

# Shobnall Primary School



Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

## School Council Changes

Dear Parents,

Some of you may be aware after speaking to your children that the pupils of the school and more notably, the School Council Representatives from each class, have made the decision to change the existing team names.

For those who are not aware, the previous team names were closely linked to the Potteries and the clay factories near Stoke on Trent. However, we felt that for the children to really understand and develop a sense of belonging, we needed to develop and upgrade our existing team names so that our children understand the new names and recognise the reasons behind why they were chosen.

It has certainly taken a long time and has caused a huge amount of debate. Children from all classes submitted a range of different ideas and teachers facilitated some interesting conversations and discussions about potential new team names and the reasons behind them.

Eventually, the School Council were tasked with the job of changing the names of the school teams which followed on from class debates. The Council then decided that we were looking for names associated with the local area as symbols to represent our history and locality. It was a tough decision, but taking everyone's ideas into account, we decided upon the following names:

**Trent = Blue.**  
**Claymills = Red**  
**Sinai = Yellow**  
**Rosliston = Green**

Whilst we appreciated the many different views which were raised from this change, it was a democratic decision and all children were given the opportunity to enter suggestions. We are looking forward to raising the profile of the team names through different opportunities presented to the children, including more intra-school sporting competitions. Furthermore, you will also be interested to know that the format of our Sports Day is changing considerably and we very much look forward to presenting this new structure in the coming weeks.

For further details and information regarding these changes, please pop in to school to see the new display in the entrance hall, detailing further information about the background of the selected team names.

In addition to the team name changes, the school council would also like to share with you that they have made the decision to improve the identify of our school by introducing a compulsory school tie. Once again, the children in each class had the opportunity of discussing and sharing their ideas and suggestions with regards to the colour and design. Some of our children do wear the existing, optional tie of blue and yellow but the Council felt it was rather drab and did not include all the colours of our school. Therefore, we would like to introduce the compulsory tie to our uniform from September 2017. This change will of course require pupils to wear proper shirts



with a collar rather than a polo shirt and therefore we are sharing this information now, well in advance of September.

The tie will shortly be available to purchase from the school office or the Uniform shop at the bottom of Anglesey Road and will come as either an elastic tie or a proper tie which will of course require tying. However, we are just awaiting the design team to put the finishing touches before we formally announce and share with you the final product and the date from which you will be able to purchase.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher.