



# SHOBNALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"If you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine!"*

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to say a very warm welcome back to everyone, after what has been another very busy week in school (more about this later on in the 'Shobnall Showcase' section of the newsletter)! You will notice just a small selection of the happy, smiley faces that we have seen in the picture opposite as all of the children have returned from their half-term break feeling refreshed and revitalised and have definitely brought all the glorious sunshine we have been enjoying recently with them!



As we begin our last half-term of the academic year, we prepare for the next government announcement (expected on 14 June) as to whether the next stage of the roadmap out of lockdown will go ahead on 21 June. Ministers have generally been optimistic about the current plans to move to Step 4, but they have fallen short of guaranteeing it. We will know more next week, which should then determine our plans for allowing parents to attend the events we have pencilled in on our calendar below and what procedures will look like in school next academic year.

Thank you to all of our new parents for attending our virtual meeting last night about their child's induction into nursery and reception. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and meet those that are new to the school. We look forward to meeting the children at their induction session later on in the term and to working with you all over the forthcoming years. Wishing you a very warm welcome to Shobnall Primary School!

I'm sure many of you will be tuning in to watch the start of the Euro 2021 tournament this weekend but whatever it is you are doing, enjoy, stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday!

## **PFA Relaunch Meeting – Wednesday 16 June 2021, 5.00pm**

Thank you to all those parents who have already kindly agreed to join, support and help re-launch our PFA! A virtual meeting has been set up for those who are interested in getting involved. Please click on the link below if you wish to join. Don't worry if you have not expressed your interest, you are more than welcome to attend. I look forward to seeing you there!

## Microsoft Teams Meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)



## Bikeability

Bikeability is today's cycle training programme. It's about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. Year 4 and Year 5 have really enjoyed their sessions this week (enhanced by the warm weather we have had).



I have been asked by one of the instructors to include a note in the newsletter to ask if parents have any decent quality, pre-loved bikes that are not needed any more or are gathering dust in a shed. The reason for asking is that children who may be in need of a little more practice or experience would really benefit from having access to a safe, good quality bike that provides them with an opportunity to keep riding.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact us and we will inform our colleagues from Bikeability. Thank you!

## Timber – 2 to 4 July 2021



Timber, the annual three-day camping festival in the heart of the National Forest returns from 2-4 July 2021, providing the perfect way to reconnect with nature, your family and your friends this summer. Step into an incredible weekend of music, art, family fun and wellbeing amongst the trees at Feanedock, near Ashby.

The programme features national, international and local artists, plus workshops and woodland experiences to reconnect us all to the natural world. Timber is a delightfully small festival and will run in accordance with all COVID advice. With great food and drink and 100 acres of space to spread out and explore, Timber offers an enchanting woodland retreat on your doorstep.

There is a 25% discount for National Forest residents. Day tickets are now sold out. There are a limited number of weekend tickets available.

See [timberfestival.org.uk](https://timberfestival.org.uk) for further information and details of the full line-up.

## Random Acts of Kindness (RAOK)



Mr and Mrs Burton have generously set up RAOK, giving out food donations to people in our local area that may be struggling and running low on food items. If anyone is able to help out with donations, please contact the school office at [shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk](mailto:shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk), listing the items you are able to provide and they will ensure it is forwarded to Mr and Mrs Burton. Current items that they are still in need of are: tea, coffee, sugar, hot chocolate, long life milk, cereals, crisps, personal care items, toilet rolls, cleaning products, washing powder, tinned meals such as meatballs, hotdogs etc., other tinned items such as baked beans, spaghetti hoops, soups etc., pasta and pasta sauces. Many thanks if you are able to support in any way.

### School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*! There is a box situated by the gate on the school car park for any parents who have items they wish to donate. Amy Roobottom continues sorting and collating this. As previously stated, if you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact the school office via [shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk](mailto:shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk) and we will ensure this is forwarded to her. There are currently no changes to the catalogue of items available attached to the newsletter, very kindly prepared by Collette Phillips.



### Hot Lunch Options – 14 to 18 June 2021

Lunch options for the forthcoming week are:

|           | Option 1                          | Option 2                         | Option 3                   |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Monday    | Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread    | Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans    | Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch |
| Tuesday   | Meatballs Sub Roll (Pork)         | Quorn Meatballs Sub Roll (Quorn) | Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch |
| Wednesday | Roast Chicken, Stuffing and Gravy | Quorn Roast, Stuffing and Gravy  | Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch |
| Thursday  | Chicken Curry, Rice & Naan Bread  | Veggie Curry, Rice & Naan Bread  | Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch |
| Friday    | Fish & Chips                      | Cheese & Onion Pasty & Chips     | Cheese or Ham Packed Lunch |

### Kitchen News!

Congratulations to our cook, Mrs Inger, and her staff, Mrs Banton and Miss Allen for maintaining their **FIVE STAR RATING** following on from a visit by Environmental Health this week!



