



SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"If your dreams don't scare you, they are too small."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Miss Martin-Mills has summed things up perfectly in her write-up in the 'Shobnall Showcase' - what a "higgledy piggledy" week we have had! Thank you so much once again for your patience and understanding with the change in routines, particularly because of Polling Day. The children have adapted remarkably well as always and have managed to partake in their usual learning activities, including swimming and Forest School. Thankfully, normal service resumes next week and every week thereafter and we look forward to some much needed stability and consistency.

The Government are anticipating that they will be able to proceed as planned with Step 3 of the Roadmap on 17 May 2021. As a school, we will look to review some of our current policies and procedures in line with these changes once they are announced, and will inform you of them when we can. Keep an eye on the 'Summer Term Diary Dates' at the end of each newsletter as it is looking more and more likely as the weeks go on that we will be able to host some of our traditional summer events, albeit in a careful and cautious way, after 21 June 2021.

Step 3



If things go well, step 3 will start on Monday, 17 May.



Other indoor places will also open, like cinemas, children's play areas, hotels and bed and breakfast places.



From Monday, 17 May:

- you can meet who you like outdoors



Some larger outdoor sports and shows will be able to have people watching.

30+

- but you can't meet people in a group of over 30 people.



Up to 30 people will be able to go to weddings, funerals and events to remember someone.



We will look at whether it is OK to be closer to people. We will look at whether it is OK to hug people.



Restaurants, cafés and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table inside.

As a weekly reminder, please could we ask that you 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 hasn't been necessary with the weather we have had this week but continues to be 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. We hope that you enjoy the weekend ahead and, as always, stay safe. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday for a normal week!

Mrs Sandhu

You may have seen on Twitter that we are currently advertising for a class teacher to start with us in September. For more information about the post, please visit our school website or go to <https://jtmat.co.uk/vacancies/>. However, this is not because any of our current class teachers are leaving as such but because of some very good news we have received...

Congratulations to Mrs Sandhu, who is expecting her first child in September – we are absolutely delighted to be welcoming another addition to our Shobnall family! Mrs Sandhu will be with us until the end of the academic year; she will start her maternity leave in September and will be back with us next July.



Heroes Stamp Design Competition



There is still plenty of time for the children to submit their entries for the Royal Mail's Special Stamp Competition! 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. What these people have done makes them heroes, so Royal Mail wants to honour them by producing a set of eight stamps from designs created by children!

There are some great prizes to be won in addition to Her Majesty The Queen choosing the final eight! To enter, the children must complete their design on the entry form they have been given and return it to their class teacher by **Friday 21 May 2021**. This will allow us to collate them and send them to Royal Mail by the closing date. Good luck!

Mel Dixon, Chair of Governors

It is with regret that I have to inform you of Mel Dixon's resignation from the post of Chair of Governors and from the Local Governing Body of Shobnall Primary School. She has not taken this decision lightly, but due to personal circumstances has needed to step down after a huge amount of soul searching. We send our love to her and her family, now and for the foreseeable future.

Mel has been associated with the school for 24 years now, first as a parent, then as an active member of the PFA before finally becoming a Governor. Her contribution to the school over the years has been absolutely phenomenal and we can't thank her enough for all of the time she has given and for all of the work she has done. She is very much planning to stay in touch and visit, so you will still see her in school from time-to-time.



Gary Dennis will be stepping up as Chair of Governors in the interim and a formal appointment for Chair and Vice-Chair will be made before the end of the academic year.

Donations for Shobnall Stars

Mrs Marston and Mrs Woolley have been having a bit of a sort out and a spring clean at Shobnall Stars and have asked if anyone has any of the following that they are able to donate. They send their sincere thanks if you are able to do so! Due to current restrictions, please could you email Shobnall Stars directly at shb-wraparound@shb.jtmat.co.uk where safe drop off can be arranged. The children at Shobnall Stars are currently looking for:

- Jigsaws
- Dolls/Horses
- Role Play/Small World
- Arts & Crafts
- Games Console

- Football Table
- Loombands
- Dinosaurs
- Remote Control Car
- Board Games
- Shopkins/LOLs

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.

Residential Burglary

Over the bank holiday weekend, a house on Shobnall Road, Burton-on-Trent was broken into and cash and gold stolen. The owner had been away for the weekend and it was reported to Police on Monday 3 May. Please can you pass this information on to neighbours and family and take extra precautions if you are leaving your home unoccupied for any length of time. Never keep large amounts of cash or jewellery at home. Never post on social media if you are going away on holiday etc. and tell any children in your household not to post comments on their social media.



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 – 10 to 14 May 2021

Lunch options for the forthcoming week are:

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

Although a short week, it's been a very busy one for the Nursery children! On Tuesday we read the story of Little Red Riding Hood and talked about the characters that appeared in the story. We discussed whether wolves are always the big bad characters in stories and ended the day with reading an alternative version of the story from the wolf's side...although we didn't know whether to believe it!

On Wednesday, we learnt all about patterns and spent the morning matching and creating our own patterns, as well as singing patterns and making patterns with our bodies!

