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Weekly Newsletter



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Shavington Pre-school - Laura, Val, Bev, Jayne & Dee

We would like to welcome you all back to pre-school and we hope you've all had a lovely summer.

We have started our first week with the theme of space. The children have really enjoyed learning all about the planets. We looked at them on the iPad and talked about their different sizes. We also looked at different types of space rockets and counted 3,2,1 blast off!! The children have initiated singing the song 5 little men in a flying saucer. In creative we have made hand print aliens, used different shapes to make rockets and coloured in pictures of astronauts.

All of our new children have settled in really well in our new environment in what used to be the Brooks children centre.

Maintained Nursery Class - Miss Wilks, Miss Dawes, Mrs Kerr & Miss Vickers

Hello and welcome back to school! It's nice to see some familiar faces and a lot of brand new ones. Everyone is settling in really well and we've had a lot of fun exploring our new classroom. Our topic this term is All About Me. If you have any photos from home to share they would be much appreciated. This week we have been drawing our faces, creating games with cardboard boxes, learning new songs and making new friends.

Our first stay and play session will be on Tuesday the 18th of October. Parents will be welcomed in at 9 until 9:30 to play with their children and see their new classroom. Further stay and play dates will be on next week's newsletter. If you have any questions please feel free to ask any of the nursery staff.

Reception - Miss Stott, Mrs Earl, Mrs Cooper & Mrs Mills

Our new Reception children have had a wonderful first week at school. They have all enjoyed exploring our classroom and making new friends. We have learnt so much this week from where the toy cars are kept, where to get our knives and forks at lunch time and where the slide is on the big playground. We had lots of fun making fruit kebabs choosing our own fruit and talking about our favourite foods. Mrs Earl and Miss Stott are very proud of how calm and grown up the children have been.

Next week we are looking forward to being in school all day and having our first P.E. lesson with Mr Bentham, French with Madam Sharpe and singing lessons with Lorraine. We will also start to talk about our holidays and we will paint pictures about what we saw and did.

We have put dates in the diary for this year's **Stay and Play sessions**. These sessions run from **9:00 to 9:30** and are an opportunity for you to come into school and play alongside your child. You can have a look at their work, explore the classroom together, see them interact with their friends and chat to the teachers. We understand that many parents work and so like to give you the dates with lots of notice. Grandparents, younger siblings, child minders etc are very welcome to attend.

- ◇ **Wednesday 19th October 2016**
- ◇ **Tuesday 6th December 2016**
- ◇ **Monday 6th February 2017**
- ◇ **Thursday 9th March 2017**
- ◇ **Friday 5th May 2017**
- ◇ **Monday 19th June 2017**

Year 1 - Mrs Hunter & Mrs Wilkinson

Welcome back, we hope that you have had a great holiday. Year 1 have had a great first week back. We have settled back into school really well and have been trying lots of new things. This week we have been thinking about how we want our classroom to be and how we can behave to make sure that everyone is safe and happy. We have been using the different parts of the classroom and have been working with partners to complete lots of different jobs. We have also been on a treasure hunt and have been doing special jobs with our Building Learning Powers animals.

To make sure that your child's clothes remain clean during our art lessons can you please send your child in with an old shirt, that they can wear during art lessons (that will cover their uniform). Also year 1 have their PE lessons on a Wednesday and a Thursday so can you please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school with them.

Year 2—Miss Simms, Mrs Bloor, Mrs Rivers, Mrs Wain & Mrs Elson

Welcome to year 2!

All of year two have made a great start to the year and settled in brilliantly. This week we have been looking at Where's Wally and been having lots of fun making posters and describing what Wally looks like.

If you could please send into school a photograph of your child as a baby as we will be using them as part of our topic work. These photographs can be photocopied and returned to you.



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Year 3—Mrs Watson, Miss Hulse & Mrs Wain

In year 3 this week we have made a start on our class text 'The Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. We have used our investigative skills and used the pictures to gather information about life in the Stone Age as well as imagining how the Stone Age boy must be feeling when he travels back in time.

In maths sessions, we have been looking at place value within 3-digit numbers and making arrow cards that show the value of each number. We have also been playing games to help us to find all possibilities.

In our afternoon sessions we have begun to learn about the Stone Age in preparation for our timeline activity next week.



Year 4—Mr Hazeldine, Mrs Mills, Mrs Wain & Miss Spencer

Welcome to year 4!

I'm really excited to be working with you this year, I have enjoyed listening to what you have done in the holidays. This week, we have started to look at our class text 'The Stone Age Boy' and in Maths we have started place value. The children have completed their topic book covers, they look great!!

Have an enjoyable weekend!

Year 6 - Miss Brock & Mrs Kinsey

Welcome back to school year 6!

I hope you are all well rested and ready to get back to work.

We have been getting organised with all of our new responsibilities as part of our year 6 roles.

We have also started learning about our new topic 'Vikings and Anglo-Saxons.'



Star of the Week



Class	Teacher	Pupil	Achievement
Reception E	Mrs Earl		
Reception S	Miss Stott		
Year 1	Mrs Hunter	Blake Chapman	For settling in well into year 1.
Year 2RB	Mrs Bloor & Mrs Rivers	Charlie Wilson	For a huge improvement in his handwriting.
Year 2S	Miss Simms	Raegan Walton	Being very hard working and having a smile on his face.
Year 3	Mrs Watson	Alfie Smith	For working his socks off.
Year 4	Mr Hazeldine	George Carson	For having a perfect, positive start back to school and his work.
Year 5	Miss Chapman	Joseph Arnold	For trying very hard with his behaviour and with his English
Year 6	Mrs Watson	Melody Doyle	For settling into her new school and class brilliantly.



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THIS WEEK

Welcome back

A very warm welcome back to this academic year. We were so pleased to see all our beautiful smart children arriving for school with big smiles (and only a few tears!) and enthusiasm for a new year at school. A particularly warm welcome to our Reception classes and their families as well as all our new children and families who have joined us from various schools and locations.

It's also great to see our pre-school and Nursery children back and enjoying exploring their new environments.

Morning Routine

In the morning when children arrive at school we ask that they make their way to the bottom playground where there is a number on the playground for each year group. Reception have the letter R. Each class has a designated letter/number to show them where to line up in the morning. These places are used at the end of playtimes and also as part of our fire and emergency routines.

At 8.45 class teachers will come out onto the playground to the front of their classes line. They will stay out until the school bell is rung at 8.50am to signify the start of the school day. At this time the class teachers will walk the children into school. We ask that to support the children in their independence and to ensure all children are in their line that parents step aside from the children's lines to watch their child go into school. This helps the teachers see all their children and helps us make sure the whole line moves into school without some children getting caught up in parents or merged into other classes. We fully appreciate that for reception this is new and may take a little more time but other year groups are used to the routine. If parents have brief messages to pass on to the teacher they are available for those 5 minutes. If parents need a longer conversation with regards to their child please arrange a more convenient time with your child's class teacher.

Children should not be playing on the school equipment before school; staff will ask children to get down safely and go to their line. If your child is playing on the school equipment after school, parents are responsible for their own child's safety. Children in after school club will be supervised by the after school club staff if they are playing on the playground after school.

Uniform

Our school uniform is set out on the website with a link to our online provider for parents who wish to buy specific uniform with the school logo. We have been very impressed by the standard of uniform and presentation of our children on their return to school all looking smart and proud of their appearance. We thank parents for their support with this aspect of our school and would hope this will continue throughout the year. We do have a number of school uniform items in the main office, which is available for parents to purchase for a small donation of choice to the school. We also hold all sizes of uniform if parents are unsure which size to order, feel free to contact the school office where you can try before you buy. At the end of last year we went through our lost property boxes. We have one for KS2 that is located by the main KS2 door and one for KS1 that is located in the year 2-cloakroom area. We have Yr 6 monitors who regularly check the boxes and return any named items to the children. Any items that are not named at the end of each term will be taken to the local charity shops. At the end of last year we took 3 bin bags of clothes to local charity shops. Can we please ask all parents to ensure all your child's school uniform is named; including coats, pumps, shoes and cardigans/jumpers. Thank you.

Meet the Teacher 21.9.16

On Wednesday 21st we will be holding a meet the teacher evening. Each teacher will do two sessions. The first will start at 3.30-4.00pm, the second session will be 4.00-4.30pm. The teachers will be in their classrooms and will give parents and children an overview of the year. It will also be an opportunity for parents to meet new staff and introduce themselves.

Packed Lunches in KS2

Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who have packed lunches, put their lunch boxes onto a lunch trolley. Each class has their own trolley and their own trolley monitors. If your child comes out of school without their lunch box please encourage them to go back into school and check their trolley. If it is not there it may well have been put onto a different trolley in error. Once again please make sure all lunch boxes are clearly named as some children inevitably have the same lunch box.

The school roof

As I am sure you are aware the school roof is still in progress. The estimated time of completion is the end of September.



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Morning Snack

As last year our school cook will continue to provide a hot snack at first playtime. The full list of snack available is on the website with prices. All children if they wish can go to get snack from the KS1 hall. Younger children are supported by adults and year 6 monitors with buying snack and handling money. All children in KS1 are offered a free piece of fruit at morning playtime. Provided through a government initiative. If fruit is left over it is offered again at afternoon play or sent to KS2 children. If you wish to send your child with a morning snack from home we ask that it is either a piece of fruit or fruit based product. Children should not be bringing biscuits or crisps for morning snack. Last year we sent a letter to parents asking for their feedback on this matter and this was the result.

At the end of the school day

KS1

Children in Reception, year 1 and 2 will be seen out by their class teacher and teaching assistants at the end of the day. Children will be handed over to their parents/Carers or guardians. Staff will not let a child go with another parent or adult if they have not been informed of a change of routine. If someone different is collecting your child please inform the class teacher in the morning or alternatively call the school office that will pass on a message to the class teacher.

KS2

Children in year 3 will be seen out by their class teacher, just for the first few weeks until that new routine has been established. They will then exit school with years 4, 5 and 6 through the KS2 door independently. We have talked to all our children this week about ensuring they know what do if their parent is not there. All children should return to the adult on duty and wait with them at the KS2 door if no one is there to meet them. Please reinforce this with you child at home. There is always a member of staff from KS2 on the KS2 door.

Water Bottles

All children from Reception to year 6 have been given a new school water bottle. We ask for a contribution of £1 to go towards the water filters we have in school, (please send into school with your child in a named envelope). All bottles are filled daily in school with fresh, filtered water. The purpose of the water bottles is to encourage children to drink water to keep hydrated throughout the day.

Scooters

Children can scooter to and from school with their parent's permission. We do ask that children do not ride their scooters in the school grounds. That includes the pathways from the top gate down onto the playgrounds and also once in through the front school gates. We would ask for parents to ensure their children are abiding by this school rule as it is for the safety of all children and parents. We also ask parents to ensure that their child is mindful of others when scooting to and from school outside the building.

Universal Infant Free School Meals

All children in KS1 (Reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free hot school lunch as part of a nationwide government initiative.

Contact and Medical form

Today your child has been given a new contact and medical form. We ask that you complete these and return to school ASAP. We will check and update all records with the details and information you provide. If at any time during the year your mobile number or contact details change please ensure you contact the school office that will ensure your child contact details are updated.

NEXT WEEK

Academy Photos - Monday 12th September

Academy photos will be in school on Monday to take new individual photographs, family and sibling photographs. If your children are all in school at the same time we will ensure they have a sibling photo. If you have children who are younger and would like them to have a photograph with their sibling you can come into school from 8.30 to have this photograph taken. All children will have an individual photograph taken as well. Your child has been given a leaflet today about this.



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GENERAL

MacMillan coffee morning- 30.9.16

Once again this year we will be proud to host our MacMillan Coffee morning for this very worthwhile charity. This is our 13th year supporting this charity. Please put the date in your diary. If you would like to bake or donate cakes that would be greatly appreciated, they can be sent into school on the Thursday or brought in on Friday morning. If you would like to donate cakes but don't have time to do any baking Marks and Spencer are selling specific cakes and biscuits for the coffee mornings and a percentage of the cost will go straight to MacMillan. We will open the year 1 entrance door for the coffee morning once all children are registered in their classes. Come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and cake and of course a chat.

School Text Messaging Service

Please can we remind all parents that our online text messaging service only allows us to send text messages to one contact, we will use the primary contact from the pupils form unless parents state otherwise. All other correspondence i.e.. School letters go home as a paper copy, we also upload an electronic copy to the virtual office on our website, and email a copy to all parent provided email addresses.

Term and INSET Dates for 2016/2017

To see all the term dates for the next academic year please go to the school website and the virtual office tab. The term dates have now been updated with the INSET days.

The INSET days are as follows for the year;

Monday 5th September 2016 (school will open Tuesday 6th September)

Monday 31st October 2016

Wednesday 21st December 2016

Thursday 22nd December 2016

Tuesday 18th April 2017

Dates

As we did last year this section of the newsletter will have all up and coming dates for the term and the year. We are currently working on the whole school year dates list and we hope to get this to you in next week's newsletter. All dates will be duplicated onto the website calendar.

We will continue to send texts this year as reminders for up and coming events and also if there has been a change to a date.

Polite Request

Below is a quote taken from our schools communication protocol policy for all stakeholders. We have included it as a polite reminder to all parents.

"It would be appreciated if parents didn't take their grievances to, and/or make adverse comments about the school or its pupils on, the various social media outlets that exist as this can create unnecessary upset and escalate a situation that might otherwise be easily and quickly resolved by having a conversation direct with the school. The school reserves the right to take whatever action deemed reasonably necessary to protect itself against unwarranted adverse social media."

Payments—IMPORTANT!!

Please DO NOT use bank transfer to pay for any trips, dinner money, Before & After School Club, Nursery/Pre-School invoices or any other school fees!

The school bank account is not reconciled daily so you will keep getting reminders to pay even if you already have.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OLD BANK ACCOUNT WITH SANTANDER IS NOT TO BE USED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

For online payments please use our School Money system. You should by now have received a password via text message, if you haven't please contact the school office for assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Thomas
Executive Head Teacher

Mrs R Nicholls
Head of School