



SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another busy week for those of you at home and for those of us in school. Some fantastic work continues to take place in both settings and it has been great to have caught up with so many of you via phone and on the gate this week! We have been working tirelessly on finalising our plans for September and you should have received a letter providing you with the details and further information. A copy of the letter has been added to the 'Covid-19 Info' page on the school website should you need to refer to it at any time. I must apologise for it being quite a lengthy one but it is imperative that we give you all the relevant information you need.



Catch up provision is also being planned for the autumn term. A robust approach to a recovery curriculum, with an initial focus on transition, wellbeing and social and emotional needs will come first. This will be followed by assessment and standardisation in order for us to identify any gaps that may have arisen in learning to help us target teaching and introduce some small group and one-to-one tuition to support accelerated progress for those who require it.

Summer Holiday Arrangements

Places at Mr Attwood's Summer Holiday Camp are now full but we have prepared a list of other resources and local organisations that you may wish to use over the summer. These have been added to the 'Covid-19 Info' page on the school website for your reference and we hope you find these useful. As I stated in last week's newsletter, we have decided to close over the summer holiday in order to provide us with enough time to make sure that the school is fully operational for a full return in September.



Report Slips

You should now have received your child's report for this academic year. Many thanks to those of you who have already returned your acknowledgement slips via email to your child's class teacher. Please could we request that any outstanding replies are returned before Monday to ensure that we know each parent and carer has received and read the report? Many thanks!

Collecting Books

Some parents have requested if they are able to pop down to school to collect their child's books from this academic year. In response to this, we have allocated a time in which you are able to do so safely should you so wish, and in accordance with our protective measures. Children who are in school will be given their books to take home themselves.

For the infant classes, the designated collection point will be the area in front of the infant playground gate and for the junior classes, the designated collection point will be the area in front of the junior playground gate. Your child's class teacher will be there to say hello! For those of you unable to make this time, we will keep your child's books safe until September.

Designated times are as follows:

Wednesday 15th July 2020

9.30 – 10.30am: Nursery (*infant gate*)

9.30 – 10.30am: Year 4 (*junior gate*)

1.30 – 2.30pm: Reception (*infant gate*)

1.30 – 2.30pm: Year 5 (*junior gate*)

Thursday 16th July 2020

9.30 – 10.30am: Year 1 (*infant gate*)

9.30 – 10.30am: Year 3 (*junior gate*)

1.30 – 2.30pm: Year 2 (*infant gate*)

1.30 – 2.30pm: Year 6 (*junior gate*)



Transition Videos

Expect a video to be emailed to you later on this week from your child's new class teacher! They have prepared a little something to introduce themselves to their new class! As you will now be aware, class teachers for next year have now been allocated and the structure of the staffing team is as follows:

Nursery	Mrs Farrington
Reception	Miss Alexander
Year 1	Miss Martin-Mills
Year 2	Mrs Sandhu
Year 3	Miss Toon
Year 4	Mrs Knight
Year 5	Miss Barker
Year 6	Miss Barnard

We are also delighted to welcome Mr Stevens as a permanent fixture to our team in September! Mr Stevens will be working with all classes throughout the school to support us with our educational and pastoral recovery programme as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

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:

Year 6 (Miss Barnard's Bubble)

Well done to all of the children in the bubble for following the rules so well and to Miss Barnard and Mrs Johnston for promoting them so well!





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...

Nursery

Nursery children have been reading Jasper's Beanstalk and have been engaging in many activities connected with magic beans!

Reception

Reception children have also been reading Jasper's Beanstalk and have kept a diary for the week, just like Jasper did! They have written about toys they have played with, what they have watched on TV and books they have read!



Year 1

Year 1 have been finding out about Mary Seacole and why she was important in history. Some of the children have created a poster about her life and achievements.

Year 2

Year 2 have been listening to the reading of Sam's Duck by Michael Morpugo in order to design and build their own farms!

Year 3

The children have been looking at The Truth about Trolls to help them improve their grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Year 4

Year 4 have been finding out about the life of the famous artist, Georgia O'Keefe. The children have created an information page about her life and had a go at drawing or painting one of her famous paintings!

Year 5

The children have been thinking about what it would be like to live in another country. Do they think their life would be the same or completely different? They have compared living in Birmingham to Johannesburg.

Year 6

Year 6 have been completing transition activities to help prepare them for secondary school. This week they have been developing their organisation skills.

