



SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"People begin to become successful the minute they decide to be."

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to say a very warm welcome back to everyone, after what has been a very busy week in school (more about this later on in the 'Shobnall Showcase' section of the newsletter)! It seems as though everyone has had a really good Easter break (with some fantastic weather in parts) and it has been great to have seen children, parents and staff looking so well, refreshed and revitalised. Many of you have started to enjoy some of the gradual lifting of restrictions but as we are all aware, we do still need to be cautious and adhere to government guidelines and procedures to ensure we remain as safe as possible. Thank you for continuing to do so.

We were so saddened to hear of the death of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh over Easter. He inspired the lives of countless young people and our thoughts continue to be with the Royal Family and people around the world who are in mourning for his loss.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Muslim families a very happy, peaceful and prosperous month of fasting. Ramadan Mubarak!

Whatever it is you choose to do this weekend (many of the staff here are gripped with the latest series of 'Line of Duty'), as always, please make sure you stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday!



Summer Calendar!



In school, we continue to remain fiercely optimistic that the Government will be able to proceed as planned with the Roadmap and that it may be possible to host some of our traditional summer events once again after 21 June 2021. We have provisionally set some dates (see 'Summer Term Diary Dates'), which we wanted to give you advance notice of, but please note that these are subject to change should restrictions and government guidance state otherwise. Should they go ahead as planned, we will send out information to parents with as much

notice as possible, to make you aware of the Covid-safe procedures for you to watch safely. Keep an eye on the 'Summer Term Diary Dates' section at the end of the newsletter for any changes or amendments over the forthcoming weeks.

National Survey of Children – The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has this week launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

We would encourage all parents to support their children to [complete this survey](#). Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

Heroes Stamp Design Competition

For more than 50 years Royal Mail's Special Stamp programme has commemorated British history and achievement. Stamps have also been issued to honour the achievements of many British people. Often, the people who appear on stamps are already famous. They include scientists and explorers, writers, artists, musicians, athletes, and Prime Ministers.

Since the coronavirus pandemic began, there have been many people who have done great things. Many of them are not famous, but they have done extraordinary work. These are the people who have helped us all through a really difficult time. Some are frontline workers in healthcare, others look after elderly or vulnerable people.

Millions of key workers have kept the country going when most of us were told to stay home for our own safety. And there have been many people who volunteered to help people in their communities who needed help or support. We think that what these people have done makes them heroes, so Royal Mail wants to honour them by producing a set of eight stamps.

The stamps will feature designs created by eight school-aged children. We are asking our young designers to think about who their hero or heroes are, and to then design a stamp in their honour. A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued.

All children aged 4-14 from across the UK (except residents of the Isle of Man and Channel Islands) can enter the competition through their school, or independently from a school with permission from an adult.

Your child has been sent home with an official entry form today and should they wish to enter, they must complete their design on the form and return it to their class teacher by **Friday 21 May 2021** so we can collate them and send them to Royal Mail by the closing date. Good luck!



GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON

	SCHOOL	ENTRANT/FAMILY
Overall Winners x 8:	£1,000	£1,000 vouchers
Regional Winners x 16:	£500	£500 vouchers
Regional Runners Up x 96:	£100	£100 vouchers



Travelling to School and College Safely

With roads becoming busy again as restrictions are lifted, the following advice has been shared with parents and pupils to help us travel to school safely:

- If you live a short distance from your school or college, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so.
- Avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.
- If you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey.
- When you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, don't forget to:

- wear a face covering (unless you are exempt – including if you are aged 11 and under). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station
- social distance where possible
- wash or sanitise your hands regularly
- be considerate to fellow passengers and staff.

Please could we ask parents NOT to walk through the garden at The Albion when parking there to pick-up/drop-off your child at school? If they do, you are liable to have to complete 'Track & Trace'. Many thanks!

St. George's Day

St George's Day, marked on 23 April each year, is upon us once again – and interest surrounding the festival of England's primary patron saint shows no sign of abating. It's common knowledge that – according to legend, at least – St George killed a dragon. But what else do you know about him? We bring you the facts...

