



# SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air."*

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter of 2022 - how quickly this term has flown by! I know that many of the children (and staff) are ready for a two-week break and are very much looking forward to the holiday! School has been so busy over the last fortnight with Christmas performances, special events and trips and rounding off this term's learning! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who have supported the school over the past term in so many ways. It has been wonderfully successful, and we have achieved so much in such a short space of time!



As a community, we are incredibly proud of our school and, of course, the children. Throughout the term, the way in which they have represented Shobnall Primary & Nursery School has been impeccable, from the very beginning of the academic year through to yesterday's trip to Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the Lichfield Garrick Theatre. Next term promises to offer many more exciting opportunities for our children, including the Young Voices concert in Birmingham on Friday 13 January 2023 and the many different trips which have been organised by the class teachers, ready to motivate and enthuse the children with their learning.

The staff who work in school would like me to pass on their thanks to you for all the lovely gifts, cards and kind words you have showered them with this week, all of which they are incredibly grateful for. I would personally like to thank them once again for their continued selfless dedication, full commitment and assiduous devotion to all the children in school. The staff have looked after the children's wellbeing, worked exceptionally hard to support children with their learning, ensured the curriculum is delivered effectively, promoted safe routines and behaviours and made learning fun and exciting. They are an absolute privilege to work alongside. What a team!



Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very peaceful and fun-filled Christmas and to our families not celebrating the festival, we wish you a relaxing and enjoyable two-week break. Happy New Year from all of us at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School and we look forward to welcoming you back on **Wednesday 4 January 2023!**

### Christmas Donations

Over the course of the festive season, the school has been asking for donations from parents and staff to support two charities very close to our hearts – St. Giles Hospice and the YMCA. We 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 **£241.60** was raised and we know that both St Giles and the YMCA will be very grateful for this money in supporting the wonderful work that they do.



### Attendance

Congratulations go to **Year 2**, who have the highest level of attendance of any class this term! Well done! The winter season traditionally brings with it a huge range of bugs, so this really is a remarkable achievement for these children and to all of those (you know who you are) across the school who have achieved 100% attendance certificates this week!

### Good News for Mrs Frend!

We are delighted that Mrs Frend is returning to school in January after a successful term's secondment as Assistant Headteacher at Winhill Village Primary & Nursery School. Not only did she get married over the summer, she is also expecting her first baby in May! Congratulations to Mrs Frend and her husband! Until she starts her Maternity Leave, she will be working with most classes across the school! This will include covering for Mr Attwood in EYFS and





KS1 as he is taking Shared Parental Leave until Easter, supporting with boosters and working with year 6 on a Friday as they begin preparations for their SATs, as well as providing booster support in other classes who are preparing for statutory assessments in 2023. We look forward to welcoming her back.

### Goodbye Mrs Inger

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Inger today, who has now cooked her last dinner for us. As you will be aware, she has made the decision to retire and spend more time with her family. She has been part of the team here for fourteen years, and even though we will miss her very much (and of course her incredible cooking) we wish her all the best for the future. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank her for all the hard work, dedication and commitment she has shown to the school over the years. I am sure she will pop in to see us from time-to-time, which we will very much look forward to! Thank you once again, Mrs Inger, from everyone here at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School!



### Up, Up and Away, Read and Read Every Day!

Children return to school in the New Year on **Wednesday 4 January 2023**. As this is a shorter week than usual, we will be undertaking some themed learning based around the children's favourite books! Please could we ask that the children bring in their favourite book to school when they return after the Christmas holiday, as part of the learning will be around reading for pleasure and celebrating all genres of literature; from stories to biographies, from picture books to poetry. A very special display is being created for our library, which will be unveiled at the end of that first week back...

### Snow & Extreme Weather Procedures

With the recent cold weather snap, please could we remind all our families about the school's procedures should we receive substantial snowfall and extreme weathers. The school will endeavour to remain open in the first instance and closing the school will only ever be chosen in the final instance. Please can I ask that you do not contact the school office asking if we are open, as we will always use our main methods of communication in the event of such a decision. You will all receive a text message and the school Twitter account will also be used to state that this decision has been made. Please ensure that the school office has up-to-date contact details for you.



