



SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"The happiest people don't have the best of everything but they make the best of everything."

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all once again! The start of this academic year has been very different to that of previous years but what has been remarkable is how happy the children have been to come back to school! The teachers have loved having a full classroom again and have commented on how quickly the children have adapted to our new routines and procedures in such a short space of time. You can read a little more about what each class has been doing to settle themselves back into school below!



I would also like to extend my utmost thanks to all parents for the adjustments that you have made with regards to our new policies and procedures. One parent commented in an email to me this week that, *"thinking positive and working together will get the best results."* I couldn't agree more and it is so uplifting to see so much positivity within the community. Thank you!

I know by now that you will all be aware of some personal news that I have shared with you via email. You are in the very safe hands of Mrs Farrington for the next two weeks, who will be Acting Headteacher. Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office via the email address above or phone should you wish to leave a message for her. She will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible! Have a great weekend everyone!

Email Migration

Over the summer, the school underwent an email migration and as a result all of our email addresses have changed. Please note that the new office email is: shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk. This is the best way of contacting the school and should you have a message or question for any of the teaching staff, please use this email and the office will ensure it is forwarded to them. The class emails that were used during lockdown to maintain contact with our children and parents will not be checked as frequently now that all of the children are back in school. They have been changed and will be utilised should any remote education need to be undertaken throughout the course of the pandemic.

Year 6 Whitemoor Lakes Residential Trip – December 2020

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, we have had to cancel the forthcoming residential trip for Year 6 which was due to take place 2 to 4 December 2020. The government are still advising against overnight residential stays although have stated that educational visits can resume. Miss Barnard is currently exploring a Christmas activity day package and more details will be issued to children and parents in Year 6 in due course.

Young Voices 2021

Young Voices has been a significant feature within our school calendar for some years now – the children love it! From scrutinising government guidance, it is highly unlikely that they will be able to reinstate mass gatherings in time for the concerts that were scheduled to take place in January/February 2021. Even if organisers are allowed, rehearsals for school choirs are restricted during the autumn term so the concerts have now been postponed until May/June 2021.

Parking

The safety of our pupils in and out of school is of vital importance to us, even more so now given our current context. We would like to remind parents that the Albion pub is more than happy for you to take advantage of their excellent parking facilities when collecting and dropping off your children at their staggered start and end times. This will help alleviate any concerns anyone may have around social distancing at this time because cars will not be parked up on the pavements allowing parents to pass safely. It will also enhance and support good relations with our neighbours who have previously reported that their driveways have been blocked on occasion. I would like to thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in this matter.

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

The children have made a fantastic start to the new academic year! 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 this week...

Nursery

It has been wonderful this week to see so many siblings begin our Nursery as well as welcome new families to Shobnall. All the children enjoyed their taster session, with many children happily saying goodbye to their mum or dad for the very first time! It was lovely to see the children exploring the indoor and outdoor learning environments with such curiosity and enthusiasm. Mrs Farrington and Mrs Curran look forward to welcoming back everyone again next week.

Reception

Reception children had a wonderful start to school this week. They all arrived happily with bright smiles and after choosing a balloon they headed off to explore their new classroom.

We were all extremely impressed with the children's super behaviour and manners, especially as many of them had not been able to visit the setting previously. They enjoyed a range of activities, stories and



of course had a fantastic time making new friends. We are all very excited about our Reception class journey and look forward to all of the fun and learning we are going to have throughout the year.

Year 1

The Year 1 children have settled in fantastically to the new routines in the Year 1 classroom. Miss Martin-Mills is astounded by how mature, sensible and kind all of the children have been this week – what superstars! This week the children have been practising their reading and Phase 2 phonics, as well as playing on Numbots to learn their numbers in maths. Keep up the great work children!

Year 2

Year 2 have settled into class wonderfully, full of enthusiasm and joy to be back in school. They have worked so hard to remember all of our new rules and regulations and have shown great maturity following them. It has been great to see them get stuck in with their learning and working so hard. Well done Year 2 on a wonderful start to the year!

Year 3

Year 3 have had an excellent first week back at school. It has been lovely to see each other again and Miss Toon has really enjoyed getting to know the children.