- ✚ Despite popular belief, St George is not English. Very little is known about the actual man. If he ever existed (and there's no proof he did), George would likely have been a soldier somewhere in the eastern Roman empire, probably in what is now Turkey.
- ✚ His name means 'earth-worker' – that is, farmer – and his feast day of 23 April is in the spring, when crops are starting to grow. Many people throughout European history have prayed to St George for a good harvest.
- ✚ The earliest legend that features St George rescuing a princess from a dragon dates to the 11th century. It may have started simply as a way to explain icons of military saints slaying dragons, symbolising the triumph of good over evil. For the permanent association of St George and the dragon we have to thank the *Golden Legend*, a popular collection of saints' lives written in the 13th century.
- ✚ The English share him with a number of other countries, including Portugal and Georgia.





Craftemoons

Tuesday 8th, 12th and 15th June
1.30pm - 2.30pm

Do you live in the Burton upon Trent area?
Sign up to get free craft packs by post then join us online for these live sessions to learn decoupage, felting and silk painting.
Don't have a device or can't get on the internet? We are able to loan devices and data and provide support to get online for the sessions. Just let us know what help you need when you book.



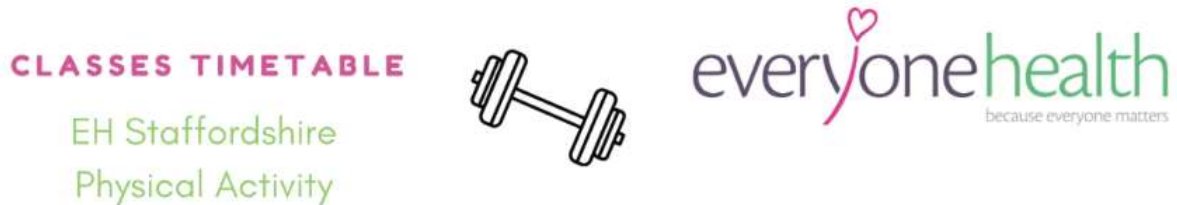



To book, or find out more, email burton.library@staffordshire.gov.uk or call 01283 881204

Everyone Health

Everyone health is now able to offer a free 12-week physical activity support program for anyone with low physical activity levels, over 18-years-old living in the Staffordshire area. We have a comprehensive virtual timetable including Pilates, yoga, dance fit and many more classes.

If you are interested in this service and would like to try some of the classes, please call our main number on 0333 005 0095.



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Aerobics with Emma (via Zoom) 10.00-11.00	Health Walks Resuming Mid-April!	Health Walks Resuming Mid-April!	Health Walks Resuming Mid-April!	Legs, Bums and Tums with Vikki (via Zoom) 9.30-10.15
Telephone 1-1 calls with Emma AM	Telephone 1-1 calls with Alex AM	Telephone 1-1 calls with Alex AM	Telephone 1-1 calls with Emma AM	Couch to 5k Coming soon!
	DanceFit with Vikki (via Zoom) 18.00-18.30	Chair Based Exercises with Alex (via Zoom) 14.00-15.00	HITT with Emma (via Zoom) 14.00-15.00	Couch to 5k Coming soon!
Pilates with Vikki (via Zoom) 18.30 -19.15	Yoga with Vikki (via Zoom) 18.45-19.45		Boxercise with Emma (via Zoom) 18.00-19.00	

Not sure which class you would like to start with?

Your Physical Activity Specialist will be able to help you select the most appropriate session after your first appointment.

Random Acts of Kindness (RAOK)

Mr and Mrs Burton have generously set up RAOK, 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.



Suncream and Sunhats

As the warmer weather now approaches, please don't forget to send your child to school with suncream on and sunhats when we are due to have a particularly hot day. This is especially important in the current climate, as schools are encouraged to work outside and in as much fresh air as is possible. Many thanks for your support with this.

Year 5 Forest School

The first week of Forest School for the Year Five's saw the class enjoying an extremely sunny and warm afternoon. We began the session by familiarising ourselves with the fire circle and the safety rules. Our learning at Forest School will be based on our Early Islamic Civilisation themed topic – The House of Wisdom!

We were given the opportunity to explore the Forest School area and notice any changes since our last visit. A lot of new areas have been added to forest school and we enjoyed exploring the magical area as well as the wellbeing area. We also noticed that different plants and trees had grown. But the most exciting thing we discovered was – a frog! It was amazing to see it in its own environment and we moved it back to the pond so that it was safe while we began to complete our activities.

Our activities were based around the theme of 'teamwork' we learned how to create a tension knot and had to relay back to our group to be able to create a successful tarp shelter. We also had the opportunity to create our own 'House of Wisdom' using materials we could find in the Forest School area as well as weaving with different textures.



