



"A Local School with a Global Perspective"



Shaftesbury Park Primary School

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A Message from the Chair of Governors

The governing board isn't at the forefront of most people's minds when they think about the school but it plays a key role in providing the school's leadership. The board is in the process of reconstituting following a review and, as part of that, is looking for parent governors.

It is an exciting time for the school with the development of the enterprise approach to complement the existing bilingual provision and being a governor is a great opportunity to be part of the school's continuing improvement.

There are no formal requirements to be a parent governor other than being a parent or carer of a child at the school at the time of appointment (the two year term of office continues even if they leave) and training will be offered.

However, the governing board does undertake a skills audit to ensure it has, across its membership, the necessary skill-set to support the school and would encourage anyone with experience of owning or running a business, links with local business or experience of facilities or premises management to considering putting their name forward.

The board is also aware of the need to be representative of the school and would especially encourage parents from non-bilingual and key-stage 2 classes to apply.

If you would like to find out more or have an informal chat please feel free to get in touch, you can email jamescousins@mac.com or call 07810 834586.

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





It really was fantastic to see everyone coming together in a spirit of sharing and friendship, and the food was outstanding. We look forward to making this an integral part of the school calendar!



On a related note...

We are so grateful to everyone who donates food to school events. However we seem to have amassed a rather large collection of unclaimed tupperware and trays as a result! If you are missing any cookware, please come and reclaim it as soon as possible. Many thanks.





Check out the Rights of the Month highlighted in blue



Article 12

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

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY

This year's International Day of Democracy looked at youth engagement and how democracy might look in the future so we asked our new KS2 School Councillors for their predictions...

Penguins Class

Elodie There will be more ways of voting and more polling stations because there are more people being born who will want to have their opinion heard.

Oliver I think democracy will be completely different from how it is now.

Starfish Class

Aaliyah Politics will be more about helping people, for example the homeless and the poor.

Kayson We will be able to vote by text or on our computers.

Seals Class

Reece It's not fair if adults vote and not children because different things are important to different people. Just because we are children it doesn't mean our opinions are less important.

Monae I think the voting age might go down to encourage more people to vote. I think there will be more of a focus on young people - just because we don't have a vote doesn't mean we aren't affected by politics, for example the NHS strike. We all have the Right to an opinion.

Sharks Class

Sahara Politicians have made poor decisions in the past. People voting haven't been given enough information. Sometimes it is a bit like a tug of war - somebody says one thing, then another person says something else and it is very confusing. I think politics should be made simpler and clearer so people can engage more. I think the voting age could go down if teachers speak with children about politics.

Darnell Technology in the future will be really different. Different things will be important to us. There will be different ways of voting. We don't know what things will be like in the future but I am excited.

Turtles Class

Adam I think that the voting age will go down because it's fairer. Children have good opinions too which they should be allowed to express. I think young people are interested in voting.

Chiara I think the environment will become more important. People are more careful now. This is the only planet we have and people are realising that. People are recycling more, putting up solar panels and the hole in the ozone is healing.

Dolphins Class

Israel I think there will be a greater focus on children and an increased awareness of the effect that decisions adults make can have on new generations (I'm thinking about Brexit).

Kaceria I think in the future there will be more powerful and better technologies. Politicians will campaign directly into our devices and will reach more people.

Dates for the Diary

This Week

Tuesday 20 th September	Friends of Shaftesbury Park meeting 9.15 - 10.45am	Parents
Tuesday 20 th September	Welcome evening for FS parents Focus on phonics and reading: 3.30pm & 5.30pm	Parents
Wednesday 21 st September	Workshop for FS/KS1 parents on Calculations Policy 2.15pm and 6.00pm	Parents
Friday 23 rd September	Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning for parents 9.00am	Parents

Coming Soon

Tuesday 27 th September	Friends of Shaftesbury Park meeting 7.00pm-8.30pm	Parents
Monday 3 rd October	Start of Black History Month	-
Thursday 6 th October	Individual photos	-
Tuesday 11 th October	Friends of Shaftesbury Park meeting 7.00pm-8.30pm	Parents
Thursday 13 th October	Harvest Celebration at Ascension Church, Lavender Hill 2.00pm	Parents
Friday 14 th October	Film Night	Parents, children and Governors

Half term: 24th - 28th October

Monday 31 st October	Children return to school	-
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