



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, we had our Ofsted inspection on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. It has been an exceptionally long time since our last inspection in 2012, and since then the Ofsted Inspection Framework and staffing at school has changed significantly. The inspection was carried out diligently and rigorously and I would like to express my gratitude to the whole community for supporting school throughout this process. Thank you to everyone who sent best wishes, and to those parents who spoke in person to the inspectors and who shared views through the parent survey.

We now await for the Inspection report to be published, which is a lengthy process, but should be available in the New Year. We will endeavour to let you know as soon as it is released.

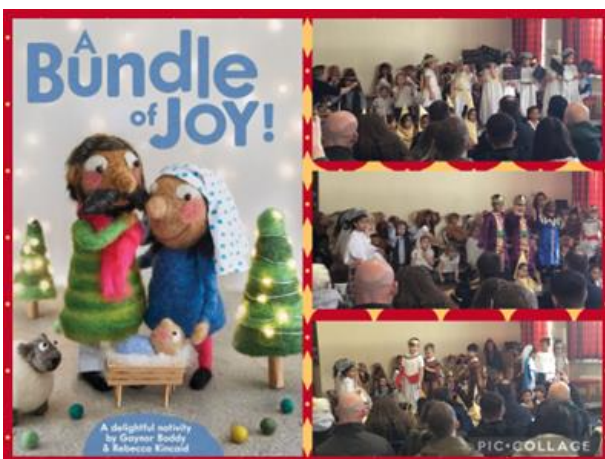
As always, we hope that everyone has an amazing weekend – whatever it is you are doing, ENJOY! We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday!

PFA Christmas Market

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the PFA Christmas Market last Friday night. It was a fabulous turn out and one that will really help and support the children in our school. Thank you to all those who came and joined in the festivities and to Santa for making a special trip to join us for this event! The PFA are delighted to announce that the final amount raised was **£1064.40**! A massive well done to everyone who organised, helped and supported – huge thanks again!



EYFS Nativity – A Bundle of Joy



We were very, very proud of our Nursery and Reception children this week for their fantastic nativity performance of 'A Bundle of Joy'. It was a beautiful reminder of the Christmas story, and I know that parents, as well as the school, were very proud of their achievements! The children performed so confidently and clearly that it was impossible not to smile from ear to ear throughout the whole show! Thank you to all our parents who came along and supported, especially with the learning of lines at home. Knowing how much hard work goes on behind the scenes, I must congratulate our wonderful EYFS team and volunteers who helped make the performances so special and unique.



The Gift of Thrift

It's really tempting to go and buy lots of new things but overbuying what we don't need is not great for the planet as things can end up being thrown away. Top tips include:

- Make your own gifts or upcycle your decorations
- Suggest doing a Secret Santa instead of buying everyone gifts
- If you do need decorations, look for second hand
- Look in charity and vintage shops
- Shop local



Online Safety Tips



In 2019, media titan Disney launched its own streaming platform, intending to challenge the likes of Netflix and Amazon Prime. Giving (often exclusive) access to shows and movies – such as the legendary studio's animated classics and the revered Star Wars back catalogue – Disney+ has been a colossal success, proving popular with viewers of all ages.

Despite Disney's reputation for wholesome, child-friendly content, however, there's far more material available on their platform – some of which is aimed exclusively at adults. This could easily fly under the radar, given the company's general image. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide has useful tips to help your family sit back, relax and enjoy what Disney+ has to offer.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate content, encroaching adverts and binge watching.

Attendance

Please read the [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) which has further information if you are unsure whether to send your child to school or not.

We are always happy to advise in line with this guidance, so if you are still in doubt, please contact the school office if your child develops any symptoms and we can discuss this further with you.

Please note that children can come to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This includes general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose, or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.

Let's keep working together to ensure attendance is as good as it can be!

Remember, **every pupil, every day!** Thank you for your support.





FREE Uniform!

Please don't forget that we have free uniform available! There is a box situated outside the school office 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.jtmat.co.uk and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.

Car Parking

We have received a message from Lovell homes asking for our assistance with regards to Parents/Carers parking in their site entrance. This is a health and safety issue, and they are very concerned for the welfare and safety of the children, as there is construction traffic using the entrance.