School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget 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 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.

Hot Lunch Options – 26 to 29 April 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	Hot Dog (Pork)	Hot Dog (Quorn)	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing and Gravy	Quorn Roast, Stuffing and Gravy	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Thursday	Fish & Chips	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

Nursery

The Nursery children seem to have returned to nursery after the Easter break with such enthusiasm and a greater level of maturity. They have worked so hard at many areas of learning this week including learning about 3D shapes, practising writing letters in their names and using scissors with a higher level of control to cut along a line or shape.



This week we have begun our new topic entitled 'Once upon a time' with a focus on Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have listened to lots of different stories about growing seeds and during our Forest School session on Thursday got to plant their own magic bean. We will now learn how to care for them in the hope of growing a tall beanstalk!

Forest School was lots of fun! The children loved exploring the outdoor area and got to experience bark rubbing, leaf threading and making the giant's face out of clay and natural resources found at Forest School. We loved our end of session reflection time with a hot chocolate and biscuit, although we did have a healthy apple too, and a good sing song to complete a brilliant introductory first session. We can't wait for next week!

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Reception

We have had a great start to the term in Reception with our new topic on 'Fairytales.' This week we had a focus on Jack and the Beanstalk and the children had lots of fun acting out the story and creating their own beanstalk pictures.

They had lots of fun carrying out an investigation to answer, 'Which is the best place to grow a beanstalk?' After planting each bean the children had a wonderful time sharing their thoughts.



'It won't grow in the cupboard it's too dark and the sun needs to shine on it to help it to grow.' (Toby)

'Maybe if it's outside and it rains the bean will flow over and pop out. The birds might get it too!' (Baaqir)

'The sun is in the window and will shine through the glass to make it healthy.' (Lilly)

We are all hoping at least one of the beans will grow tall enough to reach a friendly giant's castle!

It was also an extra exciting week as the children began their Forest School session and what a fantastic, sunny afternoon they had! Continuing our theme, the children each planted their own bean, completed a variety of fun activities and carried out their own explorations.

Year 1

What a week the Year 1 children have had! They returned to school, eager to learn on Monday morning, but were met by an awful sight...their classroom had been turned upside down! The children sprang into action, and using their powers of deduction, discovered that Spike the dragon had been learning to fly over the Easter holidays and had accidentally messed up the classroom in the process! To note this momentous event, the Year 1s are working on writing a Newspaper report to document everything that happened.

In Maths the children have been working on the new skill of multiplication. They are now experts at 'equal groups' and are getting increasingly accurate at counting in 2s, 5s and 10s each day.

In the afternoons Year 1 have been learning about the countryside, coasts and remote places in Geography, as well as the varying weather patterns across the UK. The children had great fun presenting weather reports to the rest of the class as if they were a real Weatherman/woman!



Year 2

We had a great week in Year 2. This week we have settled back into our learning and continued to work hard. In Maths we have finished our learning on fractions. In English we have started to learn about Nonsense poems and children have enjoyed learning the poem 'Ning Nang Nong.' We have started our new Guided reading book 'The Worst Witch' which we are very excited about!

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic week this week! I have been impressed by how hard they have worked! We are continuing our work on Fractions in Maths and have started to look at ordering fractions on a number line. In English, we are going to be looking at Stories with a Familiar Setting and we have started this unit by looking at description. We have also started our new guided reading text 'How to Train your Dragon' and have made some predictions about what we think might happen in the story. On Tuesday afternoon, we had our first Forest School session which we all really enjoyed! Well done Year 3!



Year 4

Year 4 have really enjoyed this week. We have been writing adverts in English and using techniques to entice the reader. The pupils have enjoyed using alliteration and exaggeration! In Geography we have been learning about different time zones around the world and how to calculate these time zones.

Year 5

Year 5 have had an action packed first week back at school. On Tuesday, the class went swimming for the first time which they all thoroughly enjoyed and were an absolute credit to the school. On Wednesday afternoon, they also enjoyed their first Forest school session and were even lucky enough to come across a frog. The children enjoyed working together as a team to create their own dens and different 'Houses of Wisdom', which is based on our new topic about Early Islamic Civilisation. In Maths, the children have continued with their learning about fractions, decimals, and percentage and in English they began learning about stories from other cultures and are looking forward to writing their own. A great week Year 5 – keep up the hard work!