We hope that we are not required to close but such a decision must take into consideration many factors, not just the amount of snow on the school grounds. For example, the safety of parents and families on their journey to school, the staff and their journey to school (many of whom travel some considerable distances through remote areas) and, of course, the weather forecast and Met Office advice all play a part. I hope that this clarifies our procedures for you and many thanks for your understanding in this matter.



## Online Safety Tips

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nesting under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas.

This week's online safety guide provides you with top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents does not unleash any unexpected dangers.

## 'Tis the Season to Recycle

It's only a few more sleeps until Christmas! Have you done all your shopping?

This time of year we can end up with a lot of extra cardboard and packaging from buying presents.








If your recycling bin at home is full, you can take all your extra cardboard to your nearest recycling centre.

## FREE Uniform!

We have FREE uniform that is available for anyone who needs it, via our donation service. There is a box situated outside the school office for any parents who have old items that 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, collating and distributing this. If you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact her via [amyroobottom@outlook.com](mailto:amyroobottom@outlook.com).



## Hot Lunch Options – 4 to 6 January 2023

W/c 2.1.23, 23.1.23, 13.2.23						
WEEK 3	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
MAIN DISH	C	C	Roast Chicken with creamy mash potato & gravy	 Chicken & tomato pasta bake	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips	
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	L	L	 Vegan sausage & mash potato with gravy	 Vegetable & bean chilli with 50/50 rice	 Quorn™ nuggets with chunky chips	
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	O	O	Green beans & cabbage Salad bar	Corn on the cob & carrots Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar	
DESSERTS	S	S	Lemon cake	Sticky toffee pudding with custard	 Fresh fruit & whip	
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	E	E	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	
JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION	D	D	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	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



With our countdown to Christmas, 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.

The nursery children have worked so hard in their first term and they have made so much progress emotionally, socially and academically. It has been wonderful to get to know each and every one of them and see how they have blossomed as individuals. This week has certainly been a week full of Christmas cheer, with stories, crafts and role play keeping us busy. The staff in EYFS would like to wish you all a very restful Christmas break and we look forward to lots more fun in the new year!

## Reception

It has been an exciting, fun-filled week in Reception with lots of festive activities.

We had a surprise visit from Santa and the children all looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers as they enjoyed a yummy Christmas dinner.

The children were superstars during the pantomime visit and enjoyed joining in with Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

It has been an amazing half term and we are all so proud of the progress the children have made and the wonderful way their personalities have shone!

Have a very happy holiday and a fabulous new year!

## Year 1

What a lovely festive week we have had to finish the term. This week the children met Santa, watched Snow White in the panto and made calendars, reindeer food and Christmas cards to take home. Well done Year 1 for a great autumn term!

## Year 2

Even though it was the last week of term, Year 2 did not stop their learning! In Science, the children learnt about what is necessary for animals and humans to survive, including water, shelter, food and oxygen. Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their unit of learning in PSHE about celebrating their similarities and differences. They learnt that objects and colours don't have genders and loved saying things like; 'Is pink a girls colour?...NO, is pink a boys colour?...NO....IT'S JUST A COLOUR!'. As part of their learning, Year 2 read the story Billy, Bella and B which challenged gender stereotypes and helped us to



learn about about the pronouns he, she and they/them. All the children have worked exceptionally hard this term and have earnt a well deserved rest - well done Year 2!

### **Year 3**

Year 3 has had a triumphant last week of the autumn term. The have learnt all about the artist Rembrandt and used some of his artistic techniques to create a fantastic final piece. The children have learnt about different pencils and how to use palette knives when painting with acrylic paint as well as how to colour mix to create secondary and tertiary colours. The children really excelled themselves at the pantomime yesterday and demonstrated how mature and sensible they can be! What a term Year 3 - enjoy the break and we cannot wait to see you again in January!