Please could I remind you that we do have permission to use The Albion Pub's car park, so please park there instead. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Hot Lunch Options – 11 December to 15 December 2023

W/c 23.10.23, 20.11.23, 11.12.23, 15.1.24

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast turkey with potato of the day & gravy	Pork meatballs with wholemeal pasta	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Vegetarian burger with chips	Vegetarian bolognese	Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Vegetarian meatballs with pasta	Cheese pinwheels with diced potatoes
Accompaniments	Corn on the cob & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & cauliflower Salad bar	Carrots & green beans Salad bar	Cauliflower & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	Fresh fruit & whip	Lemon biscuit	Chocolate & orange muffins	Fruit sponge & custard	Ice cream
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	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

Our adventures this week in Nursery.....

It has been another wonderful week in Nursery. The fun began on Monday when the children saw the Acting Avenue turn into Santa's workshop! They have absolutely loved going into this new role-play area

helping Santa pack presents ready for Christmas! On Wednesday and Thursday, the children performed the EYFS Nativity 'A Bundle of Joy' and it certainly was a magical experience as the children sang beautifully, added some groovy actions and remembered directions and lines fantastically. We are all extremely proud of all the children for taking part! Later in the week the children had fun completing lots of different activities including making some exciting Christmas cards, decorating stockings, and making some lovely Christmas drawings using the stencils.

We are excited to continue our Christmas explorations next week...

Reception

We are all very proud to have taken part in our nativity performance, 'A Bundle of Joy.' We sang and joined in with actions beautifully as we retold the story of Christmas with our fabulous characters. I'm sure you will agree that we all looked wonderful in our costumes! We have continued the nativity theme in our learning adventures by joining in with lots of activities including writing letters to the wise kings and creating stars using a variety of materials.

There was a shock for us all later in the week as we discovered some polar animals trapped in ice. We carried out an investigation to find out which would be the best way to melt the ice to free the animals. We used some super vocabulary to explain our thoughts and eventually the animals were free!

"It needs to be in a warmer place." (Haider)

"It has to have hot water in it to save the animals, it will melt the ice." (Amore)

"It has frozen up because you put it in the freezer like ice cream." (Thomas)

"The animals need to go next to the fire to get warm the snowman was melting next to the fire as well." (Jensen)

"It can change back to water if it melts." (Elliott)

We have also been thinking carefully about the qualities of a good friend and created a friendship soup which included a jar of hugs, a handful of kindness, a cup of smiles and 2 spoons of sharing.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a super week learning all about 2D and 3D shapes. They are starting to become shape experts and understand the difference between a face and a surface. In English they have been looking at our new unit of writing which is letter writing. The children have thoroughly enjoyed having a post office in the classroom. We have continued learning our nativity songs ready for the performance next week. We finished off the week making our 'Three Little Pigs' house. We have to think about what materials we can use for our roof to make it waterproof as well as what material is best for transparent windows. All in all, an amazing week has been had by all.

Year 2



Y2 have had an amazing week this week! In English they have finally written their diary based on the Great Fire of London. They have all tried so hard and are great at applying their new learning! In maths we have been adding and subtracting two-digit numbers. We have used base 10 equipment and number lines to support our learning. This week in art we have been creating self-portraits inspired by Thomas Gainsborough. The children have enjoyed using some of his techniques in their own exploration! Well done Year 2!

Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy but brilliant week! We have been learning about division and multiplication of 3s and 4s. We have also been writing our own stanza for a poem in English. This week we have been very busy preparing and practicing for our Christmas play! Well done Year 3 on a brilliant week!

Year 4

Year 4 have had another super week. In maths, we have once again been using our knowledge of multiplication and division to learn their 11 and 12 times tables and have also had the opportunity to multiply a number by 0 and 1. In English, we have continued with our unit looking at teeth and in particular this week, we have been identifying the need to include pronouns to avoid repetition. The children also enjoyed a very wet and muddy Forest School session on Thursday! However, despite the weather, the children had a wonderful time creating Roman crowns and jewellery and we even managed to get a fire going despite the weather! A great week Year 4!

Year 5

Year 5 have had another brilliant week of learning! In Maths the children have tackled fractions head-on, learning about; equivalent fractions, fraction fact families, and converting between mixed number and improper fractions. In English, Year 5 have continued drafting and editing their Alien Invasion story. All of the children are LOVING this writing opportunity and are trying especially hard to include a range of ambitious vocabulary, including; sinister, ominous, otherworldly and cantankerous! In Music, Year 5 have finished their unit of learning on sea shanties and were able to perform 'What do you do with a drunken sailor?' by reading musical notation, playing the melody on the glockenspiels, some children playing chords on the keyboards and children from the choir singing in a three-part harmony...what a musical extravaganza! Keep up the great work Year 5!

