



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more."

Dear Parents/Carers,

By the time this week's newsletter goes 'live', the PFA Christmas Market will be in full swing! I would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all members of the PFA for organising what promises to be a fantastic, Christmas extravaganza! They have worked so hard, giving up much of their own time to contact local businesses for raffle prizes, set up for the market, organise stalls etc. What a dedicated team we have, thank you so very much!

There are so many people we need to thank, starting with all of our parents, friends and school staff on behalf of the PFA who have donated unwanted items, whether that be books, toys or games, clothing, food or their time to making this event a success. It is very much appreciated and humbles us when celebrating and thinking about the true meaning of Christmas. We also wish to thank all the local businesses who have very kindly donated raffle prizes – maybe you were one of the lucky ones! Thank you also to other external stallholders for attending as well as Santa, who flew in especially on his sleigh! We are also extremely grateful to Mr Wilson, who provided us with the beautiful Christmas tree that you can see in the hall, beautifully decorated by some of our Year 6 pupils!



We will, of course, let you know the final amount that you have helped raise through supporting this event on next week's newsletter. Thank you once again for coming and supporting the Market and we hope that everyone has a great weekend!

Have an amazing weekend everyone – whatever it is that you are doing, ENJOY! We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday!

News on Mr. Adams

Whilst school has been in full swing this week, I'm sure many of you have been thinking about Mr Adams and how he is recovering after his surgery. After being in surgery for about 4 hours, it all went well, and he is now resting at home and taking lots of medication for pain relief. We all send him our well wishes, hope he has a speedy recovery, and we look forward to his return in the New Year.



Disruption to phone line 4.12.23

On Monday 4 December 2023, we are having a new phone system installed so all phone lines will be down at some point during the day. If you need to contact school and are unable to get through, please send an email to shb-office@shb.itmat.co.uk and we will endeavour to respond to them as quickly as we can. The school telephone number will remain the same, on completion of the installation. Many thanks for your patience with regards to this.

Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes

Year 5 had an absolutely wonderful time at Whitemoor Lakes this week! All children (and staff) were fully involved in climbing, archery, zip wires, problem solving plus so many other exciting challenges! The food on offer was incredible and the highlight had to be the Christmas dinner on Thursday evening. As always, the children have represented the school perfectly and the staff at the centre spoke incredibly fondly and highly of our wonderful children. Twitter (X) has captured many memorable moments of this trip and of course these images are all replicated on the school website should you not use this social media app. Huge thanks to Miss Martin-Mills, Mr Bishop and Miss Walton for supporting this trip. Have a restful weekend children, we are very proud of you!



Christmas Performances for Parents

We look forward to welcoming you into school next week for our Christmas performances, which the children are very excited about! These are summarised as follows:

Date	Time	Year Group(s)
Wednesday 6 December 2023	9.15am	Nursery and Reception
Thursday 7 December 2023	9.15am	Nursery and Reception
Tuesday 12 December 2023	9.15am AND 2pm	Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday 14 December 2023	9.15am	Year 3

Whilst there has been no charge for admission to our performances, we will be having a collection at the end of each performance in support of our designated charity for this season, which is the YMCA – a charity close to all of our hearts.

As teachers and parents, we realise that parents do like to take photographs and videos of their child during performances as a personal memento. However, this can only be allowed if parents follow the guidelines which have been agreed by our school community, and we thank you for your co-operation with this:

- Photographs must not appear on the internet or social websites.
- Photographs/videos are used as a personal memento only and cannot be reproduced or shared elsewhere publicly.
- Parents wishing to take videos/photographs are asked to stand in a position which does not detract from the children's performances and does not restrict the view of other audience members.



We look forward to seeing you there!

Electric Fire Safety Tips!



- Do not overload plug sockets
- Always use the correct fuse to prevent overheating
- When using a tumble dryer make sure you clean the filter and remove any fluff
- Don't leave a washing machine or tumble dryer on when you are asleep
- Don't leave a washing machine or tumble dryer on when no one is in the property.
- Keep all appliances clean and in good working order.
- Always use the correct charger for all electric devices and unplug when not being used.
- Find out if any of your electrical products have been recalled on the www.registermyappliance.org.uk website

Attendance

Please read the NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance which has further information if you are unsure whether to send your child to school or not.

We are always happy to advise in line with this guidance, so if you are still in doubt, please contact the school office if your child develops any symptoms and we can discuss this further with you.

Please note that children can come to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This includes general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose, or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.

