



# Shavington Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter



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# Important Information

## THIS WEEK

### **Good Friendship week**

This week all classes have been focusing on the qualities and skills that make good friends and friendships. The children have taken part in various age related activities throughout school to support this very important aspect of social and emotional wellbeing.

### **Children in Need**

Once again this week we supported Children in need. A big thank you to all our children who wore their spots and brought a £1 for the charity. Thank you also to all our families who baked and brought in cakes for our cake sale. All the monies raised from the cake sale will also be donated to children in need. We will also spelt out the words children in need in copper coins. If you would like to see pictures please go to the calendar section of the website and just click on the event.

On Wednesday we also had a special children in need assembly. William Rivers came into school to talk to our children about the work he does. He works and supports young people in Crewe at the YMCA. William's job is paid for by children in need. This was a good opportunity for our children to see where some of their fund raising money goes to and how much it helps children and families in their local area. A big Thank you to both William and Mrs Rivers for the lovely assembly. We raised £320.18. Thank you!

### **Winter Walk**

Also on Friday we took part in our annual winter walk. The whole school went out for a walk through Shavington! We all thoroughly enjoyed the walk chatting and laughing as we walked through the village. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents **support us and come walking with us. We hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did.**

We ask that if you haven't already returned your sponsor form to school please do so this week. We will then count all the sponsor money and half will go to the guide dogs for the blind and the other half to the RNLI.

### **Poppies**

This week our poppy collection boxes were collected. Once we know how much the children have raised for this amazing charity we will let you know. Thank you once again to Ronnie, Jack and Mia in year six for giving up their playtimes to sell the poppies.

## Next Week

### **Network school council meeting 23.11.16**

On Wednesday we will welcome members of the school councils from our cluster Network group. Children from Shavington Academy, Wistaston Church lane Academy, The Berekeley, Wynbunbury Delves and Weston primary schools will come together for a meeting. They will be discussing how they can improve their local environments and also talking about the roles and responsibilities they have within school.

### **Maternity Leave**

On Thursday next week Mrs Hunter will leave to start her maternity leave. We of course wish her well for her new arrival and look forward to meeting her with her new addition in the not too distant future. Miss Roberts and Mrs Hunter have been in regular contact, working hard to ensure there is a smooth transition for the children. Miss Roberts will be in school to start teaching year 1 on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

## **GENERAL**

### **Christmas Craft Fayre Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 (3:30pm to 6:30pm)**

The PSA are holding a Christmas craft fayre to raise funds for Shavington Primary School. We would be delighted if you would like to participate by having a table at the cost of £10.00. Obviously we are limited to the number of tables we can have to make this event a success so they will be allocated on a "first come first served" basis.

You will be able to get into the hall to set up from 2pm and you will be required to remain in the hall from 3pm until the end of the school day while the children collect their belongings and leave the premises.

If you require any further information please call either Tina Riley on 07900 904582 or Nicola Cooper on 0796 8737488.

If you would like to book a table please reply to email address [spsa.shavington@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:spsa.shavington@yahoo.co.uk) and you will receive an email back informing you of table allocation etc.

We look forward to hearing from you.



# Important Information

### Neighbourhood Plan

As a local resident you will have received a neighborhood plan through your letter box. Our school council have been shown the neighbourhood plan where there is a section for children to complete an online questionnaire. There is also a section for adults to complete an online questionnaire. This is a chance for you to have your say about what your neighbourhood looks like in the future. We have spare copies in the school office if anyone would like one. You can log on to - <http://bitly.com/scgplan-adult>. We will also be holding a competition for the children to complete an A4 poster of what they want Shavington to look like in 10 years time. (More information to follow).

