



Children are back to school on Tuesday 31st October

Message from Mrs Richards

Like me, you can probably hardly believe that it is half term already! However, as usual we have been able to pack so much into the six weeks. Highlights have included our Harvest Celebration at the Ascension Church, trips to Soci t  G n rale, Hampton Court and Pizza Express, the Eid-ul-Adha Sharing Celebration and our highly successful Macmillan Cake and Squash Morning which raised  602.11! I have also very much enjoyed the creative endeavours of the children from Greek-style pots to models of Pyramids.

As many of you are aware we will be saying goodbye to Mr Patterson today. Mr Patterson will be leaving to continue with his passion of developing sporting activities for young people. He has worked at the school for nearly six years and his guidance, humour and love of sport and will be missed by all. We are in the process of appointing a PE teacher/Mentor to continue the school's work of keeping children physically and mentally fit.

Looking forward, next half-term we will be holding our second Enterprise Sharing Event. We will be holding an open morning on Tuesday 31st October focusing this year on coding. We hope to see as many parents as possible. We also look forward to a Reception & KS1 social event on Friday 10th November (more details after the holiday), the Winter Fete taking place on Thursday 7th December as well as our special Christmas performance at the Ascension Church on Thursday 14th December. Please do read the dates for the diary to make sure you don't miss any of the other important events taking place next term, such as the Autumn term parents' evenings to discuss your child's progress.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable half-term holiday! I look forward to seeing you all after holidays, refreshed and ready for another exciting half-term!

Just a few highlights...



Coming soon!

Enterprise Challenge Day



Over the course of the day, students will delve into the world of gaming and work in teams to design and code a new computer game set in their very own school!

Enterprise Sharing Event
Tuesday 31st October
9.10am - 10.00am

Begin at 9.10am with an assembly in the Lower School. Mrs Richards will introduce Enterprise education and Enabling Enterprise.

We would like to invite you to join your children in their classroom for the Enterprise Challenge Day.



The **Zebras** have had a great start to the new academic year. We have all settled well into our new class, made new friends and are happy to come to school. We started our year with the topic 'all about me'. The children have designed their own frames to display their chosen achievements which can be found within the classroom. Together we have devised our class charter and all the Zebras have signed up to this. We performed our Harvest song '5 red apples' at our Harvest Festival. Many thanks to all of the parents who were able to come and watch us. Have a restful half term, I look forward to seeing you after the half-term break, ready for more learning.



It's been a brilliant start to the year for the new **Leopards** children! We have been getting into our new routine and learning lots of songs and rhymes to help us settle in. The children are enjoying learning their Phonics with Flurry the Cat, and have been practising reading and writing words with all of our new letters and sounds. In Maths, we have been exploring colour and shape patterns, and the children have used their imagination to design and create their very own patterns, including Rangoli patterns for Diwali. The Leopards enjoyed getting ready for the Harvest Festival and did an amazing job performing three songs in French (Petit Escargot, Meunier Tu Dors and Pomme de Reinette)! They are getting on really well in French, and can talk about all sorts of things, including the days of the week, numbers and parts of the body. Bravo les Léopards, et bonnes vacances! Have a super half term!



Badgers class are well on their way to becoming excellent learners! We have had a good transition into Year 1 life. This term, we have been very busy with dancing, singing, and iPad sessions. In our iPad sessions, we have been learning how to code using apps like Daisy the Dinosaur and Bee Bots. We really enjoyed practicing our French with our IPC topic 'Who Am I/ Qui Suis Je' while we learn about our families, our feelings, and our local area. Our class also made Picasso-inspired self portraits which are now hung around our classroom or in the upstairs hall. We wrote stories about the Hungry Caterpillar and enjoyed exploring the book Whatever Next by going on a space adventure! In Maths, we have been learning about addition and subtraction within 10 as well as 2D and 3D shapes. Passez de très bonnes vacances!



Autumn 1 has come and gone in the blink of an eye and the **Foxes** have worked incredibly hard throughout. They have conquered bar models and derived number facts, explored Roald Dahl and tongue twisters, discovered people of the past and people of the present. We are making speedy progress with our French phonics program and will be decoding French texts in no time at all. The Foxes teamed up with the Owls to deliver a fantastic multilingual rendition of The Enormous Turnip for the Harvest Festival; well done to all! We have been building our confidence in the swimming pool and negotiating hockey sticks in PE. And, let's not forget our trip to Hampton Court. Year 2 danced Tudor-style and visited King Henry VIII's private quarters. See you in Autumn 2 et bonnes vacances les Renards!



We have had a fantastic first half term as **Tigers!** We have been busy getting to know our new classroom and learning about life in Reception. We have been making new friends and talking about what makes us special. In maths we have been searching for and making patterns and investigating numbers to 6. The Tigers have been learning about lots of Letters and Sounds and how to spot them in words. We have also really enjoyed Forest Schools this half term; we went on an Autumn walk and thought about what we could see and hear. Thank you to all the families that came to support us at our Harvest festival. The children did so well to stand up in front of everyone and sing to you! Well done Tigers, have a fantastic holiday!