### Breaktime Snacks

Children are now able to order break time snacks. These will be ordered when the register is taken by the class teacher on arrival to school, delivered to classrooms at morning break in accordance with our protective measures and paid for via ParentPay. Please ensure your child is aware of whether they can/cannot order a break time snack as once ordered, charges will be applied. All snacks are priced at 50p. Choices are:

- Milkshake – 50p
- Fruit – 50p
- Juice – 50p
- Cereal bar – 50p



# SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

Let's have a sneaky peek as to what has been going on remotely AND in our classrooms this week...

## Nursery

After a fabulous half term break, it was wonderful to see the children skipping back into Nursery Class on Tuesday morning! This week we began our 'Bon Voyage' theme and have travelled around different countries, learning how to say 'hello'. Our role play area is now an Ice Cream Parlour, so children are loving the opportunity of buying a refreshing ice cream whenever they like! We have also been learning lots of new action songs based on our new topic and have loved playing outside in the warm sunny weather!

## Reception

It has definitely been an exciting week back in Reception! The children have been all very excited to share their half term news which was brilliant as it supported our new topic on holidays.

The children completed some wonderful writing about their half term adventures applying excellent phonics skills and punctuation-a great start to the half term!

They have also been working hard on numbers to 20 in Maths and have used the ten frames to show more and less along with lots of practical activities.

There was lots of fun in PE this week when the children completed lots of physical activities by taking part in an obstacle course. They all showed great perseverance as they attempted the different challenges!

Well done Reception, a super first week of the half term!

## Year 1

Despite another topsy-turvy week, the children have returned to school and hit the ground running. They have come back with lots of energy and ready to learn after their well-deserved half-term holiday. In Maths the children have continued their learning about Place Value within 100. This week our learning has focused on comparing and ordering numbers within 100. It is wonderful to see how their confidence in growing with their number knowledge. In English, the children have been learning about persuasive texts and are working towards creating a Forest School leaflet! The children had a fantastic time in their first Forest School session and loved exploring and being creative, especially in the glorious sunshine!



## Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been practising our SPaG and reading comprehension skills in English. We have also been completing our Science work based on plants and identifying what they need to grow. In Maths we have also focussed on our Mental arithmetic skills. Well done Year 2 for a great work.

## Year 3

For their first week back after half-term, Year 3 have had a fantastic week. We have started our new Design and Technology unit, based on mechanical posters. The children have enjoyed making lots of mechanical objects using levers and linkages. The children have also been beginning to recap their

learning on 2D and 3D shapes. We have been learning all about different shapes and their properties. Some of the children also really enjoyed their time focusing on mindfulness outside with Burton Albion. Thank you very much Year 3, it has been a lovely and fun week!

#### Year 4

It has been an excellent week for Year 4! The pupils thoroughly enjoyed Bike Ability which took place on Tuesday, and they did an excellent job. In English this week, the Pupils have started a new writing unit where the pupils will be writing their own newspaper about an Egyptian artefact which was found at school! I am sure the class will enjoy this.

Some pupils have completed the Optional Multiplication Check on Thursday and I am sure they will come home full of pride because they did an excellent job. The pupils have worked so hard, and they should feel very proud of what they have achieved. The remaining pupils will complete the Multiplication Check next week.

#### Year 5

Year 5 have had a super enjoyable first week back after half term. They started off the week with swimming and bike ability, in which the children absolutely excelled themselves by showing how mature and sensible they were. They continued this in their lessons when we continued our learning of our class text 'The Lottie Project' where they wrote a diary entry from the perspective of the main character. In history, the children have begun learning all about Early Islamic Civilisation and constructed their own timeline.

#### Year 6

It has been a great, sunny week for the pupils to return to school to. We have been revising key areas of mathematics and applying our knowledge to problem solving and reasoning opportunities, ensuring we are secure for our transition into Year 7. In English, we have each been given a unique key and have used this as a stimulus to create imaginative ideas for story

writing. Our ideas have ranged from unlocking underwater scenes to magical lands - keep an eye on Twitter for how our stories develop. In science, we have been recapping our understanding of solids, liquids and gases through an investigation using lemonade and raisins! Our rehearsals for Treasure Island have been continuing and we have explored Les Miserables as part of our music curriculum.

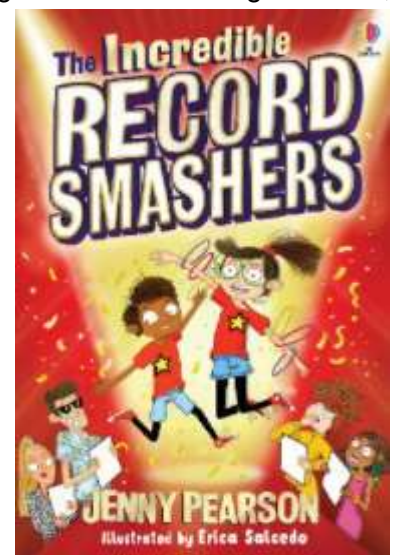
#### Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 9 to 11...

