday 21 December**, the whole school are going to Lichfield Garrick Theatre to watch the pantomime of Beauty and the Beast. As we anticipate arriving back in school slightly later than when lunchtime usually commences, children will be given a small snack to have at the theatre during the interval. Children can however, take their own water bottles along with them. Many thanks.
- 🎄 As **Friday 22 December** is the last day of this term, the children can bring in a toy from home. Please could we ask that they do not bring in electronics. These are rather more expensive than some other traditional toys and we would not want any of the children getting upset if they got damaged. Miss Alexander and Mrs Lukman already have some special activities planned for EYFS, so have stated that Reception and Nursery children do not need to bring in their own toys as they will be engaged in their own festivities!
- 🎄 Schools closes on **Friday 22 December** at **2.00pm**. Shobnall Stars will NOT be open for wraparound care on this day.



Christmas Homework

As a school, we believe that holidays are a time to relax and spend with family and friends. Teachers will not be setting any formal homework over the Christmas break (Year 6 have agreed on some slightly different arrangements with Miss Lord), although we would like to encourage the children to utilise any free time to indulge in a good book! Many thanks for the support that you give on a weekly basis with homework – it is very much appreciated by all the staff!

Christmas Donations

Over the course of the festive season, the school has been asking for donations from parents and staff to support a charity very close to our hearts, the YMCA. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you who were able to make contributions when you came to enjoy our Christmas performances. We are delighted to announce that a total of **£219.83** was raised and we know that the YMCA will be very grateful for this money in supporting the wonderful work that they do. The foodbank at the YMCA Burton, will continue to be open every day over the Christmas holidays to anyone who needs it.



Deck the halls with sustainable materials...🎀

Being sustainable at Christmas does not mean you have to be a scrooge! Check out these tips for staying green while decorating:

- 🎄 **Use LED lights** - they will use much less energy
- 🎄 **Make your own DIY decorations**
- 🎄 Most **Christmas crackers** are not recyclable and contain plastic - look for ones that are 100% recyclable
- 🎄 If you're buying an **artificial tree**, make sure to use it for at least **10 years**, or you're better off buying a real tree and recycling it properly
- 🎄 **Make your own wreath** from sustainable materials



Online Safety Tips

With Christmas right around the corner, millions of families are excitedly anticipating the chance to spend some quality time with each other over the festive season. When everyone's engrossed in their phones or glued to their games consoles, however, genuinely meaningful moments with loved ones can often be difficult to orchestrate.

This Christmas tech-free guide will lend a hand: providing some advice on helping young people to set aside their devices for a while and live in the moment. Even if going full tech cold turkey feels unrealistic, implementing just a few of these tips could still decrease the amount of screen time in your home this festive season – enabling everyone to make the most of it.

Attendance

Please read the [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) which has further information if you are unsure whether to send your child to school or not.

We are always happy to advise in line with this guidance, so if you are still in doubt, please contact the school office if your child develops any symptoms and we can discuss this further with you.

Please note that children can come to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This includes general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose, or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.

Let's keep working together to ensure attendance is as good as it can be!

Remember, **every pupil, every day!** Thank you for your support.

Illness	Until...
Chickens	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	They no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scarlet	they've had their 5th treatment
Scarlet Fever	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Head, feet and mouth	Chancular lesion
Head lice	Tombia
Throat issues	Staged check

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://nhs.uk/minisec>.



FREE Uniform!

Please don't forget that we have free uniform available! There is a box situated outside the school office 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 – 18 December to 22 December 2023

W/c 9.10.23, 6.11.23, 27.11.23, 18.12.23, 22.1.24

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	All day breakfast	CHRISTMAS DINNER Roast Turkey with Chipolata	Sandwich Selection	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
Vegetarian Main dish	5 4 LPI Pb Vegetable tikka masala with 50/50 rice	Vegetarian all day breakfast	CHRISTMAS DINNER Quorn Roast with Quorn Sausage	Vegetarian Sandwich Selection	Pb Quorn™ nuggets with chunky chips
Accompaniments	Peas & broccoli Salad bar	Roasted vegetables Salad bar	Roast Potatoes & Selection of Seasonal Vegetables		Peas & baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	Chocolate crunch	Apple & cinnamon muffin	Festive Biscuit / Chocolate Muffin	Cake	Ice cream
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt		Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Choice of Drink	Choice of Drink	Jacket potato and sandwich selection



SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

Nursery Adventures this week...