Year 6

What a fantastic week we have had! In Maths, we have been investigating measurement where we have had to see which unit of measurement is best suited. We then looked at converting units of measurement from grams to kilograms etc. We all really enjoyed this. In English, we have started a new unit learning about reports and we looked at our model text called 'The Peppered Moth' which talks about the theory of evolution. We had to identify the key features of a report because in the next few weeks we are going to write our own report on an animal we choose and discuss how it is adapted to its environment/habitat. In RE, we have been looking at Christmas celebrations and if traditions help Christians to understand and remember Jesus. A really great week, well done to us!



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	<i>Everyone!</i>
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	

Attendance

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Harvey K
Year 1	Mia L
Year 2	Fynn McT
Year 3	Ben S
Year 4	Alicia F
Year 5	Alfie P
Year 6	Jess M

This week's Attendance Champions are **Year 4!** Well done! Here are the latest figures...

Reception	95.4%	Target
Year 1	95.7%	97%
Year 2	94.7%	
Year 3	95.0%	
Year 4	98.8%	Overall (to date)
Year 5	95.0%	96.1%
Year 6	96.2%	
Overall	95.9%	

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 08.12.23)	77	69	93	97
Position	3 rd – 2 points	4 th – 1 point	2 nd – 3 points	1 st – 4 points
Running Total	13	13	8	17

Reading Corner

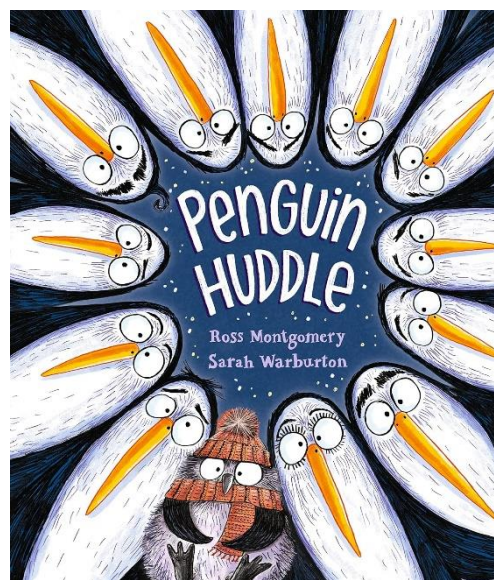
This week's recommended read is for children aged 5+...

Penguin Huddle

by Ross Montgomery

A charming and playful picture book told with humour and heart from the brilliant team behind Ten Delicious Teachers.

The penguin pack play all day long. And when the sun goes down, and the night grows cold and dark..."PENGUIN HUDDLE!" The penguins squeeze and squish together to stay warm and cosy. But one night, there is a freezing gale. And the next morning ... the penguins are stuck! They are frozen together like a giant penguin ice pop. What a penguin MUDDLE! Nobody in the Antarctic can figure out how to unstick them. But Pipsqueak, the smallest penguin of them all, has a brilliant idea... They must adventure out of their snowy home to a vibrant city across the great, gleaming ocean to solve their penguin puzzle.



This light-hearted tale of jolly penguins big and small is a celebration of friendship, community spirit and helping those in trouble.

Diary Dates 2023-2024

Event	Date/Time
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast, Lichfield Garrick	Thursday 21 st December 2023, 10.00am
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023, 2.00pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 8 th January 2024
Year 6 Laches Wood Meeting for Parents	Wednesday 10 th January 2024, Year 6 Classroom

Young Voices 2023	Thursday 11 th January 2024
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 29 th January to Friday 2 nd February 2024
PFA Valentine's Disco	Thursday 8 th February 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infants: 3.45pm – 5.00pm • Juniors: 5.15pm – 6.30pm
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 9 th February 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 19 th February 2024
PFA Easter Bingo	Friday 15 th March 2024
Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court	Thursday 21 st March 2024
School Closes for Easter	Friday 22 nd March 2024, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 8 th April 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 9 th April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 6 th May 2024
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 13 th May 2024 to Friday 17 th May 2024
School Closes for Half-Term	Thursday 23 rd May 2024
INSET Day	Friday 24 th May 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 3 rd June 2024
PFA Summer Fair	Friday 21 st June 2024
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 5 th July 2024
School Closes for Summer	Friday 19 th July 2024, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 22 nd July 2024

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 12 th December 2023, 9.15am AND 2.00pm
Year 3 Cosy Christmas Celebration	Thursday 14 th December 2023, 9.15am
JTMAT Christmas Concert	Tuesday 19 th December 2023
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 20 th December 2023
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast, Lichfield Garrick	Thursday 21 st December 2023, 10.00am
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023, 2.00pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 8 th January 2024



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