Let's keep working together to ensure attendance is as good as it can be!

Remember, every pupil, every day! Thank you for your support.



Christingle!

Monday 4 December 2023 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:

1. 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.
4. Place your candle in the hole that your teacher has made at the top of the orange.

Tree-mendous Tips!

Christmas is slowly creeping in on us, and a lot of us will be starting to decorate the house. Here's some festive, sustainable top tips:

- Choose LED lights or go for solar powered
- Don't buy new decorations every year
- If you do need decorations, look for second hand
- Make your own decorations such as dried orange slices baubles or wine cork Christmas trees - [get inspired here](#)
- **Make a Christmas wreath** using the fallout or extra pieces from your tree





Online Safety Tips

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration.

The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate content, dangerous challenges and contact with strangers.



FREE Uniform!

Please don't forget that we have free uniform available! There is a box situated outside the school office 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 – 4 December to 8 December 2023

W/c 16.10.23, 13.11.23, 4.12.23, 8.1.24, 29.1.24

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Pork sausage with creamy mash potato & gravy	Roast turkey with potato of the day & gravy	Chicken chow mein	Crispy fish fingers with chunky chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Roasted vegetable pizza	Vegan sausage & mash potato with gravy	Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Vegetable stir fry with chicken style pieces and noodles	Crispy vegetable fingers with chunky chips
Accompaniments	Peas & baked beans Salad bar	Peas & carrots Salad bar	Broccoli & green beans Salad bar	Sweetcorn & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	Chocolate & pear sponge with custard	Shortbread	Flapjack	Jam & coconut sponge	Ice cream
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection



SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

Nursery

Our adventures in Nursery this week...

The children have continued to do a fantastic job rehearsing for our EYFS performance 'A Bundle of Joy.' They have enjoyed learning some new songs and we have now got the tunes going around in our heads! We heard some brilliant use of expression, beautiful singing and saw some groovy actions during our practices this week. We are all very excited to be sharing this special performance with our families and friends next week.

There was also some great creativity this week with the children, using a wide range of junk modelling resources to create their own bridge for the Billy Goats Gruff! The Billy Goats will be very impressed with their lovely new bridge to get them to the meadow to eat the lovely, sweet grass!



Reception

Reception Adventures this week...

We have had a great time completing some wonderful writing showing our phonics knowledge. We segmented to spell words which helped us to write sentences and formed our letters neatly!

It was wonderful to join in with a melting investigation when we found lots of polar animals trapped in ice! The vocabulary we used was fantastic as we explored what had happened and how we could melt the ice to save the animals.

Our nativity rehearsals have been going well and we have had fun singing the songs all day long! We can't wait to share it with you next Wednesday and Thursday.

Today it is 1st December and the Christmas celebrations have begun! We opened the windows on our class advent calendars and also used 10 frames to solve how many more sleeps are left until Santa visits! We were even lucky enough to share a story from our story advent calendar. We are super excited about our Christmas Fair later today, a great start to this magical time of year!



Year 1

In maths this week the children have begun learning all about 3D shapes. The children have enjoyed being able to learn the different mathematical names of different shapes. In English, the children have finished writing a recount of their lives. They have been using their phonics knowledge to spell words as well as using full stops and capital letters. In RE, we have been looking at important gifts and why they are special to us. The children have been learning their songs for the nativity and have begun practising on the stage. The children thoroughly enjoyed Science today where they had to create their own homes for the three little pigs to shelter inside. Miss Barker (the wolf) used her hair dryer to try and knock them down. We all had a great time and were surprised by the results. A great week Year 1- keep it up!

Year 2



Year 2 have had a great week! They have been continuing to write their diary entry from The Great Fire of London and have been using visuals of the fire to help generate their vocabulary. In maths this week the children have been learning to add and subtract 2-digit numbers and have used concrete resources, like base 10, to help them work out the questions. This week in art they have been exploring the artist, Thomas Gainsborough. They have been studying his artwork, especially his portraits which they will use to inspire their own portraits next week. Well done Year 2!

Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy week! They have been working hard on multiplication and division in Maths. In English they have started their new unit on poetry. We have also been learning about the meaning of Christmas in RE. In Guided reading, we have been making predictions about a text and beginning to justify them. We have also been working hard practising our Christmas performance! A great week all round!

Year 4

In year 4 we spent a chilly but enjoyable afternoon in Forest School. We worked in teams to build dens and played different characters in role play scenarios. Some of us constructed an Autumnal art project using natural resources. We enjoyed a lovely hot chocolate and biscuit.