It has been an exciting, fun-filled week in Nursery with lots of festive activities. The children have loved opening the class advent calendar, finding the correct number on the door and have been removing Santa pictures from five frames to work out how many sleeps are left until Christmas. Their progress and confidence in being able to talk about what do you notice and what do you see has been wonderful! We have also been very creative and have seen lots of sparkles and glitter in our creative area as the children completed some wonderful Christmas artwork involving snowflakes and Christmas trees. In addition, the maths area has also been filled with Christmas themed activities as the children decorated their snowman using their understanding of subitising and used beads and blocks to show different patterns whilst decorating their scarves for their snowman!



Reception Adventures this week...

We have enjoyed learning about keeping our teeth healthy with a focus on brushing. After sharing the fantastic story, 'Jungle Mouth', by Lana Simkins we had lots to discuss about the importance of keeping our teeth clean.

"We brush our teeth, so we don't get cavities in them, it's a little black hole in our tooth!" (Ava. C)

"You will get a jungle mouth and it will smell because of all of the food!" (Millie)

"We brush with toothpaste night-time and morning." (Cooper)

"If you don't brush your teeth and you go to sleep the germs will come in your mouth." (Ava. T)

We continued our tooth adventures by sequencing the correct way to brush our teeth, learning a tooth brushing song and exploring different models including brushing them until they sparkled! We also used our phonics knowledge to write messages to Jordy from Jungle Mouth to remind him how to keep his teeth healthy.

Our week has also been full of festive wonder as we have decorated Christmas trees, shared Christmas stories, had phone calls from Santa in our grotto, created patterns using various stampers and been on the lookout for Kevin the gold carrot who tricks us every day by hiding somewhere in our classroom! It was super exciting when we had the choice of lots of different materials to create a Christmas tree for our cards, our designs are fantastic, all different, unique and special just like us!



Year 1

Year 1 have had a lovely week looking at what is different between each of them. This has linked into our PSHE unit Celebrating Differences. We have drafted our letter in English and are looking forward to writing the final version next week. In maths, we have been looking at patterns with 2D and 3D shapes.

Year 2

Year 2 have had an excellent week and have been exploring non-chronological reports. They have been gathering information about King Charles III in preparation for writing their own non-chronological report. In maths they have continued looking at addition and subtraction and have been finding the difference in numbers and starting to look at word problems. This week, Year 2 also had their Nativity performance and what a show it was! The children performed brilliantly and had such a fun time doing it! I want to thank all of the parents and families for coming along to support the children! Well done Year 2!

Year 3

Year 3 have had a great week! They have been working hard to write their own poem in English. During Maths, they have been solving word problems involving multiplication and division. They have become confident with their 4 and 8 times tables! In Art we have been looking at how families are depicted throughout different eras. Two artists we have studied are Susan Lordi, who created Willow Tree ornaments and Henry Walton. We also had the opportunity to showcase our Christmas performance and we are so proud of all the children! Thank you to Year 3 parents for your support with learning lines, songs and gathering great costumes, as always it is very much appreciated!



Year 4

We have had another wonderful week in Year 4 this week. In maths, the children have been identifying what happens when you multiply and divide a number by itself and 0. In English, the children have written some fantastic information texts about teeth, how to keep our teeth clean and why it is important to keep our teeth clean! I have enjoyed reading them so much and moving forward, we are planning to show our information texts to the younger years to explain the importance of brushing our teeth. Elsewhere this week, we enjoyed our last session at Forest School. We had the opportunity to cook pancakes on a fire, take part in a Christmas themed chocolate hunt and even finished off with a sing song! A wonderful penultimate week of the term Year 4!

Year 5

Despite it being the penultimate week of term, the learning is not slowing down in Year 5. In English, the children have continued writing their 'Alien Invasion' stories and are VERY almost at the end! In Maths, Year 5 have continued their work on fractions, including ordering and comparing fractions below and above 1. In Science, Mrs Wilkinson taught the children about irreversible changes, such as lighting a candle and dissolvable tablets. Music had a Christmas twist as the children used their newfound glockenspiel skills to play 'Walking in the Air'. In Computing, the children have continued their unit of learning on Video Production and were able to use story boards to video different scenes for a whole class video.

