



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Do good and good will come to you."

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was fantastic to see many of our parents and carers at our 'Meet the Teacher' event on Tuesday, which will have provided you with a brief overview of the learning and expectations for the year. The teaching staff wish to express their thanks for your attendance. If you were unable to attend and would like to know more about the curriculum in your child's year group, please visit either the [class pages](#) on our school website or the individual subject [curriculum](#) pages.

Please keep up to date with all that is going on in school through Twitter, the weekly newsletter and the school website. Could we also ask that you ensure your contact details are kept up to date with us? We should have at

least two named contacts in case of an emergency at school. Any problems with any of these, please contact the ladies in the office who will be more than happy to help you.

Thank you for your vigilance, co-operation and understanding with regards to our Covid-19 procedures. Your attentiveness is contributing significantly to helping us ensure that all of our community stay safe and well and school remains as 'normal' as possible for our pupils. Remember, handwashing is still really important so please ensure your children are washing their hands just before they leave the house. Ventilation is still a priority in school, as is cleanliness of tables, touch points and equipment. Please keep up-to-date with all the latest news and information on the [Covid-19 Info](#) page on the school website. Here you will also find important information related to PCR tests, isolation, contract tracing and information of the government's autumn and winter plan. We are aware of cases rising within the local area so please continue to be vigilant and cautious and if you are unsure of the action you need to take, please contact us here at school to clarify.

We hope that you have a great weekend and, as always, we look forward to seeing you again on Monday!

The Enterprise Project 2021

Shobnall Primary & Nursery School launched **The Enterprise Project** at the end of last academic year in order to teach the pupils more about Financial Education, which is a significant feature of our Relationships & Health Education curriculum. We are absolutely thrilled with the number of children who have taken part in this project, working alone, in partners or in groups to raise money for our school. In total, the children have raised an enormous **£756.28!** Wow!

This money will go towards the purchase of new computing equipment for the school and we cannot thank the parents and carers enough who have helped and supported the children.

All children who have raised money will be invited to take part in an activity morning this half term so please look out for further details.



Burton Mail Appearance

We were very proud and very humbled to appear in the Burton Mail this week. An article was published early on this week detailing how many applications were made for each school in our area. It was stated that the most popular school in Burton and the fourth most popular in Staffordshire was Shobnall Primary & Nursery School, where just 61.2 per cent of parents who picked it as their first choice got a place for their child. If you would like to read the full article, please visit [StaffordshireLive](#).



Dates for the Diary!

Please don't forget that the PFA will meet for the first time this year on **Wednesday 22 September** at **3.30pm** in the **Year 6 classroom**. If you are interested in joining us, please do come along. Everyone is welcome! The first PFA project is already underway thanks to Mr Wilson, who has designed us a beautiful sensory garden! We will be discussing how to get this installed at our first meeting.

We have also pencilled in the first of our class assemblies, which parents are welcome to attend. These will start at 9.15am:

- **Year 2 – Thursday 18 November 2021**
- **Year 6 – Thursday 25 November 2021**



Parents will be informed of Covid procedures nearer the time and further dates will be confirmed shortly.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 24 September 2021

As you will be aware from last week's newsletter, we will be holding a Covid-safe **Macmillan Coffee Morning** in the school hall on **Friday 24 September** from **9.15 to 11.00am**. Cake donations are warmly welcome from Thursday 23 September in preparation. Please send all donations to the office.

Below is the link if you want to donate online for our coffee morning. There are also posters up around school with QR codes on so parents can scan to donate.

<https://thyg.uk/BUU005038891>



Online Safety

Being online is such an integral part of our lives, it is essential, now more than ever, that children are safeguarded from potentially harmful and inappropriate material. Technology changes at such a rapid pace, it can be difficult for us as parents and carers to keep up-to-speed with the newest developments to know how best to support and protect our children from potential dangers. With this in mind, we will now be including a weekly 'online safety tips' section to our newsletter to help.



This week's tip is from [childnet.com](#). This first resource offers practical tips and advice on some different aspects of keeping your child safe online. These can help you as parents to start discussions about their online life, set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use and find out where to get more help and support. Please click on the link

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/parents-and-carers-resource-sheet> which will take you to the resource. We hope you find this useful.

School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*, which will continue this year! There is a box situated by the gate on the school car park for any parents who have items they wish to donate. Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box! 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 and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.



