



The Shaftesbury Park News

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Children are back to school on Monday 1st June

A Message from Mrs Richards

We are delighted to announce that, following the promotion of Ms Katie Hancock to headship in January 2015, we have now appointed a new Deputy Headteacher, Mr Andrew Smith. Mr Smith will take up this position in September 2015. He is currently teaching in Fulham and has a particular interest in Mathematics as well as 5 years experience of working in bilingual schools. Mr Smith will be visiting our school on the 11th June 2015 and is looking forward to meeting some of you in the playground.

Several parents have been asking about Mrs Julia Thomas (who is one of our KS2 classroom assistants and afterschool club workers) who has been absent for a number of weeks now. Mrs Thomas has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer and is currently undergoing treatment. Our thoughts are with both her and her family at this particularly difficult time. However Mrs Thomas wants me to let you all know that she is doing well and has been cheered by the comforting words and good wishes of the school community.

It has certainly been a busy half term with trips to Kew Gardens and Battersea Park, visits to the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, sports tournaments, cycle training, as well as lots of hard work in class. Our Year 6 pupils have now completed the KS2 SATs (national tests in Reading, Spelling Punctuation and Grammar, Writing and Mathematics). They have all worked extremely hard and this should result in at least good progress across all areas. Next term we look forward to our International Day Summer Fete which takes place on Saturday 13th June, School Journeys to the Isle of Wight and Sayers Croft, Sports Day and many more activities to inspire our children and celebrate their hard work in all areas. Thank you for all your support and I wish you all an enjoyable half-term break!



SHAFTESBURY PARK - INTERNATIONAL SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 13 JUNE, 11AM - 3PM

COME ALONG TO CELEBRATE THE RANGE OF DIFFERENT CULTURES AT SHAFTESBURY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL. TRY FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD, AND ENJOY SONGS AND DANCE PERFORMED BY PUPILS OF ALL AGES.

- A BOUNCY CASTLE
- GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES
- BBQ
- INTERNATIONAL FOOD HALL COOKED BY PARENTS AND STAFF AT THE SCHOOL

PLUS LOTS OF SUMMER FUN AND GAMES



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Wall Art by Shaftesbury Park Pupils

A huge thank you to everyone who brought in items for the fete in order to come to school in their own clothes.

Don't forget our second 'mufti' day on Friday 5th June when we will be collecting toys!

We are currently looking for volunteers to help at the fete...

P.T.O.

The International Day Summer Fete promises to be an exciting event but we'll need lots of help with setting up, manning the stalls and even tidying up afterwards, not to mention food and tombola donations and people to come along on the day in traditional dress.



If you can help please contact the School Office.

Attendance

Congratulations to our attendance superstars! The following children have been in school everyday for this half term, Children with one asterisk next to their names have been in school for two half-terms and will be receiving a bronze star badge, whilst children with two asterisks have been in school for four half-terms and will receive a silver star badge for this excellent achievement.

<u>Zebras</u>	<u>Tigers</u>	<u>Leopards</u>	<u>Hedgehogs</u>	<u>Badgers</u>	<u>Foxes</u>	<u>Owls</u>	<u>Starfish</u>	<u>Sharks</u>	<u>Turtles</u>	<u>Dolphins</u>
Malaak*	Donia*	Bahja	Iqra**	Avery	Anaiya**	Basma**	Hamza	Amber	Ikram	Shaur**
Niyah*	Karim*	Shreeya*	Archie	Jaliyah**	Charlie**	Abdu*	Adam	Connor	Angello	Haytham
Chloe	Alfie	Sara**	Kallum	James **	Haseenah**	Willow	Megan	Ria**	Rico*	Alex
Ibrahim*	Spencer**	Quincy	Yaroslava	Elodie	Marija**	Mia	Tyrell	Israa**	Mariana*	Liam
Riley	Alfie	Charlotte**	Yaasir	Ciara *	Joziyah	Tyra*	Ruby	Katie	Natai	
Lina	Manih	Edward	Jakub	Faith*	Riley		Zayn**	Emma*	Cy*	
Kyron*	Malik*	Amna	Nyran**	Xinyi**	Alban		Frankie*	Carolina	Charlie*	
Ciara	Chelsea**	Louis**	Naim	Lucien	Jamil**		Ismael	Priya	Andre*	
Tyler	Shyanne	Elliot	Delord **	Amari	Alana**		Valentina**	Saffron*	Osman*	
Liam	She-rianna**	Annabell	Kysen	Abdurahman	Malia			Sally*	Shaione	
Saskia	Maggie	Clara**	Adrianna	Javen**				Renee	Amal**	
Markell*	Santino	Haruki**						Scarlett	Tarun*	
Mariam	Bianca*	Ben						Macy*	Morgan	
Harry		Mehdi**						Myia		
Naiomi		Sami								
Reegan		Levi**								
Precious		Jacob**								
		Jonathan**								
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Dolphins

Dolphins have had a busy half term and are happy to have completed their SATS! We have worked very hard improving our writing and wrote some fantastic diary entries detailing our stays at both good and bad hotels! In our IPC topic, 'Water for Everyone' we learnt how unclean water and the lack of water can affect all area of life, from education to health. We have raised money for Wateraid by all walking a mile carrying water- final totals coming soon! We taste tested re hydration drinks and made our own, reached the devastating effects of drought and write fantastic newspaper articles about the causes and effects of floods. In maths, we have been revising all the concepts we have learnt this year- the Dolphins attitude towards their learning this half term has been fantastic! I'm looking forward to working in our end of year play! Well done Dolphins!



Turtles

It has been an incredibly busy half term for all of us in Turtles and we have been gripped by election fever! The class have worked brilliantly in their parties to write their manifestos and design campaign materials to persuade the voters. I was extremely proud of all of the party leaders who delivered their speeches so confidently in assemblies. Mrs Richards has agreed that the winning party will be able to implement one of their promises so watch this space! In literacy we have learnt how to write effective letters for different purposes and developed our use of speech punctuation to write a conversation between two characters. I have been really impressed with the children in maths where they have been using long multiplication to solve a variety of problems. We enjoyed taking part in a concert to raise money for WaterAid with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and it has been a real treat to have our PE lessons at Banana Park—thank you Mr Patterson. Lots more to look forward to next half term with our topic Fit For Life. Have a well deserved break Turtles and well done on all your hard work over the last six weeks.



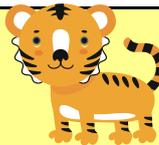
Zebras

Zebras have had a very busy, fun and action packed half term. We launched our Forest School and have had amazing Forest School experiences at Battersea Park and at school. Half of the Zebras attended Forest School and made Forest School crowns from natural objects found at the park. We also used peelers to peel carrots for our 'cafe time'. The other half of the Zebras have experienced dance with Pippa, they have been moving their body creatively to music. These groups will change after half term. We have enjoyed finding out about plants and flowers through stories, songs, creative activities and our own observations. We planted lots of seeds and have watched them grow! We are looking forward to our next topic which is 'Treasure'. We hope you all have a restful half term.



Tigers

The Tigers have had great fun finding out about plants and flowers. We have been learning how to write stories using a story map to help us. We looked at Jack and the Beanstalk and even had a camera crew come and film us retelling this story! We loved watching our seeds grow. We will be finding out what conditions plants need to survive with our scientific investigation this week! We have really enjoyed learning the Willow Pattern Story. We have painted some beautiful Willow pattern plates. The Tigers have been keeping healthy by taking part in yoga or gymnastics this term. We have become super mathematicians as we have been investigating sharing, grouping and counting to 100. We have loved our garden centre especially using money and writing order forms and lists. Have a great holiday!



Leopards

Leopards have had a fantastic half term finding out all about plants and flowers. We enjoyed making and playing in our garden centre where we used money to exchange for goods, wrote lists, labels and 'how to look after our plants'. We enjoyed role playing the Jack and the Beanstalk story and planted our own beans! The Leopards have been learning the story behind the 'Willow tree' plate and have produced some amazing Willow tree plates. In French we have been learning and using the language to name mini-beasts and have used this when going on mini-beast hunts! We have also learnt language to describe position when looking for mini-beasts such as 'under the log'. In Maths we are using numbers up to 100. Investigating sharing, halving and doubling.



Badgers

Badgers have had another busy and successful term! Our IPC Entry Point to our 'I'm Alive' topic was an interesting and action-packed Africa Day that really set us up for a great term's learning. We complemented our topic learning about growing plants by reading 'Handa's Surprise' in Literacy and the children really impressed me with the quality of their writing in both English and French. Maths Mastery has been both challenging and enjoyable, with the children deepening their understanding of place value and starting the topic of measurement. Of course, the highlight of this term (possibly of this year!) was our Sharing Assembly, during which the children delivered their lines from memory with clarity and enthusiasm; I was incredibly proud of them. Have a wonderful half-term break and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.



Hedgehogs

We have had a wonderful half term in the Hedgehogs class. We have started swimming on Wednesdays and I have been so impressed with not only the children's behaviour, but their attitude to swimming. They are keen to have a go and get stuck in! They have represented our school very well on our walks there and at the swimming pool. Thank you to our regular helpers! We have been learning about Africa and are getting very excited about our International Day on the 13th of June where you will get to see some of the things we have been learning and experiencing. In literacy we've been having fun writing information on unusual plants, linked to our 'I'm Alive' topic. Our favourite is the Venus Fly Catcher! I would like to wish you all a very happy half term break and I look forward to seeing you in Summer 2. Remember to practise your reading in the holidays!



