



SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Even after the worst storms, the sun always shines."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the end of another week! I can't believe we are already in July and as we move closer to the summer, the school continues to work at full speed. Yesterday, the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, announced plans for all children and young people to return to full-time education at the start of the autumn term. We were delighted to hear this news and are currently digesting the supporting guidance that provides schools, colleges and nurseries with the details to plan for a full return. The guidance has been developed in close consultation with sector stakeholders and medical experts from Public Health England. The schools guidance sets out a range of measures to protect children and staff.



Over the forthcoming days we will be completing our risk assessment and aim to inform you of our procedures for a full return to school next week. To summarise, the government is asking schools and colleges to ensure they are:

- managing confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the school, in line with current public health guidance - this means your child may be asked to self-isolate for 14 days by their school or college (based on advice from their local health protection teams) if they have been in close, face-to-face contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus
- ensuring everyone at the school cleans their hands more often than usual, including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, and before and after eating - this can be done with soap and running water or hand sanitiser
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene, by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces more often
- minimising contact and maintaining distance, as far as possible - schools will decide how best to do this, as it will be different for each setting, but in broad terms, it will involve asking children to stay within specified separate groups (or bubbles), and through maintaining distance between individuals. The government's guidance to schools recognises that younger children may not be able to maintain social distancing so it is likely that for younger children the emphasis will be on separating groups, and for older children, it will be on distancing.

Schools will also need to stagger and adjust start and finish times as this helps keep groups apart on the way to and from school, and as they arrive and leave the premises. Schools will continue to provide an ambitious and broad curriculum in all subjects but may need to make changes to some subjects - such as PE and music - to ensure they can be delivered as safely as possible. The government is also planning on the basis that statutory primary assessments (for those going into year 6 in September) will take place in summer 2021.

Some other information you may need to know that is relevant to our context will be discussed and agreed over the next week and details will be provided to once this has been finalised. This includes:

- Behaviour – Schools will need to update their behaviour policies to ensure they reflect any new rules or approaches that are needed from the autumn term. We will communicate these changes to our pupils and you as parents.
- Attendance – School attendance will again be mandatory from the beginning of the new academic year.
- Uniform – Schools are being encouraged to return to their usual uniform policies in the autumn term. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, or in any different way to normal due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

- School food – School kitchens should be fully open from the start of the autumn term, and they will provide free school meals and universal infant free school meals as usual for those who are eligible.
- School trips – In the autumn term, schools and colleges can resume educational day trips, in line with the latest public health guidance and wider guidance for schools on the actions they can take to reduce risks.
- Extra-curricular activities – Schools will be permitted to run breakfast and after-school activities. Schools will need to make sure these can be delivered in line with the wider guidance on protective measures, so they may need to run things differently and adapt over time.

This is just an overview of the main changes but if you would like to read the full guidance for parents and carers, please click on the link below:

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term](#)

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, you will receive your child's report for this academic year. Contained with the report is information about your child's class teacher for next year. They are currently compiling a video message to send to you to welcome your child to their new class in September! We look forward to providing you with more information next week.

Summer Holiday Arrangements

The Secretary of State for Education also confirmed this week that the government are not asking schools to open over the summer holidays, and there is no expectation that schools should open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers over this period. As a school, we have decided to close as this will provide us with enough time to ensure that the school is fully operational for a full return in September.

However, we will be providing you with information and links to resources and local organisations in due course which provide safe summer fun activities for your children to enjoy and participate in over the summer period. This week the government published guidance for providers that run community activities and holiday clubs and Mr Attwood is currently exploring re-opening his holiday sports camp for a week in August. He will provide you with further information about his plans imminently, inclusive of timings and protective measures. Keep a look out on our Twitter page for more details!



Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge 2020 is here! This year's Challenge is called Silly Squad and is all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh! The Silly Squad is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck into all different kinds of funny books.

This year, the Challenge features extra special characters designed by the award-winning author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson, who you'll know from amazing reads like Amelia Fang and Evil Emperor Penguin!

Because of Covid-19 some things about the Challenge have changed this year...