Hot Lunch Options – 20 to 24 September 2021

Lunch options for the forthcoming week are:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans	Cheese, Ham or EGG Packed Lunch
Tuesday	Pepperoni Pizza Naan	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Naan	Cheese, Ham or EGG Packed Lunch
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Fillet, Stuffing & Gray	Cheese, Ham or Tuna Packed Lunch
Thursday	Sweet & Sour Chicken & Rice	Sweet & Sour Quorn & Rice	Cheese, Ham or Tuna Packed Lunch
Friday	Fish & Chips	Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans	Cheese, Ham or Tuna Packed Lunch

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

Nursery

As the days go by, our nursery children are now becoming more settled, as staff, children and their new environment become more familiar to them. It is lovely to see them beginning to interact with each other in their play. Some daily routines are slowly being introduced, a favourite being snack time! We have also loved singing some action songs and nursery rhymes, and have been practising the movements that accompany them.

Reception

The children have had a great week and enjoyed sharing their all about me posters. They have had lots to say about their families and all of the exciting things they do out of school. The children showed wonderful communication and language skills as they confidently shared this with their friends.

The children sat beautifully and listened carefully to each other during our PSED Jigsaw session. They were also fantastic at taking their rainbow breaths! They showed a super understanding of our class expectations as we discussed our class rules and had fun acting out various scenarios!

They have shown fantastic friendship qualities as we celebrated our star of the week. The children had lots of positive things to say about Reggie this week:

'Reggie is my friend.' - Charlotte

'Reggie always gives me cuddles.' - Penelope

'Reggie has a big smile that makes me happy.' - Miss W

'I like colouring with Reggie.' - Zain

'Reggie sits super smartly on the carpet.' - Miss A

'Reggie looks smart in his uniform.' - Evie

Another great week Reception- you are all amazing!



Year 1

This week year 1 have been exploring another Julia Donaldson story, 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. They have been exploring character descriptions and also writing sentences about the story. In maths they have been looking at 'one more' and 'one less'. Lots of practical apparatus has supported us with our learning. Within science we have been exploring everyday materials and where they come from. The children took part in a practical exploration by finding out if objects are translucent, transparent or opaque.

Year 2

The Year 2 children have had another brilliant and fun filled week. In Maths, the children have continued their learning on place value to 100 - they are such superstars at it! In English, we have started our 'Traditional Tales' unit where we are looking at the story of the Gingerbread Man. The Year 2's loved acting out the story in small groups – we definitely have some performers in our class and will not be short of actors/actresses for the Nativity this year! The highlight of our afternoons this week was Forest School. We were lucky enough to have fantastic weather and freshly cut grass.... perfect for creating fairy houses! The children learnt about their new topic of 'Fire Fire', as well as an introduction to their new Year 2 skills; using loppers to cut and a flint and steel to start a fire!



Year 3

We have had a lovely week in Year 3. On Monday, we began learning about play scripts in English. We took to the stage and put on a performance for our classmates. In science we have been learning about rocks. We conducted an investigation, making systematic and careful observations about the properties of a range of rocks. We investigated durability, permeability, density and hardness. A brilliant week Year 3, well done!



Year 4



Year 4 have had a brilliant week! Having planned their story last week, the children have written their recount of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory which has been a pleasure to read. We also completed a science investigation on Thursday where the children have been investigating which material would be the best conductor, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Another great week Year 4. Well done!

Year 5

What a week in Year 5! The children have enjoyed their first swimming lesson as a Year 5 pupil, however I know a few children were hoping to have a shower after the lesson! This week the children have continued with their knowledge of place value in maths and they are doing very well with the expectations of Year 5. I was so impressed that all children returned their homework early this week in order to use the information for our English lesson on Monday. The children have really enjoyed writing their autobiographies and I have enjoyed finding out more information about the pupils.



Year 6

Year 6 have continued to work hard this week. Through our maths unit of place value, they have been ordering and comparing numbers to ten million, rounding numbers accurately and working with negative numbers. In English, the pupils have been taking inspiration from William Blake to develop our own effective poems. In the afternoons, Year 6 have continued to learn about World War Two, this week focusing on Adolf Hitler and writing a non-chronological report based on his life. Well done Year 6.

Reading Corner

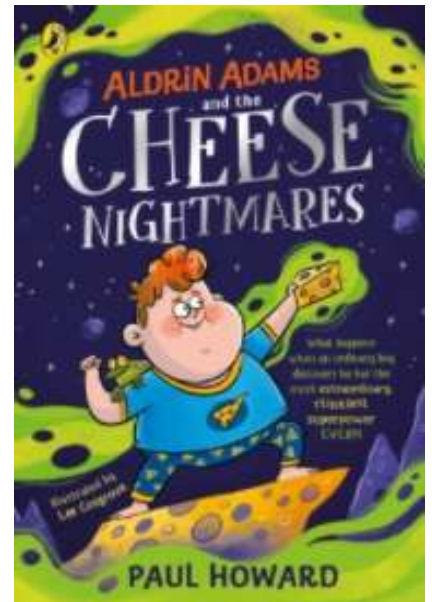
This week's recommended read is for children aged 7+...

