

## SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER**

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"Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection."

Dear Parents/Carers.

Despite it still only being November, it's beginning to look, and feel, very festive around school! The decorations will be going up shortly, nativity rehearsals are in full swing and the Christmas Market will be entertaining visitors before the ink is dry on next week's newsletter! The Christmas holidays seem to be racing quickly towards us and there is still so much to do! Please keep checking the diary dates at the end of the newsletter to remind



yourselves of what is happening and when in school, and of course the COVID procedures we ask that you follow to ensure each event can go ahead safely.

Thank you to everyone who supported our 'spotty' non-uniform day last week in support of Children in Need. You will be pleased to know that we managed to raise a total of £158.45!

Next week, Year 5 are making their way to Whitemoor Lakes and will be staying from Wednesday 1 December until Friday 3 December. Please look out on Twitter to see how they are getting on! I know the children are really looking forward to their stay and it promises to be a fantastic few days for them!

As always, we would like to re-iterate that anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. This still applies even if you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine. If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you should stay at home and self-isolate. If you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months you are not required to self-isolate if you are a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

We hope that all our community have a great weekend! As always, look after yourselves, each other and stay safe! We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday!

### Shobnall PFA Christmas Market - Friday 3 December 2021, 3.30 - 6.00pm

The PFA Christmas Market is only a week away and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible! It promises to be a great event and I must express my sincerest thanks to the PFA, who have been working tirelessly to make this event extra special and safe!

Please refer to the letter, which was been emailed to you last week, if you are planning to attend which outlines in more detail the plans and COVID procedures. Some of this important information has been summarised for you below:

• The PFA will be running a 'street food' stall at the Christmas Market. If you are able to donate any cakes or Asian food,

the PFA would be very grateful if this could be labelled with ingredients to support those with allergies. Also, if possible, please could you indicate if it is suitable for vegetarians or not? They



ask that these are donated on the morning of the Market, so that all food products are as fresh as possible and will ensure that any containers are returned to you the following week via your child. Also, you are more than welcome to bring your own containers along to the event should you wish to have a 'takeaway' option!

- If you have any unwanted items for the bric-a-brac stall (i.e. toys, books, games etc.) that are in good condition, the PFA are happy to start accepting these donations in school from Monday 29 November.
- On the day itself, the children (and staff) are allowed to come to school in a Christmas jumper! The charge for this is for pupils in EYFS and Key Stage 1 to bring in a chocolate item (value of at least 50p) and pupils in Key Stage 2 to bring a bottle!

We ask that all visitors enter the school grounds via the car park gate located just off Reservoir Road. Please could we ask that you are patient because you may have to queue for a short while as we may need to restrict numbers entering momentarily, whilst visitors navigate their way around the Market. So that visitors are off the road itself, please use the pavement and the grass verge on Highcroft Drive. Families are welcome at any point from 3.30pm onwards. If coming straight after school, we ask that parents collect children from the usual place and then make their way round to the entrance.



On entry, you will be asked to hand sanitise and you will be given a map of the school so that you can direct yourselves around our one-way system and find where the relevant stalls are located. Look out for the arrows but school staff will be on hand to point you in the right direction if necessary. Please feel free to go round more than once! The exit will be via the gate on the key stage 1 playground.

Please could we ask you to:

- Wear a face covering.
- Use the hand santisation points located around the school and before handling any items on stalls.
- Be aware of others as you move around the school to maintain suitable distancing.

In addition, we would also encourage you to:

- Complete a LFD test prior to attending on the day of the event.
- Not attend if you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms or currently has tested positive for COVID.

We look forward to seeing you there!



#### Ben Boden

Local poet, Ben Boden, is attending our Christmas Market next week and will be selling copies of his brand new book! The book is £7 and he will be able to accept cash or card, as he has a mobile card reader. He will also be taking pre-orders for his upcoming second book too.

#### **Christmas Tree Decorations!**

We are extremely grateful to Mr Wilson, who is providing us with a tree in preparation for the Christmas Market next week. It will arrive on Monday!

We would LOVE the children and any other family members to make their own decoration for the tree at home. If the children would like to contribute, please could



we ask that these are in school by Friday 3 December so that the PFA can add to the tree. There are prizes on offer for the most unique decorations! Be creative, be bold and we look forward to receiving them next week!

#### **Parking**

A very unfortunate incident was witnessed by several parents outside the gates on Reservoir Road on Monday, and thank you to those who made us aware of what happened. From what we know, this occurred because of inconsiderate parking from one of our parents that heightened a neighbour's frustration at this recurring situation. Despite their reaction being inappropriate, especially in front of our pupils, we must ask yet again that parents respect our neighbours and make use of the Albion Pub's car park when dropping off and



collecting children from school. Our greatest fear is that someone is going to be injured if this situation does not improve. We also ask that those parents collecting reception children vacate the area by 3.30pm and use one of the other entrances if necessary because staff start leaving from that time onwards.

