



SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"We don't grow when things are easy, we grow when we face challenges."

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the first week of this phased wider opening and because we have had a few more children in school, I thought now would be an appropriate time to revive the weekly newsletter! For the past ten weeks, school has been a very quiet place and even though it looks quite different now, it has been refreshing to have heard a little more chat and a little more laughter around the building once again. Thank you to all of those children and parents who



have followed our new routines to the letter and adhered to the protective measures we have had to put in place at this time. Your patience and compliance has helped promote a real sense of positivity throughout the school and has made a real difference to the ethos. We have already been informed of those who intend to join us next week and would like to thank those parents for providing us with enough notice so we can ensure we have sufficient space and can maintain the safety measures embedded within our practice. Those who are currently eligible to return (Nursery, Reception, year 1, year 6 and children of our key workers) are always welcome to contact us at any time should you wish to discuss a potential return. We are always here to support you in any way we can.

We are still really missing all those we haven't seen and I would like to thank those of you at home who are working so hard producing all of the brilliant work we are seeing! We hope that you have adjusted to the slightly different routine with regards to the home learning and will ensure that next week's work is added to the COVID-19 info page on our website in plenty of time before Monday morning for you to access. We continue to be amazed and impressed with not only the amount, but with the quality of the work being produced by the children on a daily basis. Their positivity, determination and commitment is an absolute credit to you and we would like to thank you for all your efforts.

Please keep checking the 'COVID-19 Info' page on our school website for all the latest updated information and news. Please continue to look after each other, stay safe and know that we are always here should you need any support. Have a great weekend!



SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!



There has been some tremendous work and 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...

In one of our year 6 bubbles, Olivia, Francesca, Abdullah and Miller wanted to share with you how their first week back in school has gone...

"After ten weeks of lockdown, we were all ready to go back to school. Although it was a little strange to begin with, it was lovely to see some of our friends again. As it was sunny at the start of the week, we were able to go on a long walk through Oak Woods. Our maths, reading and writing work continued: we have been learning about fractions, percentages and decimals in maths; in reading, we have been

studying *The Nowhere Emporium* by Ross Mackenzie and in writing we have been working on *The Mass Observation Project*!”

In our Reception bubble, the children had lots of fun going on a wildlife adventure walk around school. At home, the children have had a fantastic time at ‘The Ugly Bug Ball’ with our Nursery children too! If you haven’t yet seen the video, please visit the website where you will be able to see *The Ugly Bug Ball* in all its’ glory!



The Nursery children have listened to the story of *The Little Red Hen* this week and have learnt about the process of making bread. Here are just a few of the collaged pictures that have been created at home! Fabulous work!



Some of our year 1 children have been creating their own bubble art with the help of Mr Rowley and his excellent drawing skills!

Year 1 have also been reading the story, ‘Caterpillar Shoes’ at home and in school this week! Miss Martin-Mills is so proud of all the character descriptions the children have written!

Our year 5 home learners have been exploring all of the things that they are grateful for as part of their PSHE work. If you haven’t seen it already, visit our Twitter page to take a look at the fantastic video Millie has made, where she explains in a very unique way all of the things that she is grateful for. Well done to all of our children for all their hard work!



Lockdown Literature!

Congratulations to Year 1! Collectively, they have read 400 books in 3 weeks on their Epic Reading App! We are so proud of them! What a fantastic achievement, keep up all the amazing reading! What have you been reading during lockdown? If you have a recommendation that you wish to share, please send your review to your class teacher via email and we will ensure it is shared on our newsletter!



At Shobnall Primary School, we are passionate about creating a positive reading for pleasure culture and endeavour to offer a wide selection of texts for all pupils, from fiction and non-fiction to comics and poetry. Studies show that reading for pleasure doesn't just give children an advantage academically; it can improve their well-being too!

With National Book Tokens, you could win £5000 of National Book Tokens for our school library, ready to spend when schools reopen - and if your entry is picked, you'll also receive £100 of tokens to spend yourself!

Nominate our school to win here: <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>.

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:



Reception

Well done to all of the children in the bubble for following the rules so well and to Miss Alexander, Miss Walton and Mrs Barrow for promoting them!

INSET Days 2020/2021

We have now finalised our INSET days for next academic year. These are days within the school year that are assigned for essential staff training, so school is closed for pupils. Please see below for when these will be. They will also be uploaded to the school website imminently for your reference.

Shobnall Primary School INSET Days 2020/2021
Tuesday 1 st September 2020
Monday 2 nd November 2020
Monday 4 th January 2021
Monday 22 nd February 2021
Friday 30 th April 2021
Monday 7 th June 2021

School holiday dates are available to view on the school website for next academic year. We will be providing you with other key dates later on this term, which will also be published on the school website for your reference.

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RETAIL SHOP REOPENING PLANS

Now that non-essential retailers can reopen from June 15th we are finalising our plans and timings to reopen our shops when we can safely do so.

Our shops when open are there to support you with your uniform requirements and our plans include implementing governmental recommendations for safe retailing and we will communicate these in more detail along with details and timings of our store opening plans at the beginning of June.

HOWEVER WE RECOMMEND SAFE ONLINE SHOPPING FROM HOME

Our online store remains open and we are currently despatching orders

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