



"A Local School with a Global Perspective"



Shaftesbury Park Primary School

# Shaftesbury Park Primary School Shaftesbury Update

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Welcome to the first Shaftesbury Update of this academic year!

We've had a really lovely and calm start to the new school year, writing our class charters and settling into our new classes.

Please make sure you read your Shaftesbury Update every week to stay up-to-date with what's going on at Shaftesbury Park and read about all the exciting things we have been up to!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who helped make possible the **Eid-ul-Adha** Sharing Celebration which took place after school last Friday in the playground.



It really was fantastic to see everyone coming together in a spirit of sharing and friendship and the food was outstanding!

### What is Eid-ul-Adha?

Eid-ul-Adha ('festival of Sacrifice') remembers the prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son Isma'il after Allah appeared to him in a dream and asked him to as an act of obedience. As Ibrahim was about to kill his son, Allah stopped him and gave him a lamb to sacrifice instead.

## We need you!

We are in the process of improving the School Office/Reception area of the school. As well as being a main point of contact between parents and the school, the School Office gives visitors to the school their first impression. We're looking for a group of parents to help make sure the School Office works as well as it can for the school. You don't need any particular experience or skills, just a willingness to give some time to help improve a key element of the school.

If you are interested please contact our  
Chair of Governors, James Cousins [jamescousins@mac.com](mailto:jamescousins@mac.com)

## *Now for a few notices...*



As new academic year gets under way, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of a few ways in which we can all help keep the children of Shaftesbury Park Primary School safe.

'Children have the right to ... a clean and safe environment'  
(Article 24)

Please don't park, stop or wait on the **Zig Zag lines** outside of the school. The reason all schools have these lines is simple; these lines mark where many children will be crossing the road to get into the school and therefore cars pulling in and out of this area are more likely to hit a child. The roads surrounding our school already have limited visibility because of many parked cars and trees, so it's even more important that both pedestrians and drivers are aware of the dangers. Blue Badge holders are not permitted to park on these lines either.

**If your child travels to or from school alone, please use the start of the new school year to remind your child about road safety.**

We would also ask that parents refrain from **smoking** outside of the school gates or bringing dogs into the playground. Thank you.

Lastly, we would like to remind parents that **nuts and nut products are not permitted in school**. We have a number of children who have severe nut allergies which may be triggered by touching, inhaling or ingesting even the slightest trace or residue of the allergen, resulting in a severe, systemic, potentially fatal allergic reaction called anaphylaxis. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please see our Packed Lunch Policy (available on the school website) for further guidance on what foods children may or may not bring to school.

**There are lots of exciting things taking place this half-term. Make sure to always check the back page of the Shaftesbury Update for a full list of what's going on.**

Be There  
or Be  
Square!

Everybody  
Welcome!

WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT



Parents, please join us **in our classrooms** on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September for our Macmillan Cancer Support Classroom Coffee Morning!

Any donations of cakes would be gratefully received and should be dropped off at the School Office on **THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.**



Today we have been marking the International Day of Democracy through class discussions on this year's theme, preventing conflict to ensure peace and stability. But why are we as a school choosing to mark this day? It's all connected with the status of Shaftesbury Park as a UNICEF Rights Respecting School.

Over now to Kornelia and Emily for more information:

### What does it mean to be a Rights Respecting School?

Here at Shaftesbury Park we are dedicated to being a Rights Respecting School. This means we learn about and understand what rights we and all children have under the Convention on the Rights of the Child. For example, under the convention all children have the right to an education (Article 28). We also have the right to play (Article 31). We also learn and think about the responsibilities that come with our rights for example it is our responsibility to make the most of our time at school to learn as much as we can and to make sure that we enjoy ourselves during our playtimes!

## Why is this a good thing?

We think that being a Rights Respecting School is important because it teaches us good values. It is important to treat others in the way that we would like to be treated. It also gives us a different and wider understanding of the world that we live in and about how our actions affect others.

## Okay, I can see why it's important but how can I find out more?

If parents would like to know more about being a Rights Respecting School, there is lots of information around the school, from our class charters to the work in our literacy and topic books, as well as all the information in the Shaftesbury Update. You can talk to the teachers and you can even ask us children - we are experts!

In the Summer term, we look forward to holding our first Rights Respecting Week and we are currently in the process of organising an introductory event for any parents wanting to know more.



**SCHOOL  
COUNCIL  
ELECTIONS**



### A new School Council

This week, every class from Year 1 to Year 6 has begun the process of voting for one boy and one girl to represent them on the School Council.

*Maybe there is something you want to change about the school? If so, speak to your School Councillor today!*

### Right of the month for September

#### Article 12

Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.



Check out the Rights of the Month highlighted in blue



## Dates for the Diary

### This Week

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Family Picnic on Clapham Common 11am -1.00pm	Foundation Stage parents and children
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Friends of Shaftesbury Park meeting 7.00pm-8.00pm	Parents
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Welcome evening for Reception parents <i>Focus: phonics &amp; reading</i> <b>3.30pm, repeated at 5.30pm</b>	Leopards and Tigers Parents
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent workshop on Calculation Policy 3.30-4.30pm, repeated from 5.30-6.30pm  Come along to learn which methods are used to teach mathematics and how to support your child at home.	Leopards, Tigers, Badgers, Hedgehogs, Foxes and Owls parents

### Coming Soon

Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent workshop on calculation policy 3.30-4.30pm, repeated from 5.30–6.30pm  Come along to learn which methods are used to teach mathematics and how to support your child at home.	Penguins, Starfish, Seals, Sharks, Turtles, Seahorses and Dolphins parents
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Cancer Support Classroom Coffee Morning 9.15am	Everybody welcome!
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Start of Black History Month	-
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Friends of Shaftesbury Park meeting 9.15am-10.15am	Parents
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual photos	-
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Film Night/Parent Social	Parents, children and Governors
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception class 2018 Open Morning 1 Please see the School Office to book a space.	Prospective Reception 2018 parents
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Celebration at Ascension Church, Lavender Hill at 2pm	Parents
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Class 2018 Open Morning 2 Please see the School Office to book a space.	Prospective Reception 2018 parents
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Diwali individual class discussions	-
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of Autumn 1	-

**Half term: 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY - School closed to children	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Children return to school <b>ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE DAY</b> - Look out for more information on this later this half-term	Parents