



SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"You do not find the happy life. You make it!"

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have experienced such an incredible week in school (despite the wintry weather!) and it really has been a fitting way to end the first half of the summer term. You can read about what has been happening in school in the 'Shobnall Showcase' further on in the newsletter!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very happy half-term! I hope that you are able to enjoy the week in a safe way and let's keep our fingers crossed that the weather is a little more fitting for this time of year over the break that it has been recently!



Please note that school is due to re-open on **Tuesday 8 June** for the children as we have an INSET scheduled for Monday 7 June. Don't forget to scroll down to the diary dates at the end of the newsletter too to check what is happening in school during next half-term and beyond!

From everyone in school, we wish you a very happy (and safe) half-term!



PFA Relaunch!

Thank you to all those parents who have already kindly agreed to join, support and help re-launch our PFA! We would still like some more volunteers though! If you are able to support, even if it is simply helping out at a couple of events or sending some ideas in for fundraisers, it's not too late to join!

We will schedule a meeting before the end of this academic year to agree roles and responsibilities and get some provisional dates for traditional and new fundraising events in our school calendar for September! If you would like to come on board, call the school office or email shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk and we can add your name to the list of those who would like to be involved. Thank you!

Contact Tracing over Half-Term

We ask that parents and carers inform us of a positive case if either symptoms or a positive home LFD test occur within 2 days of your child being in school. Please inform school via the office email shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk. Where this is the case, we will be asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual concerned may have been infectious whilst in our setting.

Where symptoms or a positive home LFD test occurred more than 2 days (i.e. on and after **Monday 31 May**) since the person was last at their education setting, this does not need to be reported to school and contact tracing by the education setting is not required. Where this is the case, staff, children, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace and inform school before the start of the new term if anyone in the household is isolating. We thank you for your co-operation with this.



Test and Trace

Whitsun

The Spring Bank Holiday, or otherwise known as late May Bank Holiday is a nice day off work and school for most people in the UK, and it falls on the last Monday of the month of May. Here are some facts you never knew about this public holiday:



- ★ The Spring Bank Holiday used to be on the Monday after Pentecost, otherwise known as Whitsun or Whit Monday. This was a holiday in the Christian calendar which is a moving feast determined by the date of Easter. This is still a holiday in over 30 countries around the world.
- ★ Until 1967, Whit Monday (which the date shifted year on year) was a formal Bank Holiday in the UK. In 1971 however after a trial period it was shifted to fall on the last Monday of May every year and to be called the Spring Bank Holiday. It's not known why this changed but it might have been in order to cease confusion.
- ★ The Bank Holiday was moved again for a year in 2002 to June 4th in order to give people a four-day weekend to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee which was her 50th year of accession to the throne. The Bank Holiday was also moved for one year in 2012 to June 4th again to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee this time. This will be the case next year when we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- ★ While most will take a trip, go for a walk, or catch up with friends, others around the country will participate in some strange customs. On this day every year, people race down a steep hill following a large round cheese on Cooper's Hill in Brockworth, Gloucestershire, and the first person to cross the finishing line wins a Double Gloucester cheese weighing about 8lbs. In Endon in Staffordshire, the villagers dress their well, hold a village celebration and crown a girl as the Well Dressing Queen. Local men hold a competition, known as 'Tossing the Sheaf', in which they compete to see who can toss a bale of straw the highest. In other places, boats are blessed, Morris dancers put on displays and local festivals are held.
- ★ Since becoming a Bank Holiday in 1971, the official legislation did not and still does not specify a name for the holiday, merely when it occurs i.e. last Monday of May. While most people call it Spring Bank Holiday, it's also known as Late May Bank Holiday, and Summer Half Term Bank Holiday.



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.jtmat.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.

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.jtmat.co.uk and we will ensure this



is forwarded to her. Also, you will find the full *updated* catalogue of items available attached to the newsletter, very kindly prepared by Collette Phillips.

Hot Lunch Options – 8 to 11 June 2021

Lunch options for the forthcoming week are:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Monday			
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	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Naans	Cheese & Onion Pasty	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch
Friday	Fish & Chips	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans	Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch

Breaktime Snacks

After half-term, children will now be able to order break time snacks. These will be ordered when the register is taken by the class teacher on arrival to school, delivered to classrooms at morning break in accordance with our protective measures and paid for via ParentPay. Please ensure your child is aware of whether they can/cannot order a break time snack as once ordered, charges will be applied. All snacks are priced at 50p and will be available from Tuesday 8 June 2021. Choices are:

- Milkshake – 50p
- Fruit – 50p
- Juice – 50p
- Cereal bar – 50p



SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

Nursery / Reception

The children in EYFS have had an action packed week, full of food technology! They were enthralled by the story of 'The Magic Cooking Pot' which was brought to life by the children making their own porridge in class. Although there was a mixed response to this, we were so pleased that everyone sampled it, before giving their opinion! Sadly, we had to say farewell to the forest this week, as our Forest School Sessions came to an end! The children have had a magnificent time and ended it with a highly memorable experience, getting to toast marshmallows over the campfire! They remembered our safety rules and followed them with great care. Well done Nursery children, you have all earned your 'Spider Award' for demonstrating the safe use of hammers, adhering to our safety rules each week and for learning to use a wide range of natural resources for different purposes!



