



# The Shaftesbury Park News

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## Children are back to school on Tuesday 5th January

### Message from Mrs Richards

We have had an extremely eventful term with impressive achievements by the pupils. Highlights include the outstanding performance of the Key Stage 2 choir at the Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert at Burntwood Academy, a fabulous year 4 violin concert, the very successful start for our Forest School and recent sporting success in both football and cricket. For the school as a whole, there is also the added highlight of achieving our Level 2 Rights Respecting School Award, a just reflection of the thoughtful, respectful and caring nature of the children and staff of Shaftesbury Park. We look forward next half term to even more opportunities for the children to excel with further musical and sporting events planned so please do take a look at the dates for the diary section on the back of this newsletter. We are also very much looking forward to the opening of our new library during Book Week in February when the popular children's author Denis Bond will be on hand to declare it officially open. As some of you are aware, Miss Tallamy will be going on maternity leave at the end of January, with Miss Molloy covering sharks class for the rest of the year. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Miss Tallamy a well deserved rest before the arrival of her new baby and we look forward to seeing her again soon. I would like to personally congratulate the children listed below for their excellent attendance and punctuality during this first term. The New Year is a wonderful opportunity for those whose names do not appear there to really try hard to be in school on time everyday so they too may have their name listed on the next newsletter and maybe even receive their bronze stars. With such a close link between attendance and punctuality and achievement, this is one thing that really can help your child to make good progress. I would like to finish by wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to welcoming you all back to school, fully refreshed and ready for some more hard work in 2016.

All these children achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn term for being here on time everyday since the start of the school year and will be receiving their bronze star (so long as they come in tomorrow). Well done everyone!

<u>Zebbras</u>	<u>Tigers</u>	<u>Leopards</u>	<u>Hedgehogs</u>	<u>Badgers</u>	<u>Foxes</u>	<u>Owls</u>	<u>Starfish</u>	<u>Seals</u>	<u>Sharks</u>	<u>Turtles</u>	<u>Dolphins</u>
Harry	Niyah	Chloe	Alfie B	Kenzie	Jaliyah	Archie	Charlie	Joshua	Noah	Genesis	Luca
	Jae	Jake	Shyanne	Naomi	Nathanael	Nyran	Glory	Alban	Liam	Ismael	Emma
		Lyra	Sherianne	Benjamin	Mathilde	Naim	Willow	Justin	Megan	Macy	Carl
			Livia	Mehdi	Samuel	Semih	Giovanna	Nyla	Ruby	Myia	
				Sami	Shiyao		Shiqi		Aiya		
				Jacob	Malia		Monae		Njay		
				Jonathan							

### Dolphins Dolphins have enjoyed our IPC

topic, 'The Great, the Bold and the Brave' which focuses around the Ancient Greeks. We started off the term with some fabulous talk for writing based around the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur. We wrote our own version of this myth using some wonderfully imaginative language and description. In ICT we were lucky enough to have Dave from the CLC come in to teach us how to use the Ipad. We created our own myth based comic strips using these. Dolphins enjoyed learning about the difference between the city states Sparta and Athens, and discussing which one they would have chosen to live in. We created our own versions of Ancient Greek buildings and enjoyed a master class from Mr. Smith on how to make Ancient Greek style pots. In Science we have been learning how microorganisms can be useful and dangerous. We have seen what different microorganisms can look like and investigated what causes microorganisms to grow and multiply. We are turning into super swimmers and this term enjoyed swimming in our pyjamas, diving for objects in the deep end and rescuing 'people' from the deep end of the pool! Dolphins have really impressed me with their commitment in maths and we have worked hard on solving problems involving fractions, finding a percentage of a number and continuing to practice formal methods. Super work Dolphins!



### Turtles

During our IPC topic this term, the Turtles class has focused on Myths and Legends. To honour the commencement of our new topic, the class took part in our very own *Ancient Greek* Olympic Games. Once the finalists were crowned, we investigated what exactly a myth is while comparing it to a legend. The children then did a talk for writing unit focused on the Greek Creation myth. Groups spent a lot of time perfecting their part in the myth before finally presenting in front of the class. Following the presentations, students wrote their own hero myth following the same structure as famous myths such as Theseus and the Minotaur and Apollo and Chimera. Students also had the responsibility of writing and presenting their own speech. They had the option to choose and research any mythological character they wanted, before putting together their findings and presenting to the class. All in all it has been a very productive and successful term!  
In the Spring term, we will be taking an adventure through the human body! Great work Turtles!



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News and information from classes

## Sharks

Congratulations Sharks on a busy and successful half term! We have worked brilliantly on our IPC topic of Different Places, Similar Lives and researched different countries in ICT and Literacy, turning our information on these countries into eye catching, informative booklets. In maths we have also been tackling fractions and decimals and have been looking at word problems involving these. We have had a lot of fun making our beautiful reindeer frames and penguin/robin baubles. A big thank you to all the parents that have bought these at the Winter Fete last week. I would also like to say that I am most impressed with the effort of daily reading and weekly completion of homework that Sharks have managed to achieve. I look forward to seeing this continue into next term. Have a wonderful holiday!



## Seals

I am delighted with the hard work that has been happening in Seals class this half term. The children have really focused on learning to add and subtract 3 digit numbers using formal written methods using regrouping to support this when necessary. In literacy we have written rhyming couplets, letters to Lapland and setting descriptions from around the world. Each child has taken pride in publishing their writing to the highest standard after editing and redrafting sessions. We've enjoyed making our 2016 calendars in computing sessions and learnt how to describe the weather in French. In spring term we are looking forward to swimming on Wednesdays. Happy Christmas to you all!



