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Shaftesbury Park Primary School Shaftesbury Update

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Welcome to the first Shaftesbury Update of 2016!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all children, parents and staff a very happy New Year. Here's to another exciting term!

A few start-of-term reminders...

Punctuality and Attendance

It was lovely to be able to praise so many children for 100% attendance at the end of the last term. The New Year is a wonderful opportunity for all pupils to really try hard to be in school on time everyday so they too may be praised or 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.



MISSING
(SCHOOL) =
MISSING
OUT

Teachers cannot teach an empty chair so every minute your child misses through lateness means lost learning. Over the course of a year this can really add up:

- 5 minutes late each day - 3 days lost!
- 10minutes late each day - 6.5 days lost!
- 15 minutes late each day - 10 days lost!
- 20 minutes late each day - 13 days lost!
- 30 minutes late each day - 19 days lost!

Right of the Month - Article 28

Every child has the right to an education.

Uniform

We are very impressed with how smart pupils' uniform is looking. We would ask that parents continue to ensure that their child/children wear the correct uniform every day, including black shoes, and that their child comes to school with a coat that is either navy blue or black. Please make sure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled - we have lots of lost property that we cannot return as we don't know who it belongs to!

We are very excited to announce that we will shortly be moving to an online uniform order service with our current school supplier, Gooddies Ltd. Parents will be able to order their child's uniform online anytime day or night with free delivery to the school. Moving online also means we will be able to offer a wider range of products, including PE kit, and crucially there will be no more waiting for items that are out of stock! We look forward to bringing you all the details on this very shortly.

Other reminders

Please don't park, stop or wait on the **Zig Zag lines** outside of the school. These lines are for your children's safety and mark where many children will be crossing the road. Cars parked in these areas will be much more likely to hit a child. The roads surrounding our school already have limited visibility because of many parked cars and trees, so help us to make it safer for everyone by not parking on the zig zag lines.

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

Lastly, we would like to remind parents that Shaftesbury Park Primary School is a nut-free school. **Nuts and nut products (for example cereal bars containing nuts) are not permitted on the school premises** under any circumstances. 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 these matters.



Violins

At the end of last term, year 4 children gave a fabulous concert for parents and carers in the lower hall. Although the children have only had 10 violin lessons, the two groups each performed two songs - Group A played 'Jig' and 'Silent Night' and Group B played 'Willow' and 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas'. We were all very impressed with the standard of playing and look forward to more concerts in the coming year. Well done everyone!

Fete Update

I am very pleased to announce that the grand total raised by the Winter Fete on Thursday 10th December 2016 was a staggering £1597.80! Many thanks to everybody who donated items for our tombolas and raffles, bottle and sweets as well as those of you who bought raffle tickets. We would also like to thank everyone who helped us prepare or volunteered on the day.

Cake sale

On the last day of the Autumn term, children in Dolphins class held a cake sale in aid of the charity Free the Children, a brilliant charity that empowers communities to lift themselves out of poverty by working with them to bring about improvements in the 5 key areas of education, water/sanitation, health, agriculture/food security and entrepreneurship. Thanks to the generosity of those who donated cakes, the children managed to raise a staggering £63.96. Well done Year 6!



If you have any old wellington boots that you don't use anymore, please consider donating them to forest school. With all this wet weather, all donations are extremely welcome and will definitely come in useful!



Presenting...
Breakfast
at Shaftesburys
(in the ground floor hall)

Come and celebrate #BreakfastWeek
with a free healthy breakfast on us!

**Coming
Soon!**



Check out the Rights of the Month highlighted in blue



The year 2015 was a remarkable one for Shaftesbury Park in many respects. As a 'good' school, we experienced all of the highlights that one might expect including excellent educational attainment across the key stages and great sporting successes. However, these are not the only successes we have to be proud of.



19 November

The vision and mission of our school, as agreed in consultation with staff and parents, both include aspirations to create global citizens, able to 'play a valuable role in their school, local community and the wider world'. Time and again the children have demonstrated this, especially in the activities they have undertaken as part of our Rights Respecting School work.



Highlights of this important work include the children writing to the government to tell them what human rights they wanted to see protected (as MPs discussed the possibility of repealing the Human Rights Act in favour of a British Bill of Rights back in May 2015), the elections and protests held by the Turtles Class of 2015 and of course, the Model United Nations General Assembly.



TUESDAY 7TH JULY



We are also extremely proud of the children's generosity - generosity with their time (helping others during playtimes and lunchtimes, volunteering at events like the book fair) but also in their support of various fundraising initiatives during the last 12 months. 2015 saw the children begin to take an active lead in many of these, most memorably deciding to do a Wig Walk in aid of Mrs Thomas. Just last term our Year 6 children organised, promoted and ran a fabulous cake sale in aid of Free the Children, raising over £50!

