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Weekly Newsletter



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Important Information

THIS WEEK

Reception Stay and Play 6.2.17 9-9.30am

Internet Safety Day 7.2.17

We have been experiencing a few issues with some of our children who are accessing online materials that are causing them significant distress. These materials are being accessed at home but then children are sharing their experiences /stories with their friends and this is causing additional distress to other pupils. We have also experienced children who are becoming upset with group chats, which may well result in friendships breaking down, or a child feeling upset.

This area of online safety is a huge issue for us as a school to support our children to access online materials safely as the opportunities offered are of course amazing, but the importance of keeping safe on line are vital and very much part of what we do with all our children when working online.

We urge all parents to check their safety settings on devices at home and also to encourage children to share with them what they are viewing on line. We would also encourage parents to be mindful of group-based chats, which can be great fun but can also cause lots of issues for our children.

This week as part of our work on safer internet day, all children have participated in age related activities to help and support them when using technology. Our e cadets worked with Miss Stott and Miss Brock to deliver an assembly one for KS1 and the other for KS2. The assemblies had a slightly different focus but were interactive and informative. The e cadets will be putting their assemblies onto our school website under the internet safety tab.

Governors meeting

This week our governing body met to discuss issues relating to the school. The governing body is an important part of our school. For further information about governance in our school please see the page entitled stakeholders on our school website.

The national fairer funding formula

This week Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Nicholls attended a very important meeting with all the heads from Cheshire East Primary and Secondary schools. This meeting was called by Cheshire East to inform all schools in relation to the new national fairer funding system that is currently being brought in by the government. As you are already aware we have great concerns about this funding formula. We will be advising parents how to support us with appealing against this funding, as the questionnaire is very complicated and confusing. As a school we will be joining in the other Cheshire East school to lobby our concerns about this new formula which has a negative impact on our schools budget. We will keep you informed.

Filming at Shavington Primary School 10.2.17

Today has been really exciting! We had a film crew from Cheshire East catering team in school spending the day with us. They have completed several visits to our school looking at our lunchtime procedures and practices. They have praised our practice and want to share that practice with other schools. If your child's information form states that they must not go on the school website or have photographs used in newspapers they have not been included in todays filming.

The filming team have filmed a day in the life of a hot school dinner following a child in year 2 and a child in year 5. They have also filmed Sarah and Sharon preparing the meals today, our children having snack this morning and also during their lunch time today. They have conducted interviews with Sarah (our cook), Mrs Hurry, Mrs Nicholls, our Head boy, Head girl, Ollie (Yr2) and Jessica (Yr5). They will now go away and use all the footage to create a mini video about lunchtime at our school. We will let you know once we have the finalized version. We will also be doing a showing in school for all the children to enjoy!

NEXT WEEK

PSA End of Half Term Discos 16.2.17

On Thursday our PSA will be holding KS1 and KS2 discos. There will be crisps, drinks and glow sticks available to buy if the children want to. Glow sticks are 20p, crisps 30p and 40p for crisps. The disco is a £1 entry.

Dress down day for Mayflower 17.2.17

Mayflower are our winning house this half term, it was very close and only a few sailors in it! All children in the green team are invited to wear non-uniform on Friday.

GENERAL

PSA- Summer Festival

Last week our dedicated PSA met to get organised for the year. They have set up the next few dates for meetings and also planned in events for our children and families to enjoy. All the dates and events are on the school website calendar and also on the PSA page of our school website. The dates have also been added to the dates list on the newsletters. For the summer festival this year we would like to offer some really good quality prizes for a special raffle. If you think your business or company could offer a complementary gift, voucher or experience then please contact a member of the PSA or contact the school office leaving your details. We have already secured tickets for Reaseheath zoo, a Crave Coffee hamper and a photo package.