- You can only join the Challenge online, not at the library. Join the Challenge at www.sillysquad.org.uk.
- You can decide how many books you want to read for the Challenge. They can be books you have read before or new books. Audio books and comics also count!
- There are a wide range of children's e-books, e-audio books and e-comics that can be downloaded free from the library catalogue at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Libraries/Library-services/eLibrary/eLibrary.aspx> using your library card and PIN. If you don't have these or have lost them, you can call 0300 111 8000 and they will help you get new ones.

- From 6 July you will be able to 'order and collect' books from Burton Library. Because of social distancing rules, you can't come in and choose your own books though. Parents and carers will need to order them for you using this form <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Libraries/Children-book-sorter.aspx> or can call 0300 111 8000. The library will let you know when you can collect the books you have ordered from them.
- If you read the number of books you set for yourself, you'll be able to print a Summer Reading Challenge certificate from the website. If you don't have a printer at home then you can collect a certificate from Burton Library.
- Sorry, there won't be any activities at the library this summer but on the Silly Squad website, you can find heaps of super silly activities, quizzes, videos, games and more to keep you entertained at home! From 16 July, Staffordshire Libraries' will also be sharing lots of fun content through Facebook.

This year's Challenge is open until 7 September, so there's plenty of time to take part and get silly this summer!



Uniform

We are always looking at ways to reach out to parents and make them aware of new offers, store opening hours updates and online ordering. We currently have Pupils Schoolwear listed but our uniform is also stocked in My Uniform Ltd in Burton, which may be closer for you.

Contact details are below:

My Uniform Ltd, 82 Wellington Street, Burton-on-Trent, DE14 2DS
01283 619224
www.myuniformltd.co.uk

The stores re opened on the 15 June and revised opening hours are:
 Monday – Friday – 09.30 – 17.00
 Saturday – 09.30 – 16.00
 Sunday – Closed





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 *The Gingerbread Man* and have carried out a swimming gingerbread man experiment and designed their own!



Reception

Reception children have also been reading *The Gingerbread Man* and have created their own story map making changes to the characters!

Year 1

Year 1 have had a great week at home placing objects outside and using the sun to help them draw around their shadow. They have also been doing 'Cosmic Kids Yoga' on YouTube!

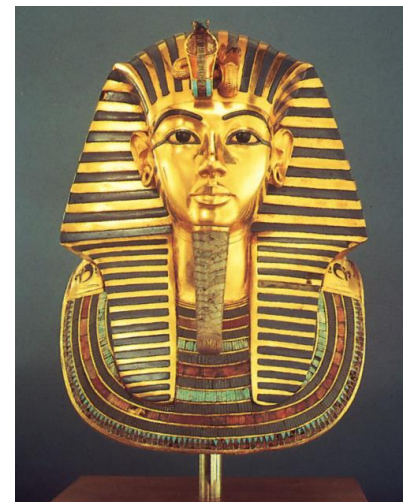


Year 2

Year 2 have been making and testing their own kites as well as practising their phonics, spellings and times tables!

Year 3

The children have watched a video called 'The Lighthouse Keeper' and created a timeline of what happened before imagining they were the lighthouse keeper and writing a diary entry explaining what he did when the light went out.



Year 4

Year 4 have been creating messages for their friends in hieroglyphics and drawing and painting their own version of Tutankhamun!

Year 5

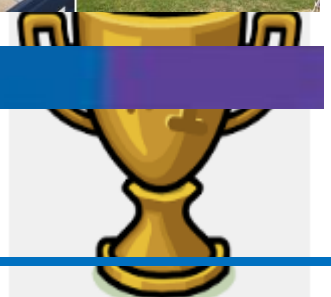
The children have imagined that they were in Ancient Greece during the Battle of Troy. They have written a newspaper article about it and created a quiz about Ancient Greece for their classmates to answer.

Year 6

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



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 JOINT winners are:

Year 6 (Miss Barker's Bubble) AND Year 3 & 4 (Mrs Knight's Bubble)

Well done to all of the children in the bubble for following the rules so well and to Miss Barker, Miss Lord, Mrs Knight and Mrs Hall for promoting them so well!

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