Finally today, we enjoyed a fabulous Forest School session. We made mud cakes for Little Red Riding Hood's grandma, created our own flowers using lots of natural materials and made flower and leaf patterns by hammering them onto cloth. The children also thoroughly enjoyed looking for minibeasts hiding under the logs! What a great way to end our busy week!

Reception

The Reception children have had a busy week joining in with lots of Little Red Riding Hood activities. They had a fantastic time continuing this theme at Forest School creating journey sticks, mud cakes and searching for the big bad wolf!

They have also had lots of fun exploring patterns in further detail and creating some exciting patterns using body movements and natural resources.

We were all very impressed with the children's home learning on Thursday as they took part in some fun Elmer the Elephant themed activities in preparation for our exciting Elmer day later this month.



Year 1

What a higgledy piggledy week we have had this week! However, despite the change in routine, the children have continued to work hard and be resilient in their learning. This week in English the children have been enjoying writing setting descriptions for the story 'The Snail and the Whale'. The children demonstrated how confident they are with using adjectives in their work and they have written some fantastically detailed descriptions! The Year 1 children had lots of fun in their first whole class guided reading session on Friday. It certainly looks as though this may be a new favourite lesson for us! In Maths the children have worked extremely hard on sharing into equal groups (division) and are excited to move onto Fractions soon. In History the children have completed their learning about Christopher Columbus and are now learning about the first steam engines. The children couldn't believe how fortunate we are now to have so many modes of transport!

Year 2

We have had a fantastic week in Year 2. In maths we have been recapping key areas such as place value and times tables. In English we have started to write our own nonsense poems and children have enjoyed writing their own verses. In Geography learning about oceans around the world and the



Great Barrier Reef in Australia. Well done year 2 for a fantastic week!

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been working hard on writing non-chronological reports to explain the different processes that make up the water cycle. They have been able to plan, write, edit and peer review their writing. I am very impressed by the skills they have used and all interesting facts they managed to include. We have also started our new Science unit on Plants and we have enjoyed learning about the different parts of a flowering plant. We are excited about conducting some investigations next week. We also really enjoyed our Forest School Session this week and the children were enthusiastic about the tasks they were required to complete. Well done Year 3!

Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed Science this week. They have been learning about living things and their properties and the children have really impressed me with their fountain of knowledge. The pupils have started to write their stories for the ending of Tom's Midnight Garden. The children worked very hard during the school closure on Thursday and there were many learning times tables. I have given times tables and the multiplication checker as this week's homework. I would be very grateful if you could support your child with this.

Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we have enjoyed our time at Swimming and Forest School. In English, we have used our knowledge of ambitious vocabulary to write our own setting description, based in another culture. In Maths, we have continued learning about adding and subtracting decimals. We have also been completing our Geography unit, which is all about biomes, ocean currents and mountainous regions in North America.



Year 6

Wow, there have been some amazing

Ancient Greek themed homework projects coming in this week - thank you for all of your hard work and dedication with these Year 6, they are impressive! In maths, we have been very precise with measuring angles using protractors and then using this knowledge to support us with drawing our own lines and angles accurately. In English, we have been working hard on writing recounts from the perspective of the main character in a music video. Our afternoons have focused on Geography, where we have investigated urbanisation, poverty and statistics in

South America.

Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 5 to 7...

My Encyclopaedia of Very Important Adventures

by DK

Viking voyagers. Arctic adventurers. Female fossil-hunters. A professional pirate queen - this inspirational encyclopaedia is a feast of facts for inquisitive 5+ year-olds. Divided into sections covering



explorers and discoverers, scientists and inventors, trailblazers and pioneers, builders, creators and thinkers, and daredevils and risk-takers, this covers all corners of the globe through history. What's more, the appealing visuals (a mix of photos, drawings and funky graphics) draw young readers in and will surely spark plenty of off-the-page exploring.

There's excellent coverage of inspirational female and BAME trailblazers, from 16-year-old Idris Galcia Welsh who embarked on an epic round-the-world driving trip in 1922, to Emily Roebling, who completed the construction of New York's Brooklyn Bridge in the late 1800s. Then there's Harriet Tubman, an abolitionist and political activist who risked her life helping slaves flee their owners, and dare-devil pilot Bessie Coleman, who made history when she became the first African American – male or female – to gain a pilot's licence in 1921. All in all, this is a great gift that will keep on giving.

Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Meerab N	Gordon Z
Year 1	Rosie T	Seb J
Year 2	Nell T	Bhuvana S
Year 3	Jessica M	Rafael P
Year 4	Leah W	Jaiden E
Year 5	Millie D	Safi S
Year 6	Millie K	Holly S

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Mason E
Year 1	Jonah M
Year 2	Euan W
Year 3	Maheen F
Year 4	Basri H
Year 5	Anaya A
Year 6	Lano M

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (<i>Week Ending 07.05.21</i>)	90	114	103	91
Position	4th – 1 point	1st – 4 points	2nd – 3 points	3rd – 2 points
Running Total	21	21	13	16

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
Year 6 'Mock' SATs Week	Monday 17 th May 2021 to Thursday 21 st 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