Foxes

Another busy half term rushes by in Foxes and what an interesting one it has been. We have loved getting into our topic 'Earth Our Home' and exploring all the countries of origin of our class. We have been looking especially closely at Africa and you would not believe some of the fascinating facts we have found out and wrote about in our non-chronological reports! In Science, we have been learning all about Africa's animals, their habitats and how to sort them according to lots of different criteria. We can't wait to share some of our great work and performances at the International Day on June 13th. In Maths, we have been busy revising lots of our key Maths skills, including the four operations, before our Keys Stage 1 SATs, which began very well this week and will continue after the break. In this holiday, please remember it is just as important as ever to keep reading and practising those key skills as often as possible, as it really does support their learning in school and will prepare them well for the rest of their SATs. Have a great holiday!



Owls

I am pleased to say that we have all had a really good term in Owls class. We have been learning about Africa. The children have enjoyed exploring the different countries in Africa and the different animals. The children have all written non-fiction text about African animals and have learnt some interesting facts. We have been investigating the four operation in numeracy and have also been solving problems involving them. In Science we have sorted and explained the differences between animals and creating our own criteria for them. We have also classified animals according to their features. We have also been very busy revising and have begun our National Curriculum tests, all of which have begun well.



Things to remember for next term:

PE on Mondays. Please make sure your child has the appropriate PE kit (A white t-shirt and blue shorts. Appropriate footwear (trainers/plimsolls) will also be needed for health and safety reasons.)

Have a simply wonderful half term break!

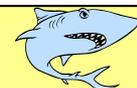
Starfish

Starfish have had great half term with lots of time spent outside exploring the natural world! As part of our ICP topic we have learnt all about the Amazon rainforest and the people and animals that live there. The children really enjoyed the story of the Great Kapok tree and through this we discovered lots about conservation efforts and rainforest protection. We wrote persuasive letters to the rest of the school explaining how they could help! In science we had a go at making our own recycled paper to help save the rainforest. During guided reading we have found out about the types of animals that live in the canopy as well as on the forest floor and in art we made some beautiful tissue paper models of these animals for our classroom display. We were very lucky to have had a fantastic day out to Kew Gardens where we learnt how to survive in the rainforest. We also explored the gardens identifying plants and trees as well as spotting ducklings and geese. In maths we have been looking at our problem solving skills and practicing column addition and subtraction. We have also learnt about measuring perimeters and identifying angles.



Sharks

It has been a highly energetic and informative half term! The Sharks have been exploring the IPC topic of Land, Sea and Sky through Art, Literacy and Science activities. We have investigated how we need plants to survive, what a classification key is and which animals are adapted to which habitat. Through this work we have spent time planning and writing an exciting adventure story about being in a rainforest. We have also produced some beautiful art work and researched information about endangered animals. We had a wonderful end of topic trip to Kew Gardens where we learnt about different plants you can find in a rainforest. We also identified types of trees and visited a badger's sett. In Maths we have been practising answering word problems and have successfully managed to add and subtract using the column method, as well as short multiplication. Well done Sharks!



Important Dates for Summer 2

Monday 1st June	Children Return To School
Wednesday 3rd June	Nursery Open Morning - Please Contact the School Office to Book
Thursday 4th June	Kids Company Coffee Morning
Friday 5th June	Hedgehogs Sharing Assembly - 9:30am
Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June	School Journey to the Isle of Wight
Wednesday 10th June	Welcome Event for Children Starting Nursery in Sept 2015
Friday 12th June	Leopards Sharing Assembly - 9:30am
Saturday 13th June	International Day Summer Fete
Monday 15th June	Y1 to Y2 Transition Meeting
Wednesday 17th June	Welcome Event for Children Starting Reception in Sept 2015
Thursday 18th June	Class Photos
Friday 19th June	Tigers Sharing Assembly - 9:30am
Wednesday 24th June	Teddy Bears Picnic For the New Tiger Class
Friday 26th June	Teddy Bears Picnic For the New Leopards Class
Friday 26th June	Foxes Sharing Assembly - 9:30am
Wednesday 1st July - Friday 3rd July	School Journey to Sayers Croft
Wednesday 1st July	KS2 Transition Meeting For Parents
Friday 3rd July	KS1 Transition Meeting For Parents
Friday 3rd July	Reception Graduation and Tea Party
Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July	Healthy Schools Week
Tuesday 7th July	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8th July	Zebras Sharing Assembly - 9:30am
Thursday 9th July	Sports Day at Falcon Park
Friday 10th July	Y6 End of School Trip to Chessington World of Adventures
Monday 13th July	Awards Day
Wednesday 15th July	Y6 Production
Thursday 16th July	New Classes Day
Thursday 16th July	Shaftesbury Park's Got Talent
Thursday 16th July	Y6 Leavers' Disco
Friday 17th July	Leavers Assembly - 9:30am
Friday 17th July	Last Day of Summer 2 - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM

RETURN TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER - WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