### Brownies

We have had an e-mail from the new brownie leader Madeleine Shackleton. They meet in Shavington and currently have spaces for girls between the ages of 7 and 11. If you are interested in a space for your daughter please contact [2ndshavingtonbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:2ndshavingtonbrownies@gmail.com) or through the website [www.2ndshavingtonbrownies.wordpress.com](http://www.2ndshavingtonbrownies.wordpress.com)

They especially have places for girls in year 4 and can also put younger girls on a waiting list from the age of 4 if parents don't want to miss out.

### \*Reminder\* After School Clubs

It is vital that school are informed if your child will not be attending an after school club. All staff who run an after school club take a register. If children are absent then staff have to follow that up as part of our safeguarding procedures in school. If a child has been absent from school the day of the club we have that recorded in our class registers so this isn't a problem, however we have had a number of children not turn up to after school clubs without parents informing us.

This causes a great deal of distress for staff who then have to contact parents to ensure their child is safe. I urge all parents to ensure they inform school if a child will not attend an after school club. This causes additional work and stress, which can easily be avoided.

### \*Reminder\* Lost Property

The KS1 and KS2 lost property boxes are full again. We still have a number of unnamed uniform. I urge all parents to check the boxes and collect missing uniform. Please can all parents ensure all items of school uniform are named. Please include shoes, hats, scarves' etc. in your labeling! The KS1 box is located in the year 2 cloakrooms whilst the KS2 box is located in the KS2 entrance.

### \*Reminder\* Website

Staff have been busy updating their new classes web page. Please remember to log on with your child and have a look at some of the photos and information. Staff update these pages at least fortnightly. They are a great way of keeping in touch with what's going on in your child's class.

We have also been busy adding to the school calendar section of the website – where you can find dates of up and coming events. We update this section weekly.

The website contains a wealth of information which is regularly updated about what we do in school. Also please remember that any letters sent home will also be uploaded to the virtual office section of the school website. If a letter is specifically for a given year group the class teachers will also upload it to their year group page.

### Dates for 2016/2017

Please see the school calendar section on the school website for dates of up and coming events. 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.



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### Shavington Pre-school

This week we have carried on our theme of colours. We have kept practising our colours and singing the rainbow song. We have lots of different kinds of colour matching games in order to be able to recognise colours. We have also done lots of different creative activity such as filling bottles with different coloured water and sequins, and exploding paint with bicarbonate of soda, white vinegar and food colouring.

The children enjoyed joining in for children in need. We made spotty party hats and Pudsey bear masks.

Next week our theme will be numbers where we will be counting many different objects and recognising numbers.

### Maintained Nursery Class

This week was Good Friendship week. To go along with this theme, we've thought about kind hands and being a good friend. Lots of us have been demonstrating good sharing and playfulness, as well as making sure we ask before we hug!

Of course it is also Children in Need this week, so we've dressed up in our spots and decorated cakes! Thank you for any donations.

I also want to say that all the children have been doing good work learning their rhyming words in sound time. If parents could focus on some rhyming words at home this weekend, singing rhyming songs and looking at rhyming books, that would be much appreciated.

### Reception

As part of our focus on friendship this week, we have read the story 'The Rainbow Fish' and talked about how it feels to be lonely and why it is nice to have friends.

In our circle time we have played games using kind words and complimenting others in our class. We talked about ways to solve problems without getting cross or hurting someone. The children came up with their own suggestions "We could take turns and say you go first" or "Get a sand timer so I know when its my go".

Next week we will start to learn the songs for our nativity play.

### Year 1

This week we have been looking at our numbers up to 20. We have been focusing on how to form our numbers as well as how to write the number in words. We have also been working on matching cubes and objects to the number.

In English, we have been looking at how to use the word 'and' to improve our sentences and have been planning and writing our own version of Handa's Hen.

In topic, we have been magnet detectives, searching around the school for things that attract to a magnet and we have found that only certain types of metals are magnetic. We have also been looking at making predictions and then testing them.

This week has been friendship week and as a class we have been thinking about how we are all special in our own ways.

We have been really busy in our French lesson this week, singing songs about the rooms in the house, different types of delicious foods and how to ask how someone is.