Unfortunately, as a school, we are powerless when it comes to the legal enforcement of this. We can only encourage, and I think you'll agree that so much is in place to 'encourage'. It is tiresome receiving endless complaints from residents who are of the assumption that this is the school's problem to address. Legally, it isn't. It is concerning, and will ultimately cause reputational damage to the school but all we can do is encourage. Our advice is always to contact the police if you are witness to something that you believe is a breach of the law or contact our local councillor (contact details available on the Staffordshire County Council website) to express your concerns.

There are rules on parking, so please make sure you aren't parking dangerously or causing issues for others. It's important that you do NOT park:

- on zig zags and double yellow lines
- in a way that blocks access for emergency vehicles
- opposite to or near to a junction
- on a bend
- near the brow of a hill
- near a school entrance, bus or tram stop
- over or on the driveway of a property
- over a dropped kerb
- on the pavement this can cause problems for parents with prams, wheelchair or mobility scooter users and the elderly.
- on or near crossing points where a school crossing patrol operates, this can impede their view, making the crossing unsafe

Residents living near to schools who have concerns or issues regarding parking can find further information on the Staffordshire County Council website here.

#### **Wellbeing Award for Schools**

Shobnall Primary & Nursery School achieved the WAS Award (Wellbeing Award for Schools) in 2018! Since then, we have taken part in *Happy Healthy Children Week* with other schools in JTMAT. We also celebrated *NHS Week* last academic year and *Hello Yellow Day* this year to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing.

Shobnall Primary & Nursery School work with the Mental Health Support Team to help pupils who are suffering from mental health problems. This year, we have trained staff as ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants), who are in school to help pupils.



Our next WAS Award inspection will take place on Friday 4 February 2022. Please complete the Parent Evaluation Form by clicking on the link below to give your invaluable views about the work we do as a school to support wellbeing.

Evaluation submissions are valid between: 16/11/2021 - 09/01/2022. Your submission will not be accepted outside of these dates.

Click <u>here</u> or copy and paste the following <u>https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/619382f398c66 into your browser to access the survey. <u>Many</u> thanks for your support with this.</u>

#### **Online Safety Tips**

Cryptocurrency is software enabling the exchange and storage of digital 'coins' representing financial value. To monitor who owns which coins, platforms save an online record of every transaction, called a 'ledger' or 'blockchain'. This is secured by cryptography: a set of methods for protecting sensitive information. Bitcoin, released in 2009, was the first cryptocurrency; other platforms have since launched such as Ethereum, Tezos and Filecoin. As cryptocurrency becomes a more established part of digital life, young people are bound to encounter it – so it's vital that trusted adults understand its risks, and how it can be explored and used safely.







## PFA Christmas Movie Night – Thursday 9 December 2021, 3.30 – 5.15pm

The PFA are intending to host a Christmas movie night on Thursday 9 December 2021 for children in Reception to Year 6. Each class will select their own film to watch in their classroom. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 29 November 2021 at the beginning and end of the school day on the key stage 1 playground. They will be priced at £2, or £3 if children wish to have a drink and popcorn with the film. Pick up will be from your child's usual gate at 5.15pm.

#### **School Uniform Exchange**

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*, which continues! 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 <a href="mailto:shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk">shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk</a> and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.



#### Christingle!

Monday 6 December 2021 will be our annual Christingle Assembly day. If you would like to send your child with a Christingle orange (please see instructions below), please ensure that it arrives in school on the Monday morning.

Please note that due to allergies, instead of using nuts to decorate the cocktail sticks, may we please ask that parents use alternatives such as sweets and dried fruit.

Many thanks for your support!

## Making a Christingle

#### Equipment:

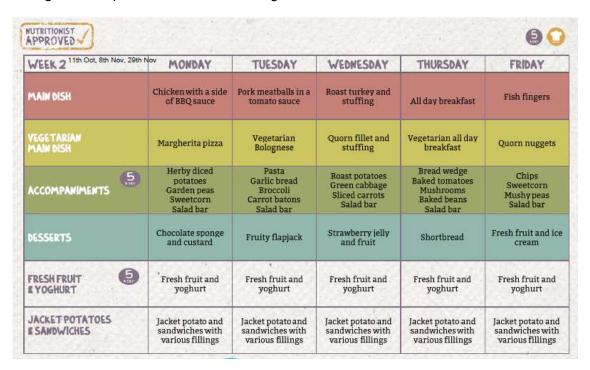
- Orange
- · Four cocktail sticks
- Sweets
- Candle
- · Red ribbon

#### Instructions:

- Tie your red ribbon in a bow around the centre of the orange.
- 2. Place some sweets on your cocktail sticks.
- 3. Insert your cocktail sticks evenly around the centre of your orange.
- Place your candle in the hole that your teacher has made at the top of the orange.