Important Dates



Term Dates for 2016/2017

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Dates List 2016-2017

Spring Term

February	
Thursday 16 th	PSA Discos KS1 5-6 KS2 6.15-7.15
Friday 17 th	School closes- Half Term Whole School Writing Day
Monday 27 th	School Opens

March	
Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day- Roald Dahl Theme- Dress up Day (A character from any Roald Dahl story or Roald Dahl himself) PSA Meeting 3.30pm @ school
Tuesday 7 th	Governors Meetings
Thursday 9 th	Reception Stay & Play 9-9.30am
Friday 10 th	Nursery Stay and Play 9-9.30am
Friday 10 th	Yr 5 Smoke Busters
Monday 13 th	Achievement week
Tuesday 14 th	Mad Science Day (whole school)
Friday 17 th	School Book Fair after school Dress down day for the Easter Bingo
Monday 20 th	Yr1 Visit to Reaseheath
Tuesday 21 st	Yr2 Visit to Tatton Park
Wednesday 22 nd	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 23 rd	Parents Evening 4.30-7.30pm
Friday 24 th	Mother's day celebrations
Monday 27 th	Spring Term HW due in today
Tuesday 28 th	HW celebration afternoon 2.30pm onwards
Wednesday 29 th	PSA Easter Bingo 5.30 for 6pm eyes down.
Friday 31 st	Pancake Races
Friday 31 st	School closes for Easter.

Summer Term

April	
Tuesday 18 th	INSET
Wednesday 19 th	School Opens for Summer Term
Thursday 20 th	Academy Photography in school for class, leavers and graduation photos.
Friday 21 st	National Skipping Day.
Friday 24 th	New Homework Grids come home for Summer Term



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Summer Term

May	
Monday 1 st	School Closed Bank Holiday
Friday 5 th	Reception Stay & Play 9-9.30am
Monday 8 th	SAT's Week/ Achievement week
Monday 15 th	Nursery Stay and Play 9-9.30am
Tuesday 16th	Governors meetings
Wednesday 24 th	Yr 6 leave for Residential to London
Friday 26 th	Yr 6 Return from Residential to London
Friday 26 th	School Closes – Half Term

June	
Monday 5 th	School Opens
Monday 5 th	Yr 5 leave for Residential to France
Friday 9 th	Yr 5 return from Residential to France
Tuesday 13 th	Nursery Stay and Play 9-9.30am
Tuesday 13th	Yr 5 Parents assembly
Tuesday 13th	Governor Meetings
Friday 16 th	Father's day celebrations
Monday 19 th	Christopher Winter's project week (Personal, social and relationship focus) Reception Stay & Play 9-9.30am
Monday 19 th	Shavington Academy work experience students in school all week.
Monday 19 th	Reception stay and play 9-9.30am
Tuesday 20th	Yr 3 parents Assembly
Wednesday 21 st & Thursday 22 nd	Yr 6 Transition to Shavington Academy.
Monday 26 th	Yr 3 & 4 leave for residential to Iron Bridge
Tuesday 27th	Reception Parents assembly
Wednesday 28 th	Yr 3 & 4 return from residential to Iron Bridge
Thursday 29 th	Sports Day
Friday 30 th	Reserve sports day End of Year Reports go home today. Non Uniform Day in exchange for small gift for the Summer festival tombola.



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July	
Tuesday 4 th	Yr 1 parents Assembly
Wednesday 5 th	Parents Evening Drop in 3.30-5pm
Friday 7 th	Transition day (whole school) & Teddy Bears picnic for new Reception class
Monday 10 th	Yr 5 Primary College week
Tuesday 11 th	Yr 4 Parents Assembly
Thursday 13 th	Summer Term Homework due in today
Friday 14 th	Summer Term Homework celebration afternoon 2.30pm Summer Festival 5-9pm
Monday 17 th	KS2 Performance to school
Tuesday 18 th	KS2 Performance 2pm & 6pm
Wednesday 19 th	KS2 Performance 2pm & 6pm
Tuesday 25 th	Yr 2 Parents assembly
Wednesday 26 th	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 11 am School Closes for Summer



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Pre-school (2/3 Year Olds) - Kirsty, Laura, Bev and Val

In pre school we've had another fabulous week. We read together the story Harry and his bucketful of dinosaur go to school. In the story Harry makes a new friend and shares his Dinosaurs toys. This week we've been encourage sharing our toys and turn taking with our friends. The children enjoyed making their chocolate rice crispy nests with Dinosaur eggs. We've also done some fabulous paintings, shape collages and explored hatching frozen Dinosaur eggs. At Snack time we had a volcano made from toast with apples and strawberry lava on a bed of green lettuce leaves topped with turkey Dinosaurs it was ROAR - AMAZING!