Year 6

What a lovely week we have had! On Monday, we continued with our Maths learning about measure where we looked at word problems and had to convert them to the same unit of measurement to solve the problem. In English, we have been busy writing our individual reports on how our chosen animal has adapted to its environment. In Science, we applied our knowledge of conductors and insulators and answered questions based on our steady hand games we made for our DT project last month. We looked at why we used tinned copper for the wire part of our game and why we used plastic for the handle. We finished 'Hana's Suitcase' in Reading and worked in groups to summarise the text, where we created a poster of everything we could remember.

Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Gibriel D	Fred S
Year 1	Daisy J	Alfie T
Year 2	Amaya H	Yahya K
Year 3	George N	Gordon Z
Year 4	Zain A	Adam H
Year 5	Erin S	Ellie W
Year	Zahra K.	Ettie D

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Ava C.
Year 1	Mariam S
Year 2	Dhalia L
Year 3	Sophia W
Year 4	Oliver M
Year 5	Flora P
Year 6	Amina H

Attendance

This week's Attendance Champions are **Year 3!** Well done! Here are the latest figures...

Reception	94%	Target
Year 1	92%	97%
Year 2	96%	
Year 3	96.5%	
Year 4	94%	Overall (to date)
Year 5	95%	95.8%
Year 6	95%	
Overall	94.6%	

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (<i>Week Ending 15.12.23</i>)	19	26	24	31
Position	4 th – 1 point	2 nd – 3 points	3 rd – 2 points	1 st – 4 points
Running Total	14	16	10	21

Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 6-8 years...

A Christmasaurus Carol

by Tom Fletcher

The Christmasaurus is back and ready to soar into a new festive magical adventure!

Have you ever heard of Ebenezer Scrooge? The most miserly, miserable Christmas-hating miser from that very famous old book? The man who is more BAH HUMBUG than HO HO HO? Well, what if I told you that he was about to step out of HIS story and into this one? And I'm afraid he's got some grand plans . . . he wants to CANCEL CHRISTMAS!

But don't panic - William Trundle and his very best friend, the Christmasaurus, are on the case. They're determined to track down Scrooge and save Christmas from total Scrooge-ification! And they're not alone; the whole Trundle family, William's new friends Eddie and Lucy and, of course, Santa himself are here to help!



Diary Dates 2023-2024

Event	Date/Time
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast, Lichfield Garrick	Thursday 21 st December 2023, 10.00am
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023, 2.00pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 8 th January 2024
Year 6 Laches Wood Meeting for Parents	Wednesday 10 th January 2024, Year 6 Classroom
Young Voices 2023	Thursday 11 th January 2024
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 29 th January to Friday 2 nd February 2024
PFA Valentine's Disco	Thursday 8 th February 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infants: 3.45pm – 5.00pm • Juniors: 5.15pm – 6.30pm
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 9 th February 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 19 th February 2024
PFA Easter Bingo	Friday 15 th March 2024
Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court	Thursday 21 st March 2024
School Closes for Easter	Friday 22 nd March 2024, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 8 th April 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 9 th April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 6 th May 2024
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 13 th May 2024 to Friday 17 th May 2024
School Closes for Half-Term	Thursday 23 rd May 2024
INSET Day	Friday 24 th May 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 3 rd June 2024
PFA Summer Fair	Friday 21 st June 2024
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 5 th July 2024
School Closes for Summer	Friday 19 th July 2024, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 22 nd July 2024

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
JTMAT Christmas Concert	Tuesday 19 th December 2023
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 20 th December 2023
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast, Lichfield Garrick	Thursday 21 st December 2023, 10.00am
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023, 2.00pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 8 th January 2024

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YMCA BURTON

You are warmly invited to a

Carol Service

at

Shobnall Community Centre

199 Shobnall Rd, Burton-on-Trent DE14 2BD

Sunday 17th December

6-7.30pm

Refreshments will be provided after the service.
This is a FREE event but you are invited to bring food
donations for the YMCA Burton Foodbank.



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YMCA BURTON Christmas Foodbank appeal

This Christmas we are asking for your help to raise £10,000 for our emergency Foodbank. Our Foodbank allows people to self-refer to collect enough food for three meals for three days. £10,000 will help us buy around 350 parcels which will see us through the expected increase during January.

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Click here to donate to our Foodbank Visufund and give the gift of hope this Christmas .