#### Hot Lunch Options - 29 November to 3 December 2021

Please note that due to food shortages and issues with deliveries, the kitchen may have to change the menu at the last minute. Mrs Inger will try her best to keep everyone updated. Many thanks for your understanding. Lunch options for the forthcoming week are:





## **SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!**

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

#### Nursery

You know Christmas is coming when the Nativity practice begins! In Nursery, we have been on the stage for the first time this week, which was a little overwhelming for some children whilst others were born to be actors and actresses! In addition to this, we have been talking about when and why we should brush our teeth. The children have been sent home this week with a tube of toothpaste and a challenge to record their tooth brushing routine for 4 weeks! Hopefully, this will help to embed a daily routine for the children. In Maths, we have been practicing our subitising skills and have been recognising groups of 1-3 objects instantly, without needing to count them!

#### Reception

The children have had another fun week in Reception. They have been very excited to begin practicing our school nativity and they have shown super listening skills and followed instructions fantastically. They have also had fun learning lots of new songs and enjoyed singing these throughout the day.

This week's maths learning was focused on adding one more and the children have used the vocabulary, first, then and now to tell their one more stories using a variety of resources.

We have all been very impressed with the children during reading practice sessions as they worked hard on various reading skills including decoding, using their prosody and showing an understanding of what they have read through comprehension.



#### Year 1

Year 1 have been continuing to explore the story 'Beegu' in English. They have worked on writing a full recount for the story using time conjunctions and full sentences. They have then had a go at self-evaluating their work to see how they could improve their writing. In Math's this week we have started our new unit of work, which is working with numbers up to 20. This involved lots of practical resources and the use of our huge number line hanging in the classroom. This week in topic, we have practiced modelling our Christmas Bunting and then proceeded to make it, decorate it and hang it in the classroom. All I can say now is that the classroom is looking extremely Christmassy and we are definitely starting to get into the Christmas spirit. We have also begun our rehearsal's for the Christmas Nativity. I have posted all of the songs and lyrics onto SeeSaw so all of the children can practice their singing voices at home too!

#### Year 2

The Nativity preparations have begun! Last week the children received their Nativity scripts and since then they have been working hard to learn their lines. Year 1 and 2 had their first full run through on Thursday afternoon which was very exciting for all the children! In maths, the children have been enjoying their learning on money and have now completed the unit. All children are confident in identifying the different notes and coins and adding amounts of money. In English, the children have begun to plan their stories inspired by Room on the Broom and are looking forward to writing them next week. In the afternoons, Year 2 have loved completing their DT unit on 'Dips and Dippers'. Highlights of the unit included tasting and evaluating a range of dips and dippers, as well as making their own hummus and dipper - YUMMY!



#### Year 3

This week Year 3 have been learning about multiplication and division in their Maths lessons. We have been focusing on multiplying and dividing by 3 and have been practicing recalling the 3 times table by taking part in some fun multiplication activities each day.

This week in D&T, we finished making our fantastic kites. On Tuesday, we took them outside to put them to the test! We evaluated our kites and identified the strengths and areas that we could improve. Our learning in D&T has supported us within our English lessons as we are currently writing detailed instructions to explain how to make a kite. You have worked extremely hard this week Year 3, well done!

#### Year 4

In Year 4 this week, the children have completed their newspaper article reporting on everything that the school did to promote Anti-Bullying week last week. These have been wonderful to read to show how the children engaged in the activities last week. In Maths, we have moved onto our new unit of multiplication and division that the children are loving, due to all the hard work they have been putting in to learn their timetables. The children have also started their Geography topic and have been identifying the equator, hemispheres, and tropics of the world. In Forest School this week, Year 4 have continued to use a bow saw to cut wood, painted their clay sculptors from last week and have learnt the sheer lashing technique to tie a knot! A wonderfully positive week Year 4!















Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed this week as we have started a new descriptive writing unit inspired by a clip from Literacy Shed- Sometimes like the Stars. The children used a variety of sentence types and figurative language, which they have done well. The class have finished their marble runs this week in DT and they have worked in teams of three to complete these so lots of cooperation and perseverance has been shown to be successful. We are all very excited about Whitemoor Lakes next week! Just as a polite reminder- Please ensure all wallets and purses are clearly labelled before handing them in to Mrs Knight on Wednesday morning. Any medication will also need to be handed in to Mrs Knight after completing the medical form which is attached to this week's homework. There will be no homework for next week due to Whitemoor Lakes.