The **Hedgehogs** have had a smooth transition and are enjoying being in Year 1. We have been busy thinking about who we are, where we live, how we can feel happy to learn and what to do to get help for our IPC topic 'Who am I'. We know all about our Rights Respecting Charter and what it means to be an Excellent Learner. We have been practising writing stories and improving our handwriting. We have been working really hard with our families to read every day. The Hedgehogs have been learning about number, equations, 2D and 3D shape and are experts in investigating number into the whole, part model. We have thoroughly enjoyed discovering the ICT room and making portraits of ourselves on the computers. The Hedgehogs loved learning and performing the Hungry Caterpillar Story for you for our Harvest Festival. Thank you for coming to support us. Next term we will be thinking about Celebrations. We are looking forward to our Enterprise Day and our Postal Service project. Have a great holiday and don't forget to read every day.



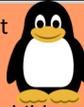
Owls have been working very hard and have made a very good start to the new academic year. We have been learning about Roald Dahl's life and have written character descriptions of the gruesome Mrs Pratchett. We have explored adventurous language and have also learnt how to use them correctly. In Numeracy we are continuing with the 'Maths Mastery' scheme of work. Owls have investigated the operations of addition and subtraction in depth and have used various counting aids to reinforce their understandings. Owls have performed the amazing story of The Enormous Turnip for our Harvest Festival celebration.. I am so proud of them all! We are looking forward to our new IPC topic 'Earths our Home'. Please don't forget to read as often as possible during the half term break! Have a great half term break!



Starfish have really settled into Year 3. We have made a great start to our IPC topic about the ancient Egyptians, the children have collected many facts and have begun writing non-chronological texts using the information found. We are looking forward to our trip to the British Museum next term! In maths Starfish have got to grips with exploring number, we can round to the nearest ten and one hundred, partition and solve problems. In gymnastics, we have thoroughly enjoyed learning how to forward roll, use balancing skills whilst travelling along a bench and exploring tuck and pike positions. Have a wonderful half term!



The **Penguins** have had an exciting start into Year 3 with our Ancient Egyptians topic. Since the first week of term we have been busy researching, designing and reading all about this topic. Though we still have another half term of learning about the Egyptians and the children cannot wait to learn more about mummification, Ancient Egyptian afterlife and the Pharaohs, including the very famous Tutankhamun. I have been really impressed with all their work so far not least the amazing models, fact sheets and scrolls that the children have been making at home (thank you for all your help with this parents!) In Literacy, the children have successfully planned, drafted, edited and published their own creation story, based on the Ancient Egyptian one and we have been editing our work and adding more powerful verbs and adjectives. In Maths we have been working hard to consolidate their knowledge of place value and we have understood the inverse, partitioning and grouping of tens for addition and subtraction. We will continue with swimming next half of term and we have an exciting trip planned for Monday 6th November when we will visit the British Museum. Please do let me know if any parents would like to accompany us on this trip. Have a great half term holiday. Bonnes Vacances!



The **Sharks** have had a brilliant and busy start to the year! We launched into our IPC topic 'Footprints from the Past' by becoming archaeologists and digging for fossils. Then we explored dinosaurs and created our own flow chart to identify their different features in French before writing some French descriptive sentences. We then moved onto early humans and found out all about one of the earliest humans 'Lucy' and all about the Stone Age through our Literacy book 'Stone Age Boy'. This came in very handy when we started to work on using speech marks and fronted adverbials in our own stories about someone who travels back in time to the Stone Age and writing instructions for our guides to surviving in the Stone Age. During our IPC we came across the mysterious murder of Otzi the Iceman. We explored all the clues he left behind and investigated who or what could have been behind his murder, even creating our own version of events on Scratch Jnr (a coding app) to solve the mystery! In French, we have been continuing to build our reading comprehension skills and have been looking at the differences between the present and the past tenses. In Maths, we started with consolidating our place value and explored rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We then looked in detail at adding and subtracting and how it can help us solve two-step word problems. Bonnes Vacances!



The **Dolphins** have had a fun-filled half term, taking on challenging maths investigations, researching the Ancient Greeks and Romans and composing their own descriptive texts. One highlight of this half-term has been the children researching Ancient Greek and Roman art, then using their new found knowledge to design and create their very own Greek style pot; the finished pots were outstanding! In Literacy the children have enjoyed exploring the text 'Holes'. We have all composed fantastic character description using advanced language techniques. The children have also learnt how to use similes, metaphors and adjectives to write their own setting descriptions. In Maths this term the children have focused on consolidating their knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages. They have worked hard on further developing formal mathematics methods as well as solving challenging two step word problems. I have seen wonderful progress and look forward to working on more fun maths investigations. Thank you for all your hard work and enjoy your break.



