



# SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"The best Christmas gift is to realise what you already have."*

Dear Parents/Carers,

After a very impressive win in their first World Cup match on Monday, there are high hopes for England tonight in their second game against the USA! The children enjoyed watching the match in school and I know that they are very excited about tonight! Come on, England!

Despite it still only being November, it's beginning to look, and feel, very festive around school! The decorations will be going up shortly, nativity rehearsals are in full swing and the Christmas Market will be entertaining visitors before the ink is dry on next week's newsletter! The Christmas holidays seem to be racing quickly towards us and there is still so much to do! Please keep checking the diary dates at the end of the newsletter to remind yourselves of what is happening.

Thank you to everyone who supported our 'spotty' non-uniform day last week in support of **Children in Need**. You will be pleased to know that we managed to raise a total of **£156.60!**

Next week, Year 5 are making their way to Whitemoor Lakes and will be staying from Wednesday 30 November until Friday 2 December. Please look out on Twitter to see how they are getting on! I know the children are really looking forward to their stay and it promises to be a fantastic few days for them! Some members of our choir will also be representing our school at the JTMAT Christmas Concert on Thursday 1 December, which promises to be a very festive and uplifting event.

Have an amazing weekend everyone – whatever it is that you are doing, ENJOY! We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday!



## **Shobnall PFA Christmas Market – Friday 2 December 2022, 3.30 – 5.30pm**

The PFA Christmas Market is only a week away and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible! It promises to be a great event and I must express my sincerest thanks to the PFA, who have been working tirelessly to make this event extra special and even better than last year!

Please refer to the letter, which was been emailed to you last week, if you are planning

to attend which outlines in more detail the plans and stalls that will be there. We hope that you can come along and support.

To help with the last minute preparations for the event, here are some reminders from the PFA:

- 🌲 The PFA will be running a 'street food' stall at the Christmas Market. If you are able to donate any cakes or Asian food, the PFA would be very grateful if this could be labelled with ingredients to support those with allergies. Also, if possible, please could you indicate if it is suitable for vegetarians or not? They ask that these are donated on the morning of the Market, so that all food products are as fresh as possible and will ensure that any containers are returned to you the following week via your child. Also, you are more than welcome to bring your own containers along to the event should you wish to have a 'takeaway' option!
- 🌲 If you have any unwanted items for the bric-a-brac stall (i.e. toys, books, games etc.) that are in good condition, the PFA are happy to start accepting these donations in school from now. They would also like to ask for any outgrown or unwanted children's clothes that are in good condition, as they will also be running a second hand children's clothing stall.
- 🌲 The choir will be performing in the hall at around 4.15pm! We look forward to hearing their singing, which will get everyone in the festive mood! They will be singing songs that they have been practising for the JTMAT Christmas Concert. There will be no Young Voices Choir Club on this night.
- 🌲 On the day itself, the children (and staff) are allowed to come to school in non-uniform! Christmas jumpers are permitted! The charge for this is for pupils in EYFS and Key Stage 1 to bring in a chocolate item (value of at least 50p) and pupils in Key Stage 2 to bring a bottle!
- 🌲 Santa has confirmed his attendance! Tickets will be available from Monday 28 November outside the entrance to the key stage 2 playground every morning and afternoon, priced at £2.50.
- 🌲 If anyone would, or knows of anyone who would, like to hire a table at a charge of £10 for their own stall, please let the school office know and we can pass on details to the Chair of the PFA.



### Online Safety Tips



TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used

social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate content, dangerous challenges and contact with strangers.

### Christingle!

Monday 5 December 2022 will be our annual Christingle Assembly day. If you would like to send your child with a Christingle orange (please see instructions below), please ensure that it arrives in school on the Monday morning.

*Please note that due to allergies, instead of using nuts to decorate the cocktail sticks, may we please ask that parents use alternatives such as sweets and dried fruit.*

Many thanks for your support!

## Making a Christingle

### Equipment:

- Orange
- Four cocktail sticks
- Sweets
- Candle
- Red ribbon



### Instructions:

1. Tie your red ribbon in a bow around the centre of the orange.
2. Place some sweets on your cocktail sticks.
3. Insert your cocktail sticks evenly around the centre of your orange.
4. Place your candle in the hole that your teacher has made at the top of the orange.

### Have a Sustainable Black Friday

It's Black Friday this week and it can be very tempting to buy lots of new things. The most sustainable Black Friday is to not buy anything at all - but here are some tips if you want to get involved.

- **Make a list** - don't be tempted to buy items you wouldn't have got if they weren't in the sale
- **Shop at local, sustainable brands**
- **Think long term** - if you do want to treat yourself, get something you know will last you a long time
- **Recycle** - if you are replacing items, such as electrical goods, take your old or broken ones to your nearest recycling centre.