Wow! What a busy week in Year 6! We had our class assembly yesterday based on our learning on World War Two - thank you to all that came to watch, we really hope you enjoyed it. We have been continuing with our fractions unit in maths and our information text unit in English. In our afternoons, we have been exploring South America in geography and beginning to look at



D&T, where we will be making Christmas tree decorations, using electricity, which links with our current science topic.

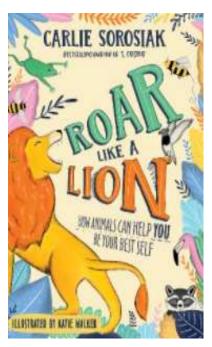
#### **Reading Corner**

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

#### Roar Like a Lion

Written by Carlie Sorosiak

A guide to being the best – and happiest – person you can possibly be, this book takes a highly original approach and advises readers to learn lessons from animals. Author Carlie Sorosiak has gathered lots of examples of animal behaviour that demonstrate the importance of being yourself, of being brave, finding friends, being resilient. These range from meerkats who stop bullying and stand up for one another to wombats who shared their burrows with other animals during Australia's bushfires. A particularly effective example is that of a racoon stuck in a storm drain for hours before eventually being released – the moral: all this will pass. It's quirky, absorbing and enticingly do-able while Sorosiak's cheerful, positive approach sets the perfect tone. Full of warmth and wisdom, this is a book to recommend to stressed young people.



#### **Head Teacher's Awards**

Reception	Charlotte M	Dahlia L
Year 1	George N	Ben S
Year 2	Inam U	Anthony D
Year 3	Anaya A	Bhuvana S
Year 4	Maheen F	Lilly L
Year 5	Ben B	Bethan P
Year 6	Ibrahim K	Imaan F-M

#### **Lunchtime Star Awards**

Reception	Noah H
Year 1	Maksym B
Year 2	Fatima S
Year 3	Saif N
Year 4	Oscar T
Year 5	Joshua M
Year 6	Harry F

#### **Team Points**

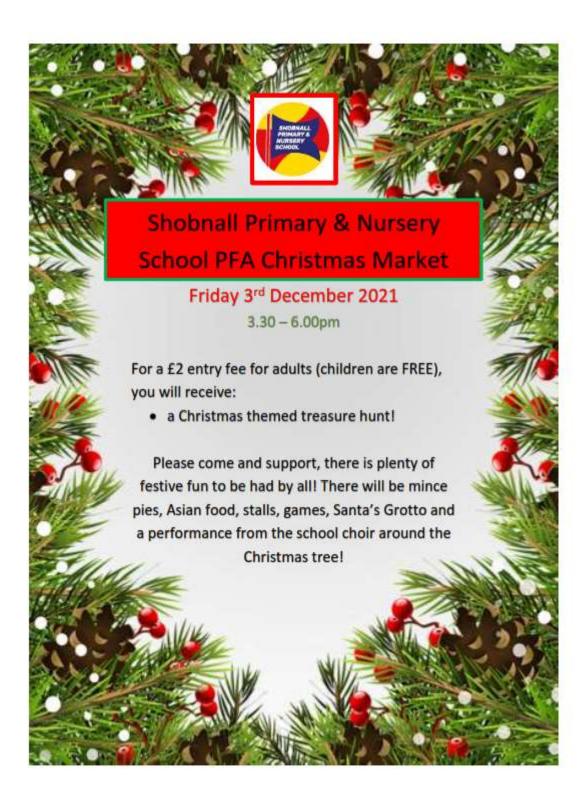
Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 26.11.21)	218	143	178	136
Position	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 Points	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 2 Points	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 Points	4 <sup>th</sup> – 1 Point
Running Total	41	16	28	25

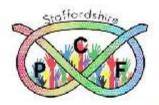
### **Autumn Term Diary Dates**

Event	Date/Time	
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2021 to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
	December 2021 Inclusive	
Shobnall PFA Christmas Market	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021	
Christingle	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	
EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 9.15am	
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PFA Christmas Movie Night	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 3.30pm	
Year 3 Cosy Celebration Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 9.15am		
KS1 Nativity	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 9.15am AND	
	2.00pm	
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Lichfield	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 1.30pm	
Garrick, Peter Pan		
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	
INSET Day	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	

### **Diary Dates 2021-2022**

Event	Date/Time
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	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022





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#### COMPLEX TECHNOLOGY

#### WIDESPREAD EXAMPLES

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## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### ANOID IF UNSURE

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#### CHECK CREDENITIALS

## EXPECT EXPOSURE

If your child plays entire games that involve some form of virtual currency, and has access to some ideal of payment mothed, they may find themselves in a position to key and use approximately. There's presents in the investment is presented in the present of the persential risks with them could be useful. If your child be sid enough to understand the concepts of opending and eaving or to great the beside of programming, then they're sid enough to learn about cryptocurrency.

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