### **Year 4**

We have had a lovely final week of term in Year 4! The children started off the week by completing their DT unit for this term. The children have created their own lamp and I was so impressed to see the teamwork and resilience shown by all the children on this. It was great to see so many children getting into the Christmas spirit on Wednesday, with so many children wearing their festive jumpers for Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day! It was a wonderful end to the week to visit the pantomime once again, which I know the children thoroughly enjoyed. Finally, the children had a fantastic final day of term being able to bring in some toys from home to share and play with. A fantastic final week Year 4. Enjoy the Christmas holidays!



### **Year 5**

Year 5 have had a great week enjoying activities linked to the festive season. We've met Santa, been to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the pantomime and finished off the week celebrating successes and continuing with great team spirit!

The children have used their art skills to create beautiful calendars and made festive greeting cards using recycled materials, to keep a focus on sustainability. They acted out a drama scene from Christmas Carol and discussed the meaning of words used.



## Year 6

In Year 6 this week, we have been busy publishing our leaflets persuading people to visit our very own tourist attraction in Florida. In Maths we have been looking at how to work out fractions of amounts. We had a lovely end to the term and watched Wonder, our class novel. On Thursday, we loved going to the Lichfield Garrick to watch Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

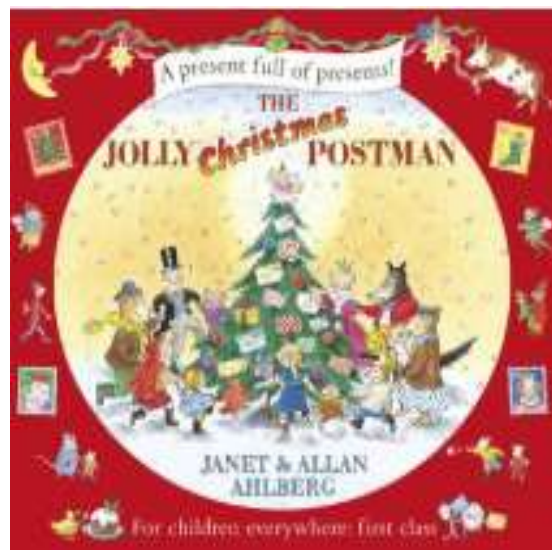
### Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 4+

#### The Jolly Christmas Postman

*Written by Janet and Allan Ahlberg*

One of our seasonal favourites and a justified classic that never loses its magic. Peek inside the special deliveries in the jolly holly postman's Christmas mailbag. It's Christmas Eve and the Jolly Postman is delivering greetings to various fairy-tale characters – there's a card for Baby Bear, a game appropriately called 'Beware' for Red Riding Hood from Mr Wolf, a get-well jigsaw for hospitalised Humpty Dumpty and three more surprise envelopes containing letters, cards etc. Everyone's favourite postman keeps on peddling his bicycle up hill and down dale...and into everybody's hearts.



### Head Teacher's Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Astrid R	Lincoln S-B
<b>Year 1</b>	Saifullah M	Fynn M
<b>Year 2</b>	Zayn S	Olivia K
<b>Year 3</b>	Lewis L	Seb J
<b>Year 4</b>	Faryal S	Evalyn W
<b>Year 5</b>	Hakeem A	Oscar T
<b>Year 6</b>	Eva W	Amy R

### Lunchtime Star Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Lincoln S – B
<b>Year 1</b>	Peta O
<b>Year 2</b>	Nancy M
<b>Year 3</b>	Kristers K
<b>Year 4</b>	Saif N
<b>Year 5</b>	Sophie A
<b>Year 6</b>	Rosie E

### Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 16.12.22)	72	85	91	68
Position	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 2 Points	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 Points	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 Points	4 <sup>th</sup> – 1 Point
Running Total	22	9	25	14

### Team Point Champions

Congratulations to **Sinai**, who have successfully won the team point challenge for this half term! As a reward, they can wear non-school uniform (ideally something yellow) on Friday 6 January 2023.

