



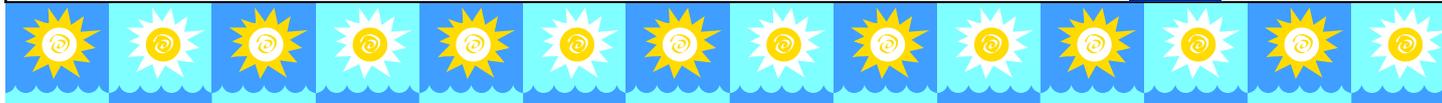
# The Shaftesbury Park News

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# Children are back to school on Wednesday 2nd September

## Attendance and Punctuality for Summer 2

All of these children have won their gold star for achieving over 99% attendance!

<u>Zebbras</u>	<u>Badgers</u>	<u>Hedgehogs</u>	<u>Owls</u>	<u>Starfish</u>	<u>Sharks</u>	<u>Turtles</u>
Riley Tyler	Malia	Kysen Archie	Willow	Njay Aiya Joshua	Amber Connor	Tyrell Ayman Scarlett Myia

Well done!

### Dolphins

Dolphins have had a jam packed end to their time at Shaftesbury Park. This term we have been learning all about fairgrounds. We begun this topic by designing and making our own fairground ride and we discussed the different forces that these rides used. We made our own mini roller coasters and learnt about how gravity, g-force and speed all work together to keep us safe while on a rollercoaster. We completed this unit of work by going on trip to Chessington World of Adventures- we had a wonderful time! