



SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Often, the right thing is under your nose. Make sure your nose isn't in the air."

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've certainly seen a little more than simply 'a flash of red' in school today as all of the children and staff joined in with the spirit of Comic Relief by wearing non-uniform today! Thank you to everyone who has made donations so far but there is still time to make one if you haven't already by visiting our school donations page at: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2113>. We know that your contributions will help make a huge difference to people living incredibly tough lives.



It is also important that we continue to remain vigilant with the situation regarding coronavirus. Although many people are now receiving their first dose of the vaccination and the rates of infection have dropped, the virus is still very prevalent within our community. Please don't send your child to school if they have any of the main symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a sudden loss or change to their sense of taste and smell) and book a test immediately. Information on what you must do is available by visiting the [Covid-19 Info](#) page on our school website.

All adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. More information about this can be found further on in the newsletter.

As always, we would like to wish all of our families a very relaxing and safe weekend, and if you haven't done so already, don't forget to complete the Census on Sunday!

Random Acts of Kindness (ROAK)

We have received information of another lovely act of kindness in addition to the school uniform exchange idea. Mr and Mrs Burton have generously set up ROAK, giving out food donations to people in our local area that may be struggling and running low on food items. If anyone is able to help out with donations, please contact the school office at shb-office@shb.itmat.co.uk, listing the items you are able to provide and they will ensure it is forwarded to Mr and Mrs Burton. Current items that they are in need of are: tea, coffee, sugar, hot chocolate, long life milk, cereals, crisps, personal care items, toilet rolls, cleaning products, washing powder, tinned meals such as meatballs, hotdogs etc., other tinned items such as baked beans, spaghetti hoops, soups etc., pasta and pasta sauces. Many thanks if you are able to support in any way.



Asymptomatic Testing Information for Parents and Adults in Households with Children at School or College

All adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.



Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

“Let’s Count!” for Census Day – 21 March

As explained in last week’s newsletter, we’re delighted to be taking part in “Let’s Count!”, the exciting schools programme which helps children learn about the census and why it matters to everyone.



The next census is taking place on **Sunday 21 March 2021**. The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. This helps to plan and fund public services in our local area. By spreading the word and taking part in the census, you will help make sure our community is counted and gets the services it needs.

You will receive a letter in the post from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). You will then need to fill in the census questionnaire on or before Sunday 21 March 2021.

Find out more about Census 2021 and how to fill in your census questionnaire at www.census.gov.uk.

The ONS and resources centre, iChild, developed Let’s Count! to teach children about the census and make learning fun. The programme has achieved accreditation from Mathematics in Education and Industry (MEI), the National Association for the Teaching of English (NATE) and the Geographical Association.

The lesson plans are designed to teach children both in the classroom or at home. They aim to support our school through Coronavirus (COVID-19), to re-engage children and families in learning and to celebrate our local community. There are also exclusive video lessons, including a live YouTube lesson from Professor David Olusoga on the subject of 'Equality, representation and the census'.

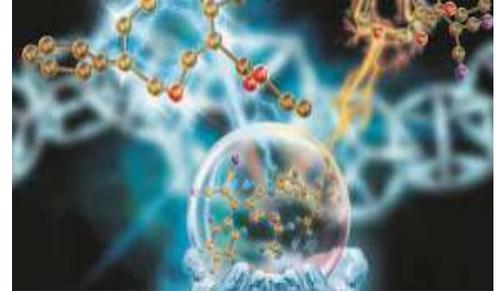
Our Let’s Count! Day is on **Monday 22 March**. Children will count things around our school or local area and collect data on any subject that matters to them. The information gathered will be used to make a display, which we will use to enter the Let’s Count! competition. Prizes will be awarded to the best entries, with £1,000 worth of equipment going to the winning school.

British Science Week Poster Winners!

The children have been working hard either in school or as part of their homework to create a poster for our science competition 'Innovating for the Future.' We have been overwhelmed by the number of outstanding entries and creative ideas. We may see some of these ideas come to fruition in the future!

The winners have been given their prizes in school today and these are:

Nursery - Reggie P
Reception - Toby N
Year 1 - Jonah M-Y
Year 2 - Kinza M
Year 3 - Freya B
Year 4 - Zara I
Year 5 - Isabella E
Year 6 - Manayal S



School Uniform Exchange

Thank you so much to all of those parents who have donated good quality items of uniform in response to the *school uniform exchange*! There is a box situated by the gate on the school car park for any parents who have items they wish to donate. Amy Roobottom continues with 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.itmat.co.uk and we will ensure this is forwarded to her. Please see last week's newsletter for details of items currently available.

Hot Lunch Options – 22 to 26 March 2021

Lunch options for the forthcoming week are:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Monday	Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Tuesday	All Day Breakfast (Pork)	All Day Breakfast (Quorn)	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing and Gravy	Quorn Roast, Stuffing and Gravy	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Thursday	BBQ Chicken & Rice	BBQ Quorn & Rice	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Friday	Fish & Chips	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch

Please note that due to staffing in the kitchen and current protective measures, we are unable to sell break time snacks at this time. We hope to resume break sales after Easter but in the meantime, children are allowed to bring in their own snack as a substitute. This must be a healthy snack, i.e. a piece of fruit and avoidant of nuts due to allergies in school.

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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



Nursery

This week in Nursery, the children have been learning about Police Officers and Fire Fighters. They were very excited to have a live zoom call from a real Police Officer, who told them all about an exciting job he had been called out to...Daddy Bear had reported a burglar in his house who had caused criminal damage to Baby Bear's chair!

We learnt all about the equipment that the Police Officer would use to help track down the missing girl, and was pleased to hear that she had returned safely home after previously getting lost in the woods! We have been practising our subitising lots this week and are getting very good at talking about numbers we can see in pictures and in the environment around us. Another great week, well done Nursery children!

Reception

It has been a very exciting week in Reception as we continued learning about people who help us. This week we focussed on police officers and fire fighters and the children were very lucky to meet PC Farrington. The children were very interested to learn all about PC Farrington's investigation of Goldilocks! The children were shocked to find out about all of the ways Goldilocks had broken the law and the different pieces of equipment PC Farrington used to eventually find her in the Forest. They were very much relieved to discover it had all been a misunderstanding!

The fun continued as the children began to create their fire engines using lots of junk modelling materials. They have used super imaginative skills to design some wonderful engines and are very excited to complete these next week. To end the week, the children joined in with comic relief celebrations by arriving to school in something red and decorating their own red noses!



Year 1

Year 1 have had another superb week in school. After settling back into our routines last week, we have set ourselves the challenge of trying to work quietly this week. Although it has been hard, the children have done extremely well with working quietly at their tables and doing their best work! In English we have been learning about capital letters for names, places and I, as well as working on our reading and comprehension. In Maths we have recapped subtracting across 10. Year 1 have been finding this quite tricky, but with lots of perseverance and resilience, we got there in the end! In the afternoons Year 1 have been learning about staying healthy and safe in PSHE. The children are able to identify what keeps them safe in the house, what should be kept away from young children, and even how to cross a road safely! All of the children earned their 'Crossing the road license'!

Year 2

We had a great week in Year 2. We have been completing some fantastic writing about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We also had an Art day where we focussed on making a sculpture based on a dream. Children were inspired by Jaume Plensa's famous sculpture, 'Dream.' We have also been working hard on Fractions in Maths. Well done Year 2 for an enjoyable week!



Year 3

Year 3 have had a great week! This week, we have completed a science investigation as part of our British science week celebrations. Our investigation was about exercise and how this increases our heart rate. The children enjoyed doing different exercises and then measuring their heart rate afterwards. Year 3 have also been working hard on their new maths unit on Fractions and have been able to show a good

understanding of finding half. On Wednesday, the children really enjoyed their music lessons with Mr Mansfield and their PE lessons with Mrs Welch. Well done Year 3!

Year 4

This week the children have continued to take part in science investigations linked to sound. The children have been outside to test their predictions using telephones made from paper cups. The children have also been writing their own chapters for the 'World's Worst Teachers' linked to the book by David Walliams.

I know the children are very sorry to say goodbye to Miss Westwood who is leaving us this week to move onto the next part of her training. The children will be welcoming back Mr. Bishop next week who will be with us for the summer term.

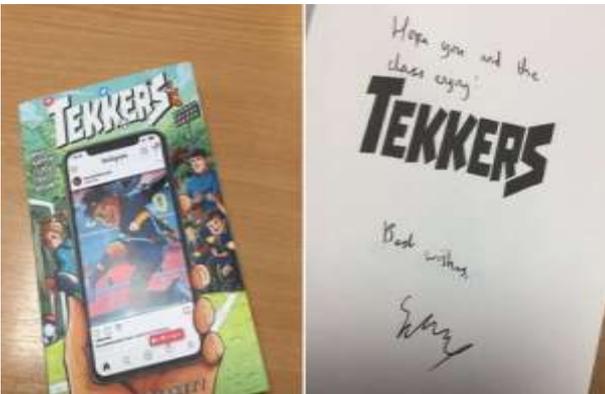
Year 5



Lots to do in year 5 this week and the children have really committed themselves to all the lessons, which I'm really proud to see. They've taken a closer look at Anthony Gormley's art, with inspiration from the Terracotta Army, and created their own Marquettes. In French, the class have been learning to order a sandwich and they're really trying hard on their French pronunciations. We're continuing to learn about Earth and space and this week in Science we've looked at the movement of the moon around the Earth. There's a new topic on decimals in Maths

and the children have been wowing me with their ambitious vocabulary in English – some of which is incredible! Keep up the cracking work Year 5!

Year 6



Year 6 have been working hard this week. In maths, we have started a new unit exploring ratio and proportion, where the pupils have been introduced to the symbol, made links to fractions and calculated ratio. We have also started a new unit in English, looking at the short, action-packed film 'Eleven' before we go on to write it as our own story. In the afternoons, we have been learning about living things and their habitats in science, using classification grids to sort different animals and we have been widening our music knowledge to look at Caribbean music, including reggae! Well done Year 6.

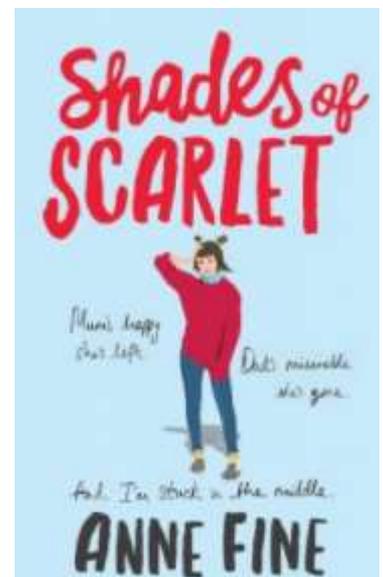
Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 9 to 11...

Shades of Scarlet

by Anne Fine

Award-winning author and former Children's Laureate Anne Fine has a rare gift for revealing family relationships accurately and painfully but with laugh out loud humour. She is at her best unpicking the complicated feelings around family break up and exploring the devious means all parties have of keeping secrets and uncovering the truth. When Scarlet's dynamic mother decides to leave her quieter father Scarlet has to go with her. Luckily, she can still see her dad at weekends and she still has her best friend Alice to share everything with. Gradually Scarlet finds that there are other people to think about too including her mother's new boyfriend and the possible new partner for her father. She also finds she has a lot to



learn about her parents as individuals as well as in relationship to her. Anne Fine is as full of family insight and humour as ever.

Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Zayn S	Lottie D
Year 1	Aminah A	Momina R
Year 2	Nell T	Kinza M
Year 3	Zahra K	Evelina K
Year 4	Isabelle J	Owais H
Year 5	Freya P	Hasan A
Year 6	Izzy L	Jack W

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Thea K
Year 1	Aminah A
Year 2	Asra Z
Year 3	Hakeem A
Year 4	Joshua M
Year 5	Safi S
Year 6	Moses T

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (<i>Week Ending 19.03.21</i>)	158	142	155	170
Position	2nd – 3 points	4th – 1 point	3rd – 2 points	1st – 4 points
Running Total	6	5	3	6

Spring Term Diary Dates

Many of our dates for the spring 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
Red Nose Day	Friday 19 th March 2021
School Closes for Easter	Thursday 1 st April 2021
School Re-Opens	Monday 19 th April 2021
Year 5 Swimming Resumes	Tuesday 20 th April 2021
Mr Attwood's Sports Camp	Tuesday 6 th April 2021 – Friday 9 th April 2021 Monday 12 th April 2021 – Friday 16 th April 2021
INSET Day	Friday 30 th April 2021
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2021
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Election	Thursday 6 th May 2021
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 28 th May 2021
INSET Day	Monday 7 th June 2021
School Re-Opens	Tuesday 8 th June 2021
Year 6 – John Taylor High School Induction Day 1	Friday 25 th June 2021
Year 6 – John Taylor High School Induction Day 2	Monday 28 th June 2021
Year 6 – John Taylor High School Induction Day 3	Tuesday 29 th June 2021
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 21 st July 2021

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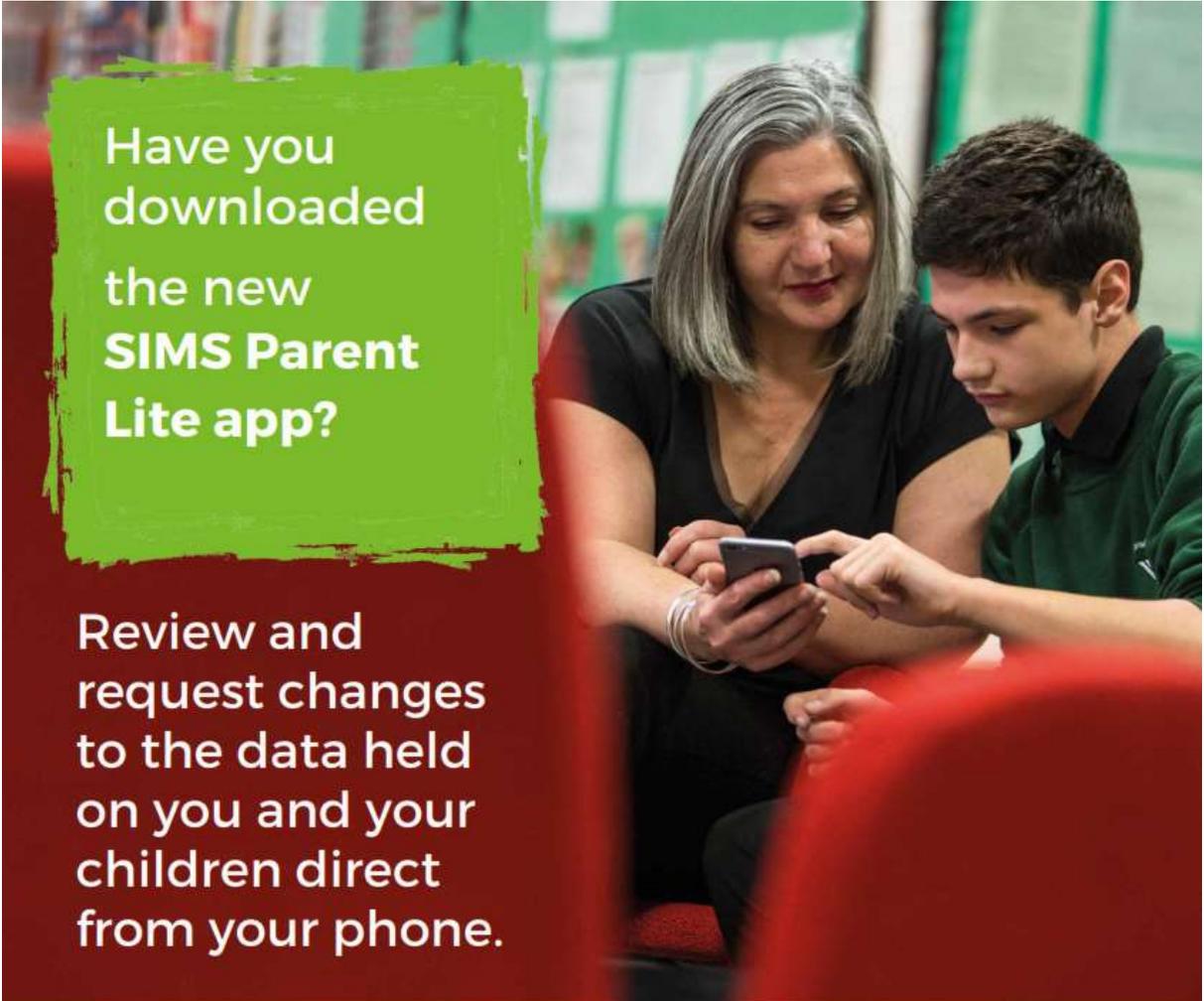


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Explore Let's Count! at: www.letscount.org.uk





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