In the same month that we commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day (27th January), this quote by one of it's victims, Anne Frank, is particularly appropriate:

“No one has ever become poor by giving.” — Anne Frank

Generosity, both in terms of time and money, are absolutely vital in ensuring children grow up to be well-rounded, empathetic, compassionate and caring adults, not to mention helping to make this world a better place for everyone.

We hope you will join us in congratulating the children for their fantastic achievement during 2015!

Mr Smith's Taiwanese Adventure

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday. As we return to school at the start of another New Year, I thought I would share with you how I spent the festive period - on a **maths fact-finding mission in Taiwan**, courtesy of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust.



After a long 16 hour flight, I spent the holidays visiting schools and universities to research maths education in Taiwan. I visited 4 cities across Taiwan - Taipei, Hsinchui, Taichung and Kaoshiung, meeting with local universities and observing maths classes.

Taiwan is very diverse in terms of religious belief so I spent Christmas day itself observing a Year 3 class teacher teach fractions, before taking part in a lesson discussion with other mathematics coordinators from across Taipei who observed the lesson too.

Although different in many ways, Taiwan has similar educational challenges to the UK and teachers there ensure all lessons are captivating and interesting for the children just as we do. We also use similar methods to those used in Taiwan, particularly the way we use **manipulatives** at the start of every lesson.

I had a really lovely time in Taiwan and enjoyed the warm weather and great food. I'm now looking forward to visiting Shanghai once again for my final piece of his research later on this year and sharing my experiences with my colleagues here to help us all make sure that our mathematics teaching is as effective as it can possibly be.

Manipulatives are the physical resources (e.g. cubes, counters) that the children use to get to grips with a particular maths concept.

Please do come and speak to me about my trip if you see me in the playground.



Andy Smith
Deputy Head



Dates for the Diary - Spring 1 & 2

Date	Event	Is it for parents?
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NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 12 th January	FoSP meeting - 7:00pm	Parents welcome
Wednesday 13 th January	Foundation Stage Open Morning - 9:30am	Prospective parents, please book your space with the School Office.
Wednesday 13 th January	Dolphins sharing assembly - 9:30am	Parents welcome

COMING SOON

Wednesday 20 th January	Owls sharing assembly - 9:30am	Parents welcome
Thursday 21 st January	Graffiti theatre show for years 5 & 6	-
Wednesday 27 th January	Badgers sharing assembly - 9:30am	Parents welcome
Thursday 28th January	Breakfast at Shaftesbury	EVERYBODY WELCOME! More details to follow
Monday 1 st -5 th February	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) week	-
Wednesday 3 rd February	Sharks sharing assembly - 9:30am	Parents welcome
Thursday 4 th February	Coffee morning - 9:00am Focus: Introduction to mindfulness	Parents welcome
Friday 5 th February	KS1 children's evening event, 6 - 7.30pm. More information to follow	KS1 children with their parents
Tuesday 9 th February	FoSP meeting - 9:00am	Parents welcome
Tuesday 9 th February	Science curriculum evening - 6:00pm	Parents welcome
Wednesday 10 th February	Hedgehogs sharing assembly - 9:30am	Parents welcome
Friday 12 th February	Last day of Spring 1	-

Half term: 15th - 19th February

Monday 22 nd February	Children return to school	-
Monday 29 th Feb-4 th March	Book week	-
Tuesday 1 st March	Spring term Parents' evening 1	Please book an appointment with your child's teacher.
Wednesday 2 nd March	Foxes sharing assembly - 9:30am	Parents welcome
Thursday 3 rd March	Coffee morning - 9:00am Focus: Looking after yourself	Parents welcome
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book day parade	-
Tuesday 8 th March	Spring term parents' evening 2	Please book an appointment with your child's teacher.
Wednesday 9 th March	Seals sharing assembly - 9:30am	Parents welcome
Tuesday 15 th March	Spring term parents' evening 3	Please book an appointment with your child's teacher.
Tuesday 15 th March	Year 5 Junior Citizenship workshop	-
Wednesday 16 th March	Turtles sharing assembly - 9:30am	Parents welcome
Friday 18 th March	Sports Relief	-
Tuesday 22 nd March	FoSP meeting 7:00pm	Parents welcome
Wednesday 23 rd March	Easter competition entries due in	-
Thursday 24 ^h March	Easter parade with winners of the competitions LAST DAY OF TERM - finish at 2pm	-