We have also been chatting to Miss Roberts on email and have seen where she lives at the moment and have been asking her lots of questions.

Next Thursday will be my last day before I go on maternity leave and then Mrs Roberts will be taking over. If you need to talk to me over anything before I go please grab me in playground before school. I hope you all have a lovely weekend, Mrs Hunter.

### Year 2

This week we have been very busy! It has been 'friendship' week in school and so the children have been thinking about what makes a good friend!

We have been looking at weight and measure in maths and the children have had lots of fun measuring tree trunks.

In English this week we have been learning about information texts and have created our own information page about a pet.

We are now starting to think about the Christmas play and the children are already working hard to practise all of the different songs!



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### Year 3

In year 3 this week we have been doing lots of fun activities to help us to practise our 3 and 4 times tables. We have been looking at associated facts and created fact families, thinking about 'If I know... then I also know...'. There will be a Sumsdog challenge over the weekend to help us consolidate our learning and there will be a link from the Year 3 games page to the Beatbox times table website that we have been using.

In English we have been finishing off our Stone Age Boy stories and polishing them with purple pens so that we can present them in our topic books. We have worked really hard on these, thinking of ways that we can make our writing exciting to engage the reader.

In our afternoon sessions we have looked at mapping symbols, how to read co-ordinates and the 8 points of a compass. We have learnt about the lifecycle of plants and explored the different ways in which seeds can be dispersed. In our RE session, we learnt about how religions have texts that they believe are 'sacred' and we have been thinking about what is sacred to us. As if this wasn't enough, we have nearly completed our Christmas craft projects!



### Year 4

Year 4 have been working on multiplication this week. We started by doing some mental work on Monday. This has helped us to use our method to multiply 2/3 digit numbers by 1 digit.

Don't forget to practise times tables at home, they will help lots!

We have been planning our stories this week in English! Some of our writing yesterday was fab and Mr Hazeldine was certainly wowed when he marked them.

In Science, we have been looking at the digestive system and we are absolutely brilliant! In our millionaire game we won £1,000,000 which of course the children were in extremely pleased. It just shows how good year 4 are at learning.

We have done some work on bullying by looking at the different types of bullying and also what the word 'bullying' means. Well behaved, friendly children in year 4 make excellent friends!

Don't forget to bring in small jars for our Christmas crafts. The year 4 team would really appreciate it!

### Year 5

This week we have been exploring Viking poetry, creating our Kennings about a range of different objects. We then went on to look at similes, metaphors and alliteration.

In Geography, we have been comparing the British counties from the Anglo-Saxon period, to modern day Britain. We noticed that there had been quite a change!

As it was Good Friendship week and the focus was 'Power-for-Good', we explored the different types of bullying and how we can use our skills and power to help prevent bullying.

### Year 6

#### Chemistry with Cabbage

This week in Year 6 we had a visit from Chemistry with Cabbage, where Ruth shared with us lots of scientific knowledge and experiments that we were able to carry out for ourselves. We had a lot of fun making cabbage juice and then making different liquids 'go off' using milk and vinegar! We also got to make our own slime which we brought home to play with!

#### Bible Explorer

Reverend Reynolds has also been in to visit us completing the second session of our Bible Explorer work. We have learnt 44 words so far with 44 actions! He is very impressed that we remembered the words from lesson one.

In our English work we have used a poem called 'Funeral Blues' to help us to structure our own poems describing the aftermath of the attack on Lindisfarne. We have been using rhyming pairs at the end of the lines and also we have been using Anglo-Saxon imagery to help the reader to imagine the scene of the battle.

We have been adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators this week in maths, making sure we are finding the lowest common multiple of the pairs of fractions.

#### London

Thank you for returning the London letters to school. Due to sufficient numbers wanting to attend the residential, we will be going ahead with the trip and I will be sending out more information in due course.