In Maths we have been focusing on our 7 times table, investigating number facts and explaining our reasoning in detail. In writing our focus has been on information texts, considering features that make them unique.

We have shown some great examples of focus this week in class, and are looking forward to our Christmas fair!

Year 5



Year 5 have had an amazing time on their residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes this week, as you will have read from the report at the beginning of the newsletter! Check out our Twitter page for many, many posts documenting their time at the centre.



Year 6

WOW! Is all I can say for this week. The children have worked so hard in class during their lessons and also in practising for their final class assembly of primary school. With a few technical issues, the children have not let that stop them produce an amazing assembly all about WW2 and the projects they have been working on at home. I am so proud of the resilience and effort each child has put into their learning. Aside from that, we have also been busy in maths completing our work on fractions and finding fractions of amounts. In English, we have produced a diary recount writing as if we were Luigi Galvani and discussed our findings and achievements. A really great week, well done Year 6!



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Khadijah F	Adam J
Year 1	Sofia K	Riley T- F
Year 2	Noah H	Fynn McT
Year 3	Musa H	Toby N
Year 4	Adam H	Seb. J
Year 5	Everone	Everyone
Year	Lilly L	Oliver O

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Hamza I
Year 1	Astrid R
Year 2	Ayesha F
Year 3	Nancy M
Year 4	Oliver M
Year 5	
Year 6	Joseph W

Attendance

This week's Attendance Champions are **Year 4!** Well done! Here are the latest figures...

Reception	95.4%	Target
Year 1	95.7%	
Year 2	94.7%	97%
Year 3	95.0%	
Year 4	98.8%	Overall (to date)
Year 5	95.0%	
Year 6	96.2%	96.1%
Overall	95.9%	

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (<i>Week Ending 01.12.23</i>)	48	57	45	112
Position	3 rd – 2 points	2 nd – 3 points	4 th – 1 point	1 st – 4 points
Running Total	11	12	5	13

Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 5+...

Winnie the Pooh at Christmas

by Jeanne Willis

Winnie-the-Pooh at the Palace is a rhyming picture-book adventure featuring some of the best-loved characters from the Hundred Acre Wood.

On a day out to Buckingham Palace, Winnie-the-Pooh and his friends play in the snowy gardens, have a thrilling ride on a sledge, and Pooh gets stuck in a snow drift! Then, a surprising discovery leads to an invitation to have tea with the King!



With gentle rhyming verse by bestselling author Jeanne Willis, inspired by A. A. Milne's classic poem 'Buckingham Palace', and charming illustrations by Mark Burgess, in the style of E. H. Shepard, this authorised sequel is the perfect gift for anyone who loves the enchanting world of Winnie-the-Pooh and his best friends, Christopher Robin and Piglet.

Diary Dates 2023-2024

Event	Date/Time
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast, Lichfield Garrick	Thursday 21 st December 2023, 10.00am
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023, 2.00pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 8 th January 2024
Year 6 Laches Wood Meeting for Parents	Wednesday 10 th January 2024, Year 6 Classroom
Young Voices 2023	Thursday 11 th January 2024
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 29 th January to Friday 2 nd February 2024
PFA Valentine's Disco	Thursday 8 th February 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infants: 3.45pm – 5.00pm • Juniors: 5.15pm – 6.30pm
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 9 th February 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 19 th February 2024
PFA Easter Bingo	Friday 15 th March 2024
Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court	Thursday 21 st March 2024
School Closes for Easter	Friday 22 nd March 2024, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 8 th April 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 9 th April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 6 th May 2024
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 13 th May 2024 to Friday 17 th May 2024
School Closes for Half-Term	Thursday 23 rd May 2024
INSET Day	Friday 24 th May 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 3 rd June 2024
PFA Summer Fair	Friday 21 st June 2024
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 5 th July 2024
School Closes for Summer	Friday 19 th July 2024, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 22 nd July 2024

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 1 st December 2023
Christingle	Monday 4 th December 2023
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 6 th December 2023, 9.15am

EYFS Nativity	Thursday 7 th December 2023, 9.15am
KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 12 th December 2023, 9.15am AND 2.00pm
Year 3 Cosy Christmas Celebration	Thursday 14 th December 2023, 9.15am
JTMAT Christmas Concert	Tuesday 19 th December 2023
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 20 th December 2023
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast, Lichfield Garrick	Thursday 21 st December 2023, 10.00am
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