Aldrin Adams and the Cheese Nightmares

Written by Paul Howard

Aldrin Adams is an ordinary boy with an extraordinary superpower. When he eats cheese, just before he goes to sleep at night, he can enter into other people's dreams . . . and their nightmares! But why has he, of all people, been given this ability? What is he supposed to do with it? And why doesn't it come with some kind of instruction manual that explains how it works? There are so many questions that require answers.

Luckily, Aldrin's dad owns the biggest and finest cheesemonger's for miles and miles around, offering him unlimited access to some of the stinkiest cheeses in the world as he tries to figure it all out. What Aldrin doesn't realise, as he embarks on his journey of discovery, is that he is being watched by Habeas Grusselgart, a mysterious, supernatural villain who creates nightmares for millions and millions of children every night. Suddenly, a young boy poses a threat to his plans to control the world through fear. Which is why he must be stopped - at all costs!



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Bradley F	Fynn Mc
Year 1	Maksym B	Aiza L
Year 2	Aminah A	Finay B
Year 3	Angelo M	Ellie W
Year 4	Charlotte K	Isabelle K
Year 5	Basri H	Ismail R
Year 6	Eva W	George P

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Ayesha N
Year 1	Isabella S
Year 2	Lewis L
Year 3	Erin S
Year 4	Amelia A
Year 5	Hakeem A
Year 6	Pia P

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (<i>Week Ending 17.09.21</i>)	163	107	139	133
Position	1 st – 4 Points	4 th – 1 point	2 nd – 3 Points	3 rd – 2 Points
Running Total	8	2	5	5

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Event	Date/Time
Clubs Begin	Monday 20 th September (4 weeks)
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 22 nd October 2021
INSET Day	Monday 1 st November 2021
PFA Christmas Fair	Friday 3 rd December 2021
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 th December 2021
INSET Day	Friday 17 th December 2021
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Young Voices	Thursday 27 th January 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 18 th February 2022
INSET Day	Monday 28 th February 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 1 st March 2022
School Closes for Easter	Friday 8 th April 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 25 th April 2022
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 9 th May 2022 – Friday 13 th May 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 27 th May 2022
INSET Day	Monday 6 th June 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 7 th June 2022
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 8 th July 2022
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 20 th July 2022

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
PFA Meeting	Wednesday 22 nd September 2021
MacMillan Coffee Morning	Friday 24 th September 2021
Harvest	Monday 4 th October 2021
Year 2 Bhangra Dancing, JTHS	Tuesday 12 th October 2021
Parents' Evening	Monday 18 th October 2021 Wednesday 20 th October 2021
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 22 nd October 2021
INSET Day	Monday 1 st November 2021
School Re-Opens	Tuesday 2 nd November 2021
PFA Halloween Disco	Friday 5 th November 2021
Open Evening	Wednesday 10 th November 2021, 4.30-6.00pm
Odd Socks Day	Monday 15 th November 2021
Year 2 Class Assembly	Thursday 18 th November 2021
Year 6 Class Assembly	Thursday 25 th November 2021
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 1 st December 2021 to Friday 3 rd December 2021 Inclusive
JTMAT Christmas Concert	Thursday 2 nd December 2021
PFA Christmas Fair	Friday 3 rd December 2021
Christingle	Monday 6 th December 2021

EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 7 th December 2021, 9.15am
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 8 th December 2021, 9.15am
PFA KS1 Christmas Movie Night	Wednesday 8 th December 2021, 3.30pm
PFA KS2 Christmas Movie Night	Thursday 9 th December 2021, 3.30pm
Year 3 Cosy Celebration	Friday 10 th December 2021, 9.15am
KS1 Nativity	Monday 13 th December 2021, 9.15am AND 2.00pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 15 th December 2021
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Lichfield Garrick, Peter Pan	Thursday 16 th December 2021, 1.30pm
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 th December 2021
INSET Day	Friday 17 th December 2021



BACK TO SCHOOL

Online Safety Tips for Children



Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.



Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.



Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!



Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).



Need help to lose weight?



Eat well, move more, lose weight, feel good!..

We can help...

Join our free weekly nutrition sessions which provide practical health eating advice and information so that you can lose weight and maintain healthy eating habits.

You will be supported by a qualified Nutritionist and a Physical Activity Specialist to help you maximise your weight loss! Daytime and evening appointments are available, which are delivered face to face in the community or virtually.

Alternatively, we are proud to partner with Slimming World and WW, with a free 12 week voucher for a local group.

Who can lose weight with us?

Anyone aged 18+ who lives in Staffordshire, with a BMI of either 28+ with a long-term condition, or BMI 30+ without.

What do I do now?

Contact reception for more information or

Visit: staffordshire.everyonehealth.co.uk

Email: eh.staffs@nhs.net

Tel: 0333 005 0095



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