



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"The best is yet to come."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all had a fantastic break and enjoyed the holiday! It has been great catching up with the children this week and finding out what they have all been up to! They have returned to school happy, relaxed and in a positive mindset, which has been the perfect way to begin our new term.

We have loved sharing our favourite books over the past few

days as part of our **Up, Up and Away, Read and Read Every Day** themed learning. The children have been celebrating all genres of literature and have been working very hard on a special display, which is due to be unveiled in our school library. We look forward to sharing this with you on Twitter and you can read more about what each class has been focusing on in this week's 'Shobnall Showcase' at the end of the newsletter...

We hope that you have all had a very positive start to 2023 and that you have a great weekend! As always, we look forward to seeing you again on Monday! Enjoy!

Reception Applications!



We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the application process for a reception place for September 2023 will **close** on **15 January 2023**.

If you or a member of your family or wider social circle has not yet applied, the easiest way for parents is online. Further information can be found on the [Staffordshire County Council website](https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk).

Please ask at the school office if you would like a copy of the letter informing parents about the process.

B5017 Shobnall Road / Forest Road, Burton upon Trent - Proposed Carriageway Patching Works

The school received an email this week with reference to a package of carriageway patching works along Shobnall Road / Forest Road that will begin in late January 2023. This will inevitably have an impact on our community with the school being located so centrally to where this work is due to be carried out, so we wanted to inform our parents and carers as soon as possible as this will effect your journey to and from school during this time.

The works will see Amey Services Ltd working with Staffordshire County Council to undertake several deep construction carriageway patches at five locations along both Shobnall Road and Forest Road.

The works are required following the carriageway recycling scheme of 2019, and whilst every effort is made by Staffordshire County Council and their delivery partners to deliver sustainable solutions at the best possible value, unfortunately on rare occasions solutions do not perform as hoped.

Since resurfacing in 2019, sadly some early life defects have been seen forming in the carriageway on Shobnall Road and Forest Road which require repair in order to provide a safe means of travel through this part of the county.

The works will commence on **Monday 30 January 2023** for a period of **four weeks**, and during this time reconstruction of the carriageway, the resetting of the ironwork and the replacing of the road markings will be undertaken.

Due to the nature and scale of the plant used in a complex operation such as this, sections of Shobnall Road and Forest Road will at times become impassable, so a full road closure will be enforced to prohibit through traffic between Grange Street and Kings Road for the duration of the scheme, with various phased temporary road closures in place between the hours of 8.00am and 5.00pm protecting the live works.

A signed diversion route will be in position for the individual closures; along with designated personnel at either end of the closure points to offer advice; and the direction of your travel will be determined by the whereabouts of the workforce along Shobnall Road / Forest Road at that time.

Timeline for carriageway reconstruction works				
Traffic Management	Phase	Period properties will be affected	Section of road whereby properties will be affected by closures	Further Comments
Full and Phased Mobile Road Closures	Site 1 Shobnall Street Junction	Monday 30 th January until Tuesday 7 th February 2023. (8.00am until 5.00pm)	Shobnall Court to The Leisure Complex Entrance	Deep carriageway patching
Full and Phased Mobile Road Closures	Site 2 Near Jennings Way	Monday 30 th January until Tuesday 7 th February 2023. (8.00am until 5.00pm)	Shobnall Court to The Leisure Complex Entrance	Deep carriageway patching
Full and Phased Mobile Road Closures	Site 3 Between Leisure Complex entrance to Bridgewater Road	Wednesday 8 th February until Wednesday 15 th February 2023. (8.00am until 5.00pm)	Shobnall Court to The Leisure Complex Entrance	Deep carriageway patching
Full Road Closure & Temporary Traffic Signals	Site 4 Outside No.151 Forest Road	Thursday 9 th February until Friday 10 th February 2023. (8.00am until 5.00pm)	Reservoir Road to Kings Road	Footway and kerbing works
Full and Phased Mobile Road Closures	Site 5 Between No.155 to No.169 Forest Road	Thursday 16 th February until Friday 24 th February 2023. (8.00am until 5.00pm)	Reservoir Road to Kings Road	Deep carriageway patching

Outlined in the table above, is the time when the respective phased closure will be in position affecting our premises; but during the period of 30 January until 15 February please try and enter and egress from the Anslow direction, and alternatively from 16 until 24 February 2023 (during half-term) from the Town Centre direction, this will ensure that you have an uninterrupted journey.