## School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*, which will continue this year! There is a box situated by the gate on the school car park 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.itmat.co.uk](mailto:shb-office@shb.itmat.co.uk) and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.



## King Charles III Coronation, Bank Holiday Monday 8 May 2023 – Changes to KS2 Test Dates

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary. Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:



- Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

There will be no changes to arrangements for our other assessments, including KS2 teacher assessments, key stage 1 tests and teacher assessments, the phonics screening check and the multiplication tables check. Dates and deadlines for these assessments remain as previously announced. In making their decision, ministers have considered the views of schools and stakeholders including trade unions and have sought to minimise disruption to schools arising from the change in plans.

## Hot Lunch Options – 28 November to 2 December 2022

W/c 28.11.22, 2.1.23, 23.1.23, 13.2.23

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN DISH</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Naan with Baked Potato Wedges	All Day Breakfast	Roast chicken with creamy mash potato & gravy	5  Chicken & tomato pasta bake	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
<b>VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH</b>	5  Vegetable tikka masala with 50/50 rice Pb	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast	Quorn fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	5  Vegetable & bean chilli with 50/50 rice Pb	Pb  Quorn™ nuggets with chunky chips
<b>ACCOMPANIMENTS</b> 5	Peas & broccoli Salad bar	Roasted vegetables Salad bar	Green beans & cabbage Salad bar	Corn on the cob & carrots Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Oaty jam squares	5  Apple pie with custard	Lemon cake	Sticky toffee pudding with custard	Ice Cream
<b>FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT</b>	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
<b>JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION</b>	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	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

The Nativity preparations have begun and the children in nursery have been working so hard singing the songs and remembering their parts! We have also been on the stage for the first time this week and we are so impressed with how beautifully they all sat and listened during the rehearsals! In addition to this, we have been talking about when and why we should brush our teeth. The children have been sent home this week with a tube of toothpaste and a challenge to record their tooth brushing routine for 4 weeks! Hopefully, this will help to embed a daily routine for the children. Finally, we have also started our new book focus of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and there has been some fantastic story telling going on, especially mimicking what the troll says!



## Reception

The most wonderful time of the year is upon us which can mean only one thing...the Nativity!

This week the children have made a fantastic start on our EYFS performance 'A Magical Christmas.' The children have shown fantastic communication and language skills as they excitedly made their way over to the hall and followed instructions carefully.

The children have enjoyed learning some new songs and we have now got the tunes going around in our heads! There was some brilliant use of expression, beautiful singing and groovy actions during our practices this week. We are all very excited to develop our special performance again next week in preparation of sharing it with our families and friends.

There was also some great phonics learning this week with children using their knowledge to write simple sentences. I have also been very impressed with the children's reading this week as they continue to work hard on blending words.

Keep up the great work reception - you are amazing!

## Year 1

Year 1 have had a great, busy week! In History, they have been learning about Queen Elizabeth II. They have created a timeline about the events of her life. They finished writing their own version of The Three Little Pigs and had great ideas. During Maths children have been working hard on subtraction. Well done!

## Year 2

Year 2 have been busy bees this week! In English, they have finished their unit of learning on writing diary entries. All the children were able to recall facts to include in their diary, write in the past tense, use conjunctions to extend sentences, as well as ambitious adjectives to describe feelings. The afternoons have been nativity, nativity and a bit more nativity! 'It's a Census Get Me Out of Here!' is in full swing, with almost all the children having learnt their lines and able to say them from memory! We still have a

week and a half to go before the big performance, but with how fantastic they are already, Miss Martin-Mills is certain that this will be the best nativity yet!

### Year 3

Year 3 have continued practising their Cosy Christmas celebration and are beginning to master all the words to their songs. Keep up the hard work Year 3 and do not forget to practise those lines! In English, we have drafted our Mary Anning diary entry and the children are looking forward to writing their final piece. We have completed our addition and subtraction unit in maths and the children are now able to confidently use the column method to solve problems. In Science, we completed an experiment all about the effectiveness of sun cream and which SPF protects us from the exposure of the ultraviolet rays that the sun emits.

### Year 4

Year 4 have had another great week. In Maths, the children have started looking at area and it is amazing to see the confidence the children have developed with this. In English, the children have been looking at a Roman diary entry in preparation for writing our own in a couple of weeks. Again, we have had another great session down at Forest school and thankfully it didn't rain this week! The children had the opportunity to use the fire and have



cooked pancakes and marshmallows (which were very tasty). Finally, we have concluded our Science unit for this half term, where the children have been looking at food chains and how they are so important to the many ecosystems we have. Another fantastic week Year 4. Keep it up!