Year 1 - Mrs Glover, Mrs Wilkinson & Mrs Kinsey

This week Year One have been practising counting in tens, fives and twos. We have also been finding one more and one less than numbers up to 100.

In English we listened to a story called Digiduck's Big Decision for Safer Internet Day. The children had a very sensible discussion about how they can be safer on the internet and how we can all work together to make the internet a safer place.

The children have been practising writing sentences with capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and using 'and' to join two sentences together.

In Science we have been recording the changes to our runner bean seeds. They have really grown over the past week. The children were shocked that the runner bean we put in the dark cupboard still grew as high as the others.

We hope you have a great weekend!

Maintained Nursery Class (3/4 Year Olds) - Miss Wilks, Emma and Jayne

This week we've been learning the story of the Gingerbread man. He hid in our school, but we managed to follow the clues to find him and a yummy box of gingerbread men to eat! We even got to decorate some this week to take home. We've done a lot of painting this week and we've chosen to try and write our names a lot - we're all doing really well with writing or copying our names. On Wednesday morning we had another Stay and Play. It was lovely to have so many family members join us, thank you for coming! The next Stay and Play date is Friday 10th March.

Just a note; the past two weeks we've spent quite a bit of time exploring the big field and other different outdoor areas. Please can you make sure your child brings a change of clothes just in case they get wet or muddy. Some children send in wellies to keep at Nursery. This is a big help to us and we encourage more parents to send (labelled) wellies in for their children to use during the school day. Thank you!

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

This week in maths we have started to look at shape. The children have been identifying and sorting lots of different 2D shapes! They have also been looking at symmetry and investigating how many lines of symmetry different 2D shapes have!

In English this week, we have started to look instructions and have been using time words and imperative verbs to write some of our own instructions!

During our topic lessons this week the children have been designing their very own didgeridoo! They have been thinking about aboriginal artwork and carefully drawing and colouring different patterns and intricate designs.

Tuesday was 'Safer Internet Day' and so we spent the afternoon learning about how to be safe when using the internet. We looked at Smartie the Penguin and learnt a lot about always asking a grown up when we're unsure of something on the Internet. The children all took part and made some great contributions to our discussions on internet safety. They even made some fantastic posters that informed others about how to be safe when you're online!

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

This week Reception have learnt that our solar system is made of the sun, planets, moons, comets and asteroids and they know a little bit about each of the planets. They were fascinated to learn the Jupiter has storms so big you can see them with a telescope and that Mars has frozen ice caps.

There is a rap about the planets on you tube that the children have enjoyed listening to. We've put a link on our class webpage under the Games tab if you would like to have a look.

Next week we are going to be reading the story The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet!





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Year 3 - Mrs Watson

In year 3 this week we have been learning all about Ancient Greek theatre. We have looked at the layout of a theatre and labelled the different features. Hopefully, your child will be able to tell you where the words 'theatre', 'orchestra' and 'scene' come from!

We have also started to write, direct and produce our very own Ancient Greek productions. Mrs Watson has organised us into groups and we are now preparing to get ourselves ready to present our performances to Year 1 next Friday. Next week we will also be creating props and masks for our performances.

In maths we have been learning about fractions. We have been identifying how much of a shape is shaded and then had a go at shading fractions too. We have also been working collaboratively and solving tricky fraction problems pictorially.

In science, we have been continuing with our work on animals and humans. This week we have been looking at skeletons and recognising animals that have an endoskeleton, an exoskeleton or a hydrostatic skeleton.

Year 4 - Mr Hazeldine

This week in year 4, we have been working on fractions again maths. Our focus has been adding and subtracting fractions and we are really understanding this.

In English, we have been looking at complaints and the features of a complaint letter. Our discussions have been about how we can complain about the giant's invasion.

Our science was exciting and we were shaking fizzy drinks to find out how much carbon dioxide on. We have put another layer over our balloons to create our masks.

Year 5 - Miss Chapman

This week we have been exploring myths and legends from around the world. We have then looked at the creation myth from Ancient Egypt and used drama and role play to deepen our understanding of the story.

In Maths, we have moved onto looking at decimals and seeing if we can recognise fractions and their equivalent decimals. There are lots of games online to support you with this focus.

In R.E, we are looking at Hinduism and the story of Rama and Sita. We have used role play and made comparisons with stories from other religions.

As it was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, we began creating our own blogs for the school website. These can be accessed both inside and outside of school but we must treat everyone and the internet with respect by thinking carefully before we post something. We also looked at how photos can reveal a lot about our personal information and why we need to be careful when sharing images online.

For the trip to Shavington Academy for the 'Wizard of Oz' production on Monday 27th March, if any parents are available to help assist our walk to the high school please let me know.

Year 6 - Miss Brock

This week in Maths we have been continuing to look at different measures with shapes and have been calculating the perimeter and areas of rectangles, rectilinear shapes and triangles. We have learnt different formulas that we can use to help us to do this, particularly when finding the area of a triangle.

In our English work we have started to plan our biography writing that we will be working on next week and during our Whole School Writing Day on the 17th February. We have spent the rest of the week looking at SPAG related aspects of our writing including connectives and connecting phrases and how to use these to link our paragraphs together.

We are coming towards the end of painting our Egyptian artwork and have added the background to the portrait. Next week, we will hopefully add the finishing touches and have them ready to share on a blog - fingers crossed!

This week in our RE work, our focus question has been 'How and why do Hindus show respect for all living things?' We have discussed this and thought about different ways that Hindus do respect all living things and will be learning more about this throughout the rest of the term.

Safer Internet Day - 7th February

We spent Tuesday thinking and learning about ways that we can come together to make a better and safer internet. Our focus was blogging and we were looking specifically at making positive comments on each other's blogs but also providing the children with a safe and secure way to discuss, message and share online.

Another focus of the day was first impressions of photos and images that we might see online and we spent a lot of time making comments on photos that were taken from the internet. We then thought about whether we would make the same comments if we knew the person/people in the photo personally. Miss Brock even showed us a photo of her as a toddler and we had to give our first impressions of her!

We hope that the children are equipped with all the ways that they can unite to make a safer internet and will continue to reinforce this in our Computing/Citizenship sessions.

The LINKS Room

This week in the LINKS room we have been busy with our various groups and interventions.

In KS2 and year two social skills group have been enjoying playing in our new museum role play area and sharing things they have learnt about their class topics. We then spoke about our favourite things and how they make us feel. These activities help us to take turns and practise using our speaking and listening skills.

In KS1 social skills we spoke about how we were feeling and then we put our listening ears on to play a listening game. We concentrated and listened to different sounds and then we guessed what those sounds were. The teachers were so impressed how well we concentrated and how amazing our guesses were.

In motor skills we have enjoyed practising our gross motor skills outside in the sunshine. We walked around the playground like animals and then used ribbons to make big circles with our arms.



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Star of the Week



Class	Teacher	Pupil	Achievement
Reception EH	Mrs Earl and Mrs Hurst	Grace Hulse	For being a kind and helpful friend.
Reception S	Miss Stott	Lucy Jess	For always trying her best.
Year 1	Mrs Glover	Chloe Taylor	For being brave and coming into school and being focussed and ready to learn.
Year 2RB	Mrs Bloor and Mrs Rivers	Sammy Guthrie	For using bossy verbs while making the class chocolate heads.
Year 2S	Miss Simms	Ruby Buckley	For improving her spellings and for her increased confidence in class.
Year 3	Mrs Watson	Evann Johns	For trying exceptionally hard to improve his sentences and having lots of ideas.
Year 4	Mr Hazeldine	Olivia Szmit	For always producing excellent work with great presentation.
Year 5	Miss Chapman	Ellen Lea	For always being ready to learn and being a great sportswoman in PE.
Year 6	Miss Brock	Mia Hollinshead	For doing really well in her work and giving lots of effort.

We are on **Week 2** for dinners next week.

Mrs Hurry's Golden Table

Lillie Mohr	Sienna Butler
Noah Adamson	Olivia Szmit
Dylan Baker	Layla Woolrich
Isabelle Hughes	Luke Davies

Attendance