Both pedestrian and vehicular access along the length of the works will be maintained throughout the reconstruction operation; however, there may be times of short restriction as essential repairs near to our premises are carried out.

Unfortunately, with any major highway works, some disturbance is unavoidable, and there may be short delays even on the approaches to the closure points, so we must ask that you drive carefully and slowly through any sections of live roadworks for both the workforces and your own safety.

It should be pointed out that the aforementioned times may be subject to change, due to the possibility of any inclement weather conditions.

If you have any questions about the work, or concerns about how the work is being carried out, then please do not hesitate to look for further information via www.staffordshire.gov.uk/ShobnallRoadWorks

PFA New Year Movie Night – Thursday 19 January 2023, 3.30 – 5.15pm

Please don't forget to purchase your tickets for the PFA New Year Movie Night on Thursday 19 January 2023 for children in Reception to Year 6. Each class will be selecting their own film to watch in their



classroom. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 9 January 2023 at the beginning and end of the school day at the entrance to the key stage 2 playground. They are priced at £2, or £3 if children wish to have a drink and popcorn with the film. Pick up will be from your child's usual gate at 5.15pm on the day.



UKHSA Back to School Advice

As pupils and students return to school following the Christmas break, UKHSA is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels.

Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High

numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also [continue to be reported](#).

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information [getting your child vaccinated against flu](#) on NHS.UK.



Online Safety Tips

Obviously, many children will have delightedly torn the wrapping paper off various smartphones, consoles, tablets and other internet-enabled devices over the past couple of weeks – and probably couldn't wait to start their exciting journeys into previously undiscovered corners of the online universe.

Likewise, the next 12 months will also see lots of young people who *already* go online entering a different phase of their relationship with the digital world: perhaps getting more interested in online gaming or social media, for example.

This week's online safety guide will refresh their knowledge of online safety with some core tips for avoiding common hazards.

Start the Year Green

We can all make small changes to be a little greener – why not try one thing different this year to be more environmentally friendly? It could be to cut down on car journeys and walk more, or to start buying second-hand clothes.

If you have unwanted gifts from Christmas, take them to a charity shop or sell them online instead of throwing them away.

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.



Hot Lunch Options – 9 to 13 January 2023

Please see the menu at the end of the newsletter, which has been designed especially for Chinese New Year, which is being celebrated on **23 January 2023!** If your child does not usually have a school dinner, they may wish to try one on this day!



w/c 14.11.22, 5.12.22, 9.1.23, 30.1.23

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Margherita Pizza Potato Wedges	Pork sausage with creamy mash potato & gravy	Roast turkey with mashed potato & gravy	BURGER DAY Beef burger in a bun	Crispy fish fingers with chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Vegetable Frittata Potato Wedges	Quorn Sausage With Creamy Mash Potato & Gravy	Quorn fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Chicken burger in a bun	Crispy vegetable fingers with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS 5 2.00	Cauliflower & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & carrots Salad bar	Green beans & cabbage Salad bar	Quorn or Vegetable burger in a bun	Peas & baked beans
DESSERTS	Chocolate & pear sponge with custard	Apple crumble & custard	Flapjack	Cake	Pudsey Biscuits
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	No jacket potatoes or 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

We have had a lovely first week back with the nursery children all looking energised and refreshed for the new term ahead! Our new topic 'All Aboard!' has begun this week with a story called 'The Naughty Bus'. Some children have created a junk model bus, painted pictures and taken part in our role play 'Bus' themed area. We have also learnt what being resilient means. We listened to the story about Romeo Resilience and completed the Commando Joe challenge by trying hard and not giving up, no matter how difficult the challenge is!