The **Seals** have had a fantastic start to the year. We launched into our IPC topic 'Footprints from the Past' by becoming archaeologists and digging for fossils. We then looked at early humans, finding out all about one of the earliest humans 'Lucy', and discovered lots about the Stone Age through the book, 'Stone Age Boy'. This really helped us to work on using speech marks and fronted adverbials in our writing and to write some brilliant guides to surviving in the Stone Age. We also came across the mysterious murder of 'Otzi the Iceman', exploring all the clues he left behind in our investigation into who or what could have been behind his murder. As part of this, we have been learning to code on the iPads using Scratch Junior. Perhaps your child can show you how at home (it's available free in the Apple store and online). In Maths, we've been consolidating our place value knowledge and exploring rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We've also looked in detail at adding and subtracting and how it can help us solve two-step word problems. We really enjoyed our Enabling Enterprise trip to Société Générale where we learnt about budgeting money. It's been a busy but wonderful half-term. Make sure you get plenty of rest and have a great holiday!



The **Turtles** Class have had an excellent start to the year, immersing themselves into history. Together, we travelled back to the year AD900 to explore the ancient Mayan civilisation. We practiced archaeology to uncover 'lost' statues and an ancient scroll detailing the fate of a famous Mayan king. We also helped Professor Jones de-code ancient Mayan numbers and compared this with our own place value, base 10 system. We used our place value knowledge to help us with our column subtraction and addition. We have also been learning how to use timetables and using time graphs to tell stories. In Literacy, we have been developing our descriptive writing skills to write setting and character descriptions based on Mayan culture. We then moved on to recount writing and learned what it takes to be a journalist to report on strange goings on in the ancient city of Tikal. Well done for all your hard work this half-term, Turtles. Enjoy your half-term break.



The **Seahorses** have had a fantastic start to the year! We have all really enjoyed reading the book 'Holes' and we worked hard on our vocabulary and conjunction choices to plan and write a character and setting description in class. We have developed our punctuation further by learning where commas should go and how we use semicolons. In maths I have been so pleased with the persistence and perseverance shown by all the Seahorses! We have working hard to learn about equivalence between fractions, decimals and percentages and how we find a fraction and percentage of a number. Seahorses enjoyed learning about Ancient Greek art and we designed our own Ancient Greek pots which we then made with clay. We have discovered many interesting facts about Ancient Greece and compared the city states Athens and Sparta. We have enjoyed using the programme Scratch on the Ipads which has helped our coding skills. A wonderful start to year 6! I wish you all a restful break and look forward to seeing you on the 31st.



Important Information

Don't forget

To pay school dinner money online:

<http://www.scopay.com/shaftesburyparkprimary-wandsworth>

To buy uniform online:

<http://shaftesburypark.gooddies.co.uk/>

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 31 st October	Start back at school	-
Tuesday 31 th October	Enterprise Challenge Day and open morning for parents	Parents welcome
Tuesday 31 th October	Parent/child 'Learning Together' 9.00 - 9.30am	Parents of children in Zebras and Leopards
Tuesday 31 st October	FoSP meeting 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Parents welcome
Thursday 2 nd November	Tiger class parents invited to come along to Forest School	Parents of children in Tigers
Tuesday 7 th November	Nursery Open Morning	Prospective parents
Thursday 9 th November	Coffee morning at 9.15am Focus: Supporting each other	Parents welcome
Friday 10 th November	Reception and KS1 Evening Event 7.00-8.30pm	Children in Tigers, Leopards, Hedgehogs, Badgers, Owls & Foxes
Monday 13- 17 th November	Anti bullying week: Theme: 'All Different all Equal' International Day for Tolerance 16/11/17	-
Friday 17 th November	BBC Children in Need More on this Spotacular event next half-term	-
Friday 17 th November	Reception Class 2018 Open Morning 3 Meeting and tour around school	Prospective parents
Tuesday 21 st November	FoSP meeting 9.15am - 10.15am	Parents welcome
Thursday 23 rd November	Reception Class 2018 Open Morning 4 Meeting and tour around school	Prospective parents
Tuesday 28 th November	Autumn term Parents' Evening 1	Please book an appointment with your child's class teacher
Thursday 30 th November	Nursery class 2018 Open Morning	Prospective parents
Tuesday 5 th December	Autumn term Parents' Evening 2	Please book an appointment with your child's class teacher
Thursday 7 th December	Winter fete at 3.30pm	Everybody welcome
Monday 11 th -15 th December	Whole school exit point week	-
Tuesday 12 th December	Autumn term Parents' evening 3	Please book an appointment with your child's class teacher
Wednesday 13 th December	Children's Christmas lunch	-
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas performance KS1/2 at 2pm	Parents welcome
Friday 15 th December	FS Nativity for parents at 9.30 in school	Parents welcome
Monday 18 th December	FS Nativity for parents at 2pm	Parents welcome
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas parties and Santa in the afternoon	-
Wednesday 20 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day Finish at 2pm	-