Year 6

It has been lovely to welcome Year 6 back into class this week, especially with them working so hard across all areas of the curriculum. In maths, we have started a new unit covering statistics, where we have read and interpreted line graphs before constructing our own, identified the different parts of a circle and were introduced to pie charts. As part of our English work, we have been revising some different

writing skills focused on recounts and will work towards writing our own, based on a story told through a music video. We have been very excited about starting a new book as part of our reading lessons, Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. In our first lesson, we spent time discussing our predictions based on the front cover and blurb before reading the first chapter and considering how the author engages the reader. Well done Year 6!

Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 7 to 9...

Everyday Magic

by Jess Kidd

Alfie Blackstock isn't surprised to find himself an orphan. After all, his parents had always been careless. Comic, intriguing, full of possibilities, this opening sets the tone for the book that follows. Adopted by his aunts Gertrude and Zita, who we quickly realise are witches, Alfie settles into a new life in the remote village of Little Snoddington. He's in need of friends his own age, if only to share all the extraordinary things that go on around him, and the arrival of the Famous Fagan Family Circus provides just that, in the form of daring young trapeze artists Calypso. When Calypso's sister disappears, Alfie is there to help even though that means taking on the evil Head Witch – it's what friends are for, after all. Full of humour and excitement, and with a proper emphasis on the importance of bravery, loyalty and friendships, Jess Kidd's adventure story will delight young readers.



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Sophia W	Nancy M
Year 1	Hadi K	Aadil F
Year 2	Kian S	Bhuvana S
Year 3	Sophie A	Jenson S
Year 4	Amy R	Basri H
Year 5	Qayyam A	Isabella E
Year 6	Elsie W	Iflak T

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Nancy M
Year 1	Rehaan K
Year 2	Erin S
Year 3	Evelina K
Year 4	Elise K
Year 5	Finley D
Year 6	Adyaan H

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 23.04.21)	138	120	133	117
Position	1 st – 4 points	3 rd – 2 points	2 nd – 3 points	4 th – 1 point
Running Total	18	13	9	11

Summer 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
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
Year 6 'Mock' SATs Week	Monday 17 th May 2021 to Thursday 20 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 5/6 JTMAT Football Tournament	Thursday 24 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
Year 2, Year 5/6 JTMAT Athletics Tournament	Wednesday 30 th June 2021
Year 4/5/6 Recorded Production of Treasure Island Available	Week beginning Monday 5 th July 2021
End of Year Reports to Parents	Monday 5 th July 2021
EYFS/KS1 Sports Day	Wednesday 7 th July 2021 – AM
KS2 Sports Day	Wednesday 7 th July 2021 – PM
Optional Parent Consultations	Thursday 8 th July 2021
Year 5/6 JTMAT Cricket Tournament	Monday 12 th July 2021
Year 6 – DeFerrers Induction Day	Tuesday 13 th July 2021
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Friday 16 th July 2021 – AM
Year 6 Leavers' Party	Friday 16 th July 2021 – PM
Year 6 Enterprise Fair	Monday 19 th July 2021
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 21 st July 2021
INSET Day	Wednesday 1 st September 2021
School Reopens for Pupils	Thursday 2 nd September 2021



60-Second Vegtastic Lunchbox Hacks

Veg are a key part of a healthy diet but it can be a real struggle to get kids to eat enough of them. Adding an extra portion or two to their packed lunch will help to up their intake. Try these simple ideas to **veg-pack their lunchboxes** with limited faff.

The basic toolkit:

- **Containers** (small and lidded for dips, leftovers and more)
- **Cutlery** (if needed)
- **Thermos** (any heat-retaining flask is great for soups, baked beans, leftovers, etc.)
- **Bamboo kebab sticks** (optional, but helpful for making veggies more fun)



Top tip: Know your portions – a child's portion of veg is roughly 50g or what fits into a child's hand.



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Free online workshop for parent carers hosted by Contact
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How children and young people are supported with their special educational needs

Education Health and Care Plans and SEN Support



Tuesday 11th May 2021

19:30 – 21:30 [Book here](#)

Thursday 13th May 2021

10:00 – 12:00 [Book here](#)

Find out what educational support is available for your child with additional needs

This online Zoom workshop will help you to understand:

- What are Special Educational Needs?
- What is the legal framework?
- What is SEN Support?
- Education, Health & Care Plans (EHCPs/EHC Plans)
- Your right to appeal
- What support is available

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