Year 1

Year 1 have worked their socks off this week! In English they have been spending lots of time writing up their stories about Christopher Columbus and The Snail (from The Snail and The Whale). We have been trying especially hard on ensuring our work is written with our best handwriting and we have remembered to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. The staff in Year 1 are amazed by lots of the children's stories and cannot believe that some children's stories are four pages long! In Maths the children have started to learn about numbers to 100. They have been finding number patterns in 100 squares and learning about tens and ones. In the afternoons we have finished our Music topic of 'Annie'. The children learnt about rhythms and were able to clap and sing a variety of rhythms, as well as clap the whole rhythm of 'It's a hard knock life'. We finished off our learning by watching the 1982 and 2014 versions of Annie and decided which was our favourite and why! The whole team in Year 1 hope that the children have a wonderful half-term holidays and come back refreshed and ready for their final term of learning in Year 1!

Year 2

In Science, Year 2 have been learning about plants and identifying parts of the plant and their jobs. We have also been learning how to add and subtract using the column method. During RE, we have been learning about the ten commandments and the Jewish celebration of Shabbat. Well done Year 2 for a fantastic week!

Year 3

This week in class, Year 3 have been developing their story writing each day. Some fantastic work has been produced! Year 3 have also had lots of fun at Forest school, where they took part in lots of fun activities. They were very sad that this was their last session. In Maths, Year 3 finished their fractions topic and practised their times tables. Well done Year 3, it has been a lovely week!

Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed this week especially in English when they have been creating an Egyptian story. The children have been learning about the Egyptians in history too when they have found out about King Tutankhamun. They have found this very interesting!

After the half term holidays, the pupils will be taking the Multiplication Check which will take place from 7-25th June. The pupils have been working very hard to learn their times tables so please support your child with this over the holidays.

Finally, a quick reminder to parents that Year 4 Bike ability will take place on Tuesday 8th June and the pupils will be required to wear comfortable clothing and Year 4 PE will start again on Wednesday 9th June.

Year 5

Year 5 have had an extremely productive week. In maths, we have completed our geometry unit and looked at working out missing angles on a straight line and around a point. In English, we planned our diary entry about Alma. We are looking forward to finishing this after half-term. In Science, we learned all about Jane Goodall and created adverts to save chimpanzees. We also started our art unit, which is all about cultural art. We critiqued different artwork and then created our own piece of artwork based on



British culture. As well as all of this, Year 5 also enjoyed their final Forest School session for the year! Well done Year 5!

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been thinking about imagery in English, identifying and exploring figurative language before applying it to their own descriptive writing. As part of our 'Properties of Shape' unit in maths, they have been concentrating on drawing shapes accurately as well as drawing nets of 3D shapes. Year 6 have been investigating the effects of exercise on our bodies in science, presenting their results clearly and carefully concluding. Rehearsals have been continuing for the performance of Treasure Island later on this term!

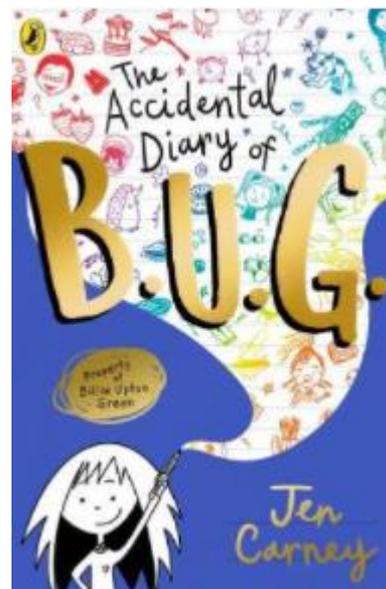
Reading Corner

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

The Accidental Diary of B.U.G

by Jen Carney

Ten-year-old Billie Upton Green opens up her doodle diary to readers, and what a treat it proves: a fabulously lively and idiosyncratic record of an eventful couple of weeks in her life. When a new girl joins her class, Billie is determined to make her feel welcome, even though Janey seems a bit of a show-off. She's disconcerted that Janey doesn't know what it means to be adopted, like Billie, or that you can have two mums, also like Billie. It gets harder to like Janey though when it appears she's stealing Billie's best friend, Layla. This also seems, to Billie, to put Janey in the frame for a sudden spate of thefts at their school, but the culprit is someone else altogether and by the end of the book, Billie, Layla and Janey are firm friends, the three of them performing a special dance at Billie's mums' wedding. Readers will love Billie's adventures, and her funny, doodle-filled way of sharing them, as much as they love the **Dork Diaries** or **Wimpy Kid** stories, and it's great too to see such a warm celebration of diverse family life.



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Ava B	Amara I
Year 1	Kristers K	Logan J
Year 2	Deivids K	Euan W
Year 3	Safa U	Florence W
Year 4	Lucy W	Ben B
Year 5	Imaan F-M	George P
Year 6	Oscar M	Saffa N

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Sophia W
Year 1	Alicia F
Year 2	Deivids K
Year 3	Darcey G
Year 4	Joshua M
Year 5	Reshaye B
Year 6	Jack W

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 28.05.21)	152	151	131	142
Position	1	2	4	3
Running Total	32	28	19	23

Summer Term Diary Dates

Many of our dates for the summer 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
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
New Parents Meeting – Nursery & Reception	Thursday 10 th June 2021, 5.00pm
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

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Event	Date/Time
INSET Day	Wednesday 1 st September 2021
School Reopens for Pupils	Thursday 2 nd September 2021
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 22 nd October 2021
INSET Day	Monday 1 st November 2021
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 th December 2021
INSET Day	Friday 17 th December 2021
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Young Voices	Thursday 27 th January 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 18 th February 2022
INSET Day	Monday 28 th February 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 1 st March 2022
School Closes for Easter	Friday 8 th April 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 25 th April 2022
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 9 th May 2022 – Friday 13 th May 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 27 th May 2022
INSET Day	Monday 6 th June 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 7 th June 2022
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 8 th July 2022
School Closes for Summer	Thursday 21 st July 2022