## Starfish

Well done Starfish for doing so well in your first term as Year 3 children. In maths we have got to grips with the bar model method, which is used in Singapore. We can use the bar model to add, subtract and solve problems. In maths we can also measure using mm, cm and metres, we are able to find the perimeter of 2D shapes and use our understanding of measure to solve problems. In IPC, we have learnt about various countries around the world, exploring their traditions, the weather and what their days may be like. We had a great time dancing to Jingle Bell Rock too! **Reminders for next term:** Swimming on Wednesdays @2.30pm if you are interested in being a parent helper please see me (3 parents only please). We will be leaving school at 2pm. Parents are welcome to collect their children from the pool at 3.10pm). PE will continue on Thursdays. See you all in the new year!



## Foxes

Yet another half-term flies by! In Literacy, the children came up with a fantastic story that we shared with the whole school in Anti-Bullying Week. We then put a lot of thought into planning, making and evaluating our designs for the Christmas Fair and, hopefully, you saw all this pay off when you bought the final product! In maths, we moved onto multiplication and division and the children have really enjoyed exploring the differences and the links between these two operations. In the afternoon we have really enjoyed our exploration of 'light' in French. From learning our daily routines, from sunrise to sunset, and to carrying out our own investigation into the lightest and darkest parts of the day, we have learnt so much! We can't wait to get started on Super Humans our next IPC topic! Bonnes Vacances!



## Owls

Wow! Another busy half term. All children have worked very hard and made progress with their Autumn term targets. We have been busy learning about light sources and have explored natural and man made light sources. Owls also made cardboard boxes and have decorated beautiful Christmas candles, for our Winter Fete. We are looking forward, to the New Year when we will begin our new targets and IPC topic 'Super Humans'.  
**Reminders for next term:**  
Can I remind you all that it is very important to read with your child every day at home.  
Can I also take the opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Great New Year!



## Badgers

The Badgers have had another fabulous and busy term! A particular highlight was our Christmas Performance; it really showcased how hard the children had worked to learn all of the words and actions and we were all thoroughly impressed. In Literacy we have been developing our understanding of how to improve our writing through the process of planning, drafting, editing and publishing. The children applied this to their writing of their own version of "Owl Babies" and I was very pleased with everyone's efforts. Our Maths Mastery learning has focussed on consolidating the children's understanding of numbers to twenty with a particular emphasis on place value. Well done Year One; have a great Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



## Hedgehogs

The Hedgehogs class have had a fantastic half term! Our IPC topic 'Celebrations' has kept us very busy and engaged. We have really enjoyed learning about different sources of light, nocturnal and diurnal animals and celebrations around the world. The children have also been working very hard in Numeracy to consolidate their numbers to twenty and understand the building blocks of our place value system. In gymnastics we have begun choreographing our own routines in small groups. More recently we have been learning about Christmas and the children have sequenced and written some fantastic Christmas stories. They loved designing and then making their salt dough decorations to be sold at the Christmas fête. I am very proud of the children's continued hard work and performance at the Ascension Church – they worked so hard to learn the song and actions. In January we will be starting our new IPC topic 'What's It Made Of?' exploring different materials. I look forward to seeing you then and wish you all a merry Christmas!



## Leopards

The Leopards have had a very busy second half term! We have been learning through our topic 'Let's Pretend'. In maths we have been learning about weight, capacity and shape and practicing using our number s within 10 to count, add and subtract. We have enjoyed going to forest school and we will be looking forward to the other half of the Leopards going to forest schools next half term. We enjoyed going to the French institute as part of the French Children's Festival and we had the wonderful Magali le Huche, author and illustrator, come to our class and carry out a workshop. In the run up to Christmas we have been practicing our nativity and we have had a visitor to our class, Cloppy the Elf. He has been getting up to all sorts of mischief that the children have been spotting! We wish you a Happy Christmas and Happy holidays! See you in 2016!



## Tigers

Wow what a busy term we have had in the Tigers! We have been pretending to be lots of different characters. We have learnt how an author writes a first draft then edits their writing. We are fantastic mathematicians and know all about numbers to 10 as well as weight, shape and position. We have thought about our Right to be Safe during Anti-bullying week and we gave advice to our friends and learnt from the three little pigs how to say 'Stop I don't like it,' and ask an adult to help. Tigers have loved getting ready for Christmas. We have had a little visitor, Reindeer Elf that Santa has sent to our classroom to check the Tigers have been good all year. That Elf has been a little mischievous but we have taught him how to respect our Rights at school. We have really enjoyed the magical Town Hall Cherub show at the BAC. Phew. We are ready for a holiday. Happy Christmas! See you in the New Year!



## Zebras

We have had a fantastic half term. We have been busy learning all about our favourite story book characters. We are able to retell our favourite stories such as The 3 Little Pigs and Goldilocks and the 3 Bears! We have enjoyed practising our Nativity play and performing to an audience. We remembered to use our big speaking and singing voices. The trips to the Battersea Arts Centre enlightened our imagination and we learnt all about The Town Hall Cherub! On the 1st December, Santa sent us an elf whom we named 'snow'. He has got up to lots of fun and interesting activities within our classroom and the children have remembered to look after him as directed by Santa himself! Our next topic is 'shopping' where we will experience real life and role play shopping experiences. We also welcome new Zebras into our class in January. Happy holidays, see you in 2016!