Reception

We have had a short but fantastic first week back in Reception! It has been wonderful hearing all about the children's Christmas fun and they have all had something to share and lots of questions to ask.

We have had a fabulous time sharing some of our favourite books with a wonderful variety including, The Tiger who Came to Tea, Oi Frog, Arctic and Antarctica, Tinkerbell, Blaze, Some Dogs Do, and We're Going on a Bear Hunt...



The children were very excited when we created a hot air balloon using the front covers of our books and have used a range of medias to represent their favourite characters.

We were able to explore our new theme 'Food Glorious Food,' when deciding what foods, we would offer the Tiger for tea. There were lots of ideas of what to feed him as the children completed some brilliant writing. They used their phonics knowledge to segment words and recalled phrases to form letters correctly.

A wonderful start to the Spring Term - Reception you are amazing!

Year 1

Year 1 have had a lovely week back. They have enjoyed sharing their favourite books with the class and have completed a book review based on their chosen book. They have also looked at what they have been successful at in PSHCE and began looking at their goals. Their first Forest School session also took place this week which was a highlight for them!



Year 2

Year 2 have back returned to school refreshed and ready for learning. Despite it being 'Up, Up and Away, Reading Everyday' week across school, that didn't stop us squeezing in a maths lesson each day! The children have been loving their learning about shape and have found



a new love for symmetry and finding lines on symmetry all around the classroom. In our Reading, Miss Martin-Mills shared her favourite; fiction, non-fiction, poetry and picture book with the children. Year 2 completed a variety of activities around these four books, including drawing their own magical land inspired by the story 'The Faraway Tree' and creating our own class poem. The children brought in their favourite books and had a cosy reading time, where they snuggled down around the classroom and had some quiet reading time. What a great start to the New Year!

Year 3

It was lovely to see the children back in school on Wednesday, refreshed and ready to learn! This week we have focused on our love of reading. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about their friends' favourite books as well as Miss Barker's. We spent Thursday looking at Miss Barker's favourite picture book called 'Tuesday'. This was a particular highlight for the children as they couldn't understand how you could read a picture book. Well, they were truly surprised, with what they had learned, and we had a fantastic discussion about the book. The children also had a go at writing their own version of the book as well as answering a range of VIPERS questions. On Friday, we also looked at another favourite of Miss Barker's but from a different genre. The children enjoyed looking at a different writing style and creating their own top trump cards. The children also received some exciting post as well this week as they found out that their work is going to be published after entering The Young Writer's competition. What a great start to the New Year, well done Year 3 - I am so proud of you!

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant first week back at school after the Christmas break. In maths, we have continued to put our knowledge of timetables to the test, and it has been amazing to see how much the children have remembered in regards to their timetables! As part of our Up, Up and Away, Read and Read Everyday theme this week, the children have enjoyed sharing their favourite book with the rest of the class and explaining in their own words why that particular book is their favourite. Across the curriculum, the children have been reflecting on 2022 in PSHE and thinking about their hopes and dreams for 2023. Finally, the children have started looking at our reading book for this term, Tom's Midnight Garden and have been making predictions on what will happen in the book through clues in the front cover and the blurb. A fantastic first week back Year 4!

Year 5

Year 5 have returned back to the New Year raring to go and excited to share the highlights of their holiday break.

Year 5 have brought in copies of their new and favourite books - even Mrs Barlow found copies of her favourite fiction and non-fiction books to bring in for the class to look at!

Year 5 have realised that they read more things during the day than they thought! We have reviewed different texts - poems, non-fiction texts about basking sharks and our own reading choices.

They have made a start on their new Computing topic and are raring to get started on their video project and have also started their new Music topic on Reggae music.

Such an exciting start to 2023 and all children have been full of energy.



Year 6

What a lovely first three days back to school. Year 6 have settled into January 2023 very well. It was lovely to see everyone after 2 weeks off. We started the week based around our reading theme. We brought our favourite books in and had chance to share them with our peers before completing a book report on them. We also realised how much we read without really realising when we completed our reading rivers based on all things we had read over the holiday. There had been a variety of reading taking place from books, social

media, road signs and even reading receipts. In maths we discovered how to find the whole of an amount when we are only given part of it as a fraction. This seemed quite tricky, but we remained resilient and are now beginning to understand. Finally, we launched our new whole class text for the spring term, Stormbreaker. We cannot wait to get stuck in.

Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 5+

Pick a Story: A Dinosaur Unicorn Robot Adventure

Written by Sarah Coyle

The second book in a brilliant new series of 'pick your own' picture book adventures!

Do you love dinosaurs? How about robots? And unicorns? Find them ALL in the pages of this laugh-out-loud interactive adventure!

It's Gwen's birthday but, oh no, the birthday cake that Dad's been busy making has **DISAPPEARED**. Gwen needs **YOUR** help to find it! Has the cake been stolen by dinosaurs? Or taken by robots? Has it been snatched by unicorns? It's up to **YOU** to decide! Discover not one but **THREE** fun-filled worlds in this **PICK A STORY** adventure. You'll find twists and turns, hilarious characters . . . and decisions to make on every page. So what are you waiting for? Come on in and join the fun!



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Rupert M	Daisy J
Year 1	Peta O	Yahya K
Year 2	Millicent M-B	Kristen T
Year 3	Hadi K	Reece A
Year 4	Esmee G	Saif N
Year 5	Eric W	Inaya S
Year 6	Sophie M	Bethan P

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Hudhayfah M
Year 1	Fynn McT
Year 2	Gordon Z
Year 3	Lewis L
Year 4	Asra Z
Year 5	Oliver O
Year 6	Chaanakya S

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 06.01.23)	35	39	85	51
Position	4 th – 1 point	3 rd – 2 points	1 st – 4 Points	2 nd – 3 points
Running Total	1	2	4	3

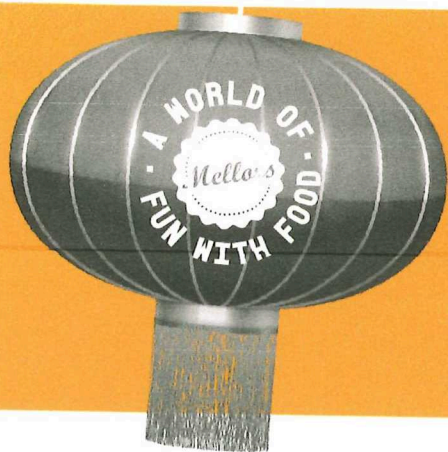
Spring Term Diary Dates

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

Diary Dates 2022-2023

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



CHINESE NEW YEAR

MAINS

Sweet & Sour Chicken

OR

Sweet & Sour Quorn

SIDES

Egg & Vegetable Fried Rice

Vegetable Spring Roll

Prawn Crackers

DESSERT

Ice Cream Pot

OR

Cheese & Biscuits



23 JANUARY 2023

**YEAR OF
THE RABBIT**

OFFICIAL

Community Safety Flash



FROZEN WATER DANGERS



**Stay away
from water &
ice**



**Keep dogs
on a lead
& away
from water**



**See
someone
in trouble?
Call 999**



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SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS

**DON'T
CHAT WITH
STRANGERS**

**BE HONEST
WITH PARENTS
& CARERS**

An illustration of a person lying down, possibly on a couch or bed, with their head resting on a large, dark, rectangular sign. The sign has the text "TAKE BREAKS FROM BEING ONLINE" written on it in bold, yellow, sans-serif capital letters. The person is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and green pants. The background is a light blue, textured surface, possibly a wall or a large piece of fabric.

ASK PERMISSION
*before
downloading
anything*

AVOID SHARING PRIVATE PHOTOS

Don't give away
personal
information

Stick to trusted apps



**TAKE NOTICE
OF AGE
RESTRICTIONS**



**DOUBLE CHECK
YOUR NEWS
SOURCES**



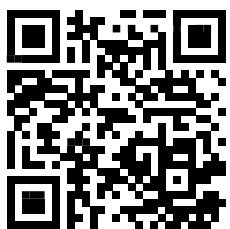
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#WakeUpWednesday

The Sandbox

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