



SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what a contrast the weather has been this week compared to last week! If Sports Day had gone ahead as originally intended, then we would have felt well and truly spoilt. It has been tremendous seeing so many of our pupils (and parents) getting involved in Mr Attwood's Virtual Sports Day Challenge, which kicked off at the start of the week with a very Joe Wicks inspired tweet from Mr Attwood himself! We hope that you have enjoyed the challenges and must thank Mr Attwood for putting this together for us! We've had a lot of fun in school filming the demonstrations and hope that you've enjoyed watching them and participating!



Next week sees the return of some of our year 3 and year 4 pupils. The following week we welcome back some of our year 2 children and in the last week of term we will look forward to seeing some of our year 5 children. I must thank all of our parents for their patience and promptness in responding to our requests for numbers and for confirming if they intend to return before the end of term or not. This has enabled us to plan for this provision and has meant we have been in the fortunate position to try and welcome back as many pupils as possible before the summer. Our bubbles are now filled to capacity but our home learning facility remains in place as always and as you know, we are here should you need any support, guidance or simply a chat!

Looking Ahead to September

The government have outlined their intentions for ALL pupils to go back to school in September. It is still unclear as to what protective measures schools will have to put in place for then. Under current guidance, schools should have bubbles of no more than 15 pupils. This is to limit the mixing of pupils at school to reduce the potential transmission of coronavirus. Speaking at the daily press briefing last Friday, Education Secretary Gavin Williamson said that the government will look into expanding bubbles to include whole classes so all pupils can return in September. Mr Williamson said that further guidance for schools on wider reopening from September would be published next week. As ever, we will make sure you're fully informed when the guidance is released.

The government also announced last week that they are rolling out a hugely ambitious £1 billion "catch-up" package to directly tackle the impact of lost teaching time. As plans continue for a full return from September, they have announced funding for the 2020/21 academic year:

- £650 million will be shared across state primary and secondary schools and school leaders and staff will have the flexibility to decide how to use this funding to best support their pupils and their outcomes.
- A £350 million National Tutoring Programme will increase access to high-quality tuition for the most disadvantaged young people. This will help accelerate their academic progress and prevent the gap between them and their more affluent peers widening.

We don't yet know the formula for how this funding will be distributed but the news was very pleasing to hear and will feature heavily in our recovery programme for next year.





SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!



There has been some fantastic work and incredible learning going on this week, at home and in school! As always, keep your eyes peeled on our Twitter page for a showcase of the children's latest achievements and news!

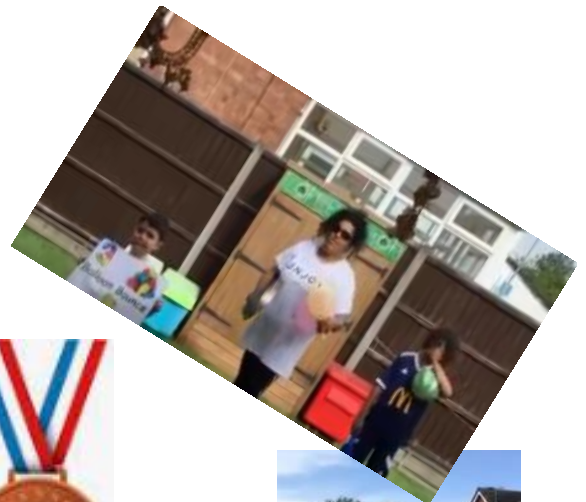


Here are just a few snippets of what the children have been doing...

Year 6 have been very busy completing transition activities to help them get ready for September. John Taylor High School and the de Ferrers Academy are very pleased with what they are doing!



Well done to everyone who has completed and taken part in Mr Attwood's Virtual Sports Day Challenge this week!



Lockdown Literature!

Congratulations to Year 1 again for their reading ! Collectively, they have read 900 books on their Epic Reading App! We're are keeping our fingers and toes crossed that they make it to 1000 by the end of the week! Keep up the great work Year 1! Don't forget to share your lockdown literature recommendations with us! We would LOVE to hear what it is that you have been reading! Send your review to your class teacher via email and we will ensure it is shared on our newsletter!



Bubble Awards

We have some new rules in school and to help the children understand and follow these new rules, we have been awarding them stamps and stickers which go towards a weekly total for the bubble! At the end of the week, these are collated and the winning bubble is rewarded with some extra 'golden time'. This week's winners are:

Key Worker Children (Mr Stevens' Bubble)

Well done to all of the children in the bubble for following the rules so well and to Mr Stevens and Mrs Ghent for promoting them!



End of Year Reports

You will be receiving an end of year report for your child/ren during the week beginning 6 July 2020. Those children who are in school will receive their report and those of any siblings who are not in school. We plan to hand deliver the remaining reports to your home address during the course of the week (along with a special gift for our year 6 pupils) if your child is not currently in attendance. Details of how you can provide feedback on your child's report and/or consult with your child's class teacher will be contained within it.

THANK YOU!

And finally, on behalf of the Governors and the school I would like to thank Jenny Smith for her recent donation! We have been so touched and humbled at this very kind gesture and wanted to use her donation to purchase some resources for the children across the whole school to support them with recovery when we all return in September. We have made an order and look forward to these resources arriving in school soon – we will post some pictures for you once they arrive! Thank you very much once again, Jenny!



I hope that you all have a fantastic weekend and I look forward to writing to you again next week! Thank you once again for all your ongoing support during these times. Have a safe one!