#### The Incredible Record Smashers

by Jenny Pearson

With absolutely no sign of the tricky second novel syndrome following, as it swiftly does, the critically acclaimed *Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates*, Jenny Pearson shows again her ability to make the reader





laugh aloud while also tackling some really emotional 'big' topics . As a primary teacher she knows her audience inside out and creates very real and believable characters even if they are involved in extraordinary adventures. The capacity of children to become obsessed with the Guinness Book of World Records is familiar to every librarian and so the theme of this story is spot on. Young readers will adore that every chapter is headed by ever more outlandish world records (and to read about the author's own favourites at the end) and will relish the antics of Lucy and Sandesh in their record attempts. I love the fact that the text is peppered with Don't Try this at Home warnings too! The lively illustrations only add to the book's already significant shelf appeal.

But it is the reason for the World Record attempt that gives the hilarity a much deeper impact. Lucy's single parent Mum suffers from depression and is hospitalised at the beginning of the book. Lucy's poignant quest to find her Mum's happiness tellingly reveals the internal struggles of children faced with parental mental health issues and will provide an invaluable opportunity for other children to empathise or indeed talk about their own difficulties. The fact that Lucy realises that she does have a strong support network with her eccentric, yet wise, Aunt Sheila and with her incredibly loyal friend Sandesh, will provide these children with comfort and hope that things will get better.

### Head Teacher's Awards

|                  |             |           |
|------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>Reception</b> | Thea K      | Jackson B |
| <b>Year 1</b>    | Zain A      | Seb J     |
| <b>Year 2</b>    | Anaya A     | Nell T    |
| <b>Year 3</b>    | Ettie D     | Keeghan B |
| <b>Year 4</b>    | Chaanakya S | Jaiden E  |
| <b>Year 5</b>    | Fezaan A    | Imaan F-N |
| <b>Year 6</b>    | Zoe C       | Adyaan H  |

### Lunchtime Star Awards

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| <b>Reception</b> | Layla N   |
| <b>Year 1</b>    | Alfie H   |
| <b>Year 2</b>    | Saif N    |
| <b>Year 3</b>    | Lilly L   |
| <b>Year 4</b>    | Eva W     |
| <b>Year 5</b>    | Pia P     |
| <b>Year 6</b>    | Martyna B |

| Team Points                            | Claymills      | Rosliston                  | Sinai                      | Trent                     |
|--|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Points ( <i>Week Ending 11.06.21</i> ) | 137            | 116                        | 117                        | 112                       |
| Position                               | 1st – 4 points | 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 2 points | 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 points | 4 <sup>th</sup> – 1 point |
| Running Total                          | 4              | 2                          | 3                          | 1                         |

### Summer Term Diary Dates

*Many of our dates for the summer 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   |
|---|---|
| Year 5/6 JTMAT Football Tournament                          | Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2021                 |
| Year 6 – John Taylor High School Induction Day 1            | Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2021                   |
| Year 6 – John Taylor High School Induction Day 2            | Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021                   |
| Nursery Induction (Half Intake)                             | Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021, 1.30pm – 3.00pm  |
| Reception Induction (Half Intake)                           | Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2021, 1.30pm – 3.00pm |
| Year 6 – John Taylor High School Induction Day 3            | Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2021                  |
| Year 2, Year 5/6 JTMAT Athletics Tournament                 | Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021                |
| Year 4/5/6 Recorded Production of Treasure Island Available | Week beginning Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021     |
| End of Year Reports to Parents                              | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021                    |
| Nursery Induction (Half Intake)                             | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021, 1.30pm – 3.00pm   |
| Reception Induction (Half Intake)                           | Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2021, 1.30pm – 3.00pm  |
| EYFS/KS1 Sports Day   | Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – AM            |
| KS2 Sports Day  | Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – PM            |

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| Optional Parent Consultations     | Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2021       |
| Year 5/6 JTMAT Cricket Tournament | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2021        |
| Year 6 – DeFerrers Induction Day  | Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021       |
| Year 6 Leavers' Assembly          | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – AM   |
| Year 6 Leavers' Party             | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – PM   |
| Year 6 Enterprise Fair            | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021        |
| School Closes for Summer          | Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021     |
| INSET Day                         | Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021 |
| School Reopens for Pupils         | Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021  |

### Diary Dates 2021-2022

| Event                       | Date/Time  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| INSET Day                   | Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021                           |
| School Reopens for Pupils   | Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021                            |
| School Closes for Half-Term | Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021                               |
| INSET Day                   | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021                               |
| School Closes for Christmas | Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021                            |
| INSET Day                   | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021                              |
| School Reopens for Pupils   | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022                               |
| Young Voices                | Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2022                             |
| School Closes for Half-Term | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022                              |
| INSET Day                   | Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022                              |
| School Reopens for Pupils   | Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022                                 |
| School Closes for Easter    | Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022                                  |
| School Reopens for Pupils   | Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022                                 |
| May Day Bank Holiday        | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022                                    |
| Key Stage 2 SATs Week       | Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 |
| School Closes for Half-Term | Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022                                   |
| INSET Day                   | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022                                   |
| School Reopens for Pupils   | Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022                                  |
| JTMAT INSET Day             | Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022                                   |
| School Closes for Summer    | Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022                                |