We have already started to get used to all the new rules and routines in the classroom and around school. Together, we made a class charter and agreed which rules are important in order to make our classroom a happy and positive learning environment. We have also thought about our goals for the year and what we hope to achieve during our time in Year 3. As a class, we have shared some of our experiences during lockdown and have written a recount of a memory or an event that happened. We have also started to think about our first Maths unit on Place Value and are looking forward to starting Power Maths next week.

Year 3 have really impressed Miss Toon by demonstrating enthusiasm during lessons and taking pride in the presentation of their work! This is the start of a fantastic year ahead – well done Year 3!

Year 4

Year 4 have started the new school year very well! The children have been learning the new routines and listening carefully. At the end of this week the children have watched presentations from others in the class and voted for Year 4's representatives for School Council, Eco Warriors and also Anti Bullying Ambassadors. The children have been working very hard on their presentation in Maths and English.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a tremendous first week back at school and have already undertaken lots of learning. They have started reading their class text, 'Cirque Du Freak' as well as beginning their learning of place value, in maths, and starting to learn about different religious festivals and celebrations, in RE. Miss Barker and all the staff in Year 5 are extremely proud of how mature they have all acted with regards to the new rules and routines. They have settled into their new class with a strong work ethic. Keep up the hard work!

Year 6

I am incredibly proud of how well the Year 6 pupils have settled back into class. They have enjoyed getting back into routine and spending time with their friends after a long time apart. We have been busy launching our World War Two topic, revising British Values and studying place value in maths. Well done Year 6, a fabulous first few days!

Mrs Farrington

Congratulations to Mrs Farrington who has just been awarded her certificate for 25 Years Long Service Award! Let's hope she continues for another 25 years!



Uniform

We have been impressed with how smart the children have looked this week! If you do not yet have a tie, do not worry because a new delivery of ties is due into school shortly. We only charge parents what we are charged by our supplier. Please see our prices below:

Regular Tie	£6.00
Elasticated Tie	£7.00
Clip On Tie	£7.50

Reading Corner

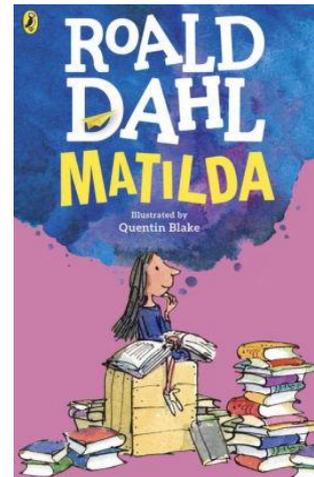
This week's recommended read is for children aged 7 – 12, in honour of **Roald Dahl Day** on Friday 11th September...

Matilda

Written by Roald Dahl

Published by Jonathan Cape

The exceptional Matilda is about a smart, easily infuriated little girl who is misunderstood by her parents and loathed by the school's headmistress. On the other hand her kind and generous teacher, Miss Honey, thinks she is a brilliant academic genius. Matilda has a number of excellent schemes in her head to teach her nasty parents and headmistress a lesson. The novel is littered with excellent examples of Dahl's use of creative imagination to keep the reader's attention alive such as when Matilda uses her magical eyes to write a truthful message to the headmistress on the blackboard.



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	-	-
Year 1	Aminah A	Aadil F
Year 2	Deivids K	Asra Z
Year 3	Zahra K	Keeghan B
Year 4	Ibraheem M	Ashton M
Year 5	Alfie L	Eva W
Year 6	Haidar A	Isabelle L



Autumn Term Diary Dates

Many of our dates for the autumn term remain under review due to adhering to government guidance and advice. Some of our traditional calendar fixtures may not be honoured. We will keep you informed of our arrangements and procedures.

Event	Date/Time
Parents' Evening	Monday 19 th October 2020 Wednesday 21 st October 2020
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 23 rd October 2020
INSET Day	Monday 2 nd November 2020
School Re-Opens	Tuesday 3 rd November 2020
Open Evening	Tuesday 10 th November, 4.30-6.00pm
PFA Christmas Fair	Friday 6 th December 2019, 3.30-6.00pm
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 18 th December 2020