### Spring Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
INSET Day	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Year 6 Laches Wood Meeting for Parents	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023, 3.30pm, Year 6



	Classroom
Young Voices 2023	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
PFA New Year Movie Night	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023
NSPCC Number Day	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
PFA Valentine's Disco	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 (EYFS/KS1 – 3.45pm – 5.00pm, KS2, 5.15pm – 6.30pm)
Parents' Evening	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2023, 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2023, 4.00pm – 7.00pm
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
World Book Day	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023
Mother's Day Lunches – Reception	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
Mother's Day Lunches – Year 1	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
Mother's Day Lunches – Year 2	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
Mother's Day Lunches – Year 3	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
Mother's Day Lunches – Year 4	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
Sport Relief	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
Mother's Day Lunches – Year 5	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
Mother's Day Lunches – Year 6	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
KS1 SATs Meeting for Parents	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2023, 3.30pm, Year 2 Classroom
KS2 SATs Meeting for Parents	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023, 3.30pm, Year 6 Classroom
PFA Easter Bingo	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
School Closes for Easter	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Diary Dates 2022-2023

Event	Date/Time
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
INSET Day	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
School Closes for Easter	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023
Borough and Parish Elections – School Closed	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Bank Holiday – King's Coronation	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
School Closes for Summer	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023
INSET Day	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
INSET Day	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2023



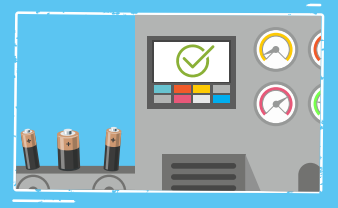


# ACTIVITY SHEET 1




**Oh no!** The life cycle of a battery images are all jumbled up. Can you put the pictures in the correct order to show the life cycle of a battery?


Rearrange the cards below into the correct places in the table.



Old batteries are broken down into the different materials.




Batteries are made from metals and chemicals in a factory.



Batteries are used to power small appliances.



We can return used batteries to recycle points.



The different materials can be reused for construction, to make new batteries and even in grass fertilizer!



We buy batteries from shops.

## Step 1

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## Step 6

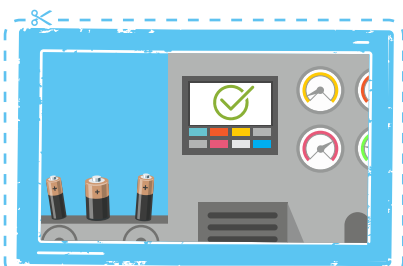
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## ACTIVITY SHEET 2



**Oh no!** The life cycle of a battery images and descriptions are all jumbled up. Can you complete the descriptions, match them to the pictures and place them in the correct order to show the life cycle of a battery? **Rearrange the cards below into the correct places in the table.**



We can return used batteries to recycle points.

Batteries are made from metals and chemicals in a factory.

Old batteries are broken down into the different materials.

Batteries are used to power small appliances.

The different materials can be reused for construction, to make new batteries and even in grass fertilizer!

We buy batteries from shops.

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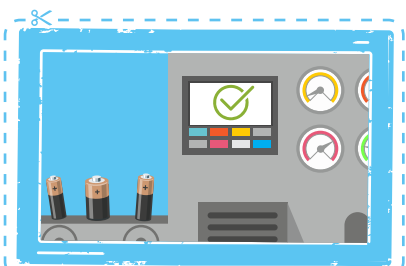
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# ACTIVITY SHEET 3



**Oh no!** The life cycle of a battery images and descriptions are all jumbled up. Can you complete the descriptions, match them to the pictures and place them in the correct order to show the life cycle of a battery? **Rearrange the cards below into the correct places in the table.**



We can return used batteries to .....

Batteries are made from .....  
and chemicals in a factory.

Old batteries are broken down into the different .....

Batteries are used to .....  
small appliances.

The different materials can be reused for .....,  
to make new batteries and even in grass fertilizer!

We buy ..... from shops.

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