### Year 5

Year 5 started the week thinking about the impact of single-use plastics, their impact on the environment and how they can use a variety of writing techniques to produce a persuasive article.

In Maths we have continued with our Multiplication and Division topic and the children have been developing their understanding of prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers (whilst using their times table facts to help). They have made a great start and understand the importance of being able to recall times table facts fluently.

In RE, the children had a class discussion about the meaning of the word 'true'. They reviewed a variety of newspaper articles on dinosaur fossils and analysed them to find out what was the same, what was different

and which facts were true. This was linked to the variety of stories about Christmas and how personal experience can influence if we deem things to be true.

The children have been enjoying their music lessons with Mrs Johnston practicing sea shanties.

The children are a *little* excited about their residential trip next week. We have been discussing the importance of being prepared (packing their own bags, checking the kit list requirements) and listening

to instructions. Please make sure that children arrive to school on time on Wednesday morning ready and packed for their 3 days away.

## Year 6

Zoya H has constructed this week's write-up of what has been happening in Year 6:

In Maths this week we have been learning how to add and subtract fractions in problems. For example: Milly swam four-fifths of a lap in the morning and seven-fifths of a lap in the evening. How much farther did Milly swim in the morning than in the evening?

In English we were writing short stories on a clip called 'The Lighthouse' but now we have moved onto doing persuasive texts about visiting Florida. You know you could head over to Florida and have a relax!

As it is going to be Christmas soon, we have been making little L.E.D Christmas trees in D&T. We have also been learning about electricity in Science where we made our own miniature light bulb glow with wires, switches, batteries etc.

We have also been given the opportunity to watch the England vs Iran football match, ending in the score 6-2.

We began our Christmas preparation by making Christmas cards for the JTMAT card competition and I heard a rumour that Secret Santa is in town!

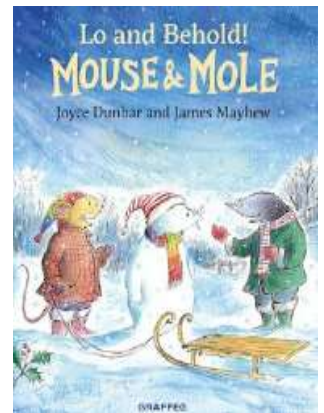
## Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 3+...

### Mouse & Mole: Lo and Behold!

*Written by Ben Miller*

Christmas is coming! First there is the wonder of snow and then there is all the hustle and bustle of getting ready for Christmas. Finally, it is Christmas eve and Mouse and Mole have to wait patiently for Father Christmas to arrive... Three charming short stories all matched with beautiful and warm hearted illustrations make this a perfect book to share at any time and especially in the run up to Christmas!



## Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Paisley H	Jakub K
Year 1	Rupert C	Zayn C
Year 2	Toby N	Lily B
Year 3	Oliver M	Zain A
Year 4	Saif N	Kian S
Year 5	Oliver O	Amina H
Year 6	Isabelle J	Ameen A

## Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Mustafa A
Year 1	Ayesha F
Year 2	Sophia W
Year 3	Fatiha N-M
Year 4	Nell T
Year 5	Florence W
Year 6	Musa H

## Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
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Points (Week Ending 25.11.22)	129	97	121	126
Position	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 Points	4 <sup>th</sup> – 1 Point	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 2 Points	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 Points
Running Total	14	4	13	9

### Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022 Inclusive
Year 6 Class Assembly	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022, 9.15am
JTMAT Christmas Concert	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022
Christingle	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2022, 9.15am
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2022, 9.15am
Key Stage 1 Nativity	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2022, 9.15am & 2.15pm
Year 3 Cosy Christmas Celebration	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2022, 9.15am
Christmas Lunch – Christmas Jumper Day for Children!	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at Lichfield Garrick	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022, 10.00am
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022

### 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
Year 6 Laches Wood Meeting for Parents	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023, 3.30pm, Year 6 Classroom
PFA New Year Movie Night	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Young Voices 2023	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023
PFA Valentine's Disco	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
PFA Easter Bingo	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 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



YMCA BURTON

You are warmly invited to a

# Carol Service

at

Shobnall Community Centre

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

Sunday 11th December

6-7.30pm

Refreshments after service - this is a FREE event but you are invited to bring food donations for the YMCA Burton Foodbank. Children are encouraged to bring a cushion so they can sit close to the front.



YMCA Burton is a charity and we are a not-for-profit organisation. We are a registered charity and we are a member of the YMCA of Great Britain. We are a member of the YMCA of Great Britain and we are a member of the YMCA of Great Britain. We are a member of the YMCA of Great Britain and we are a member of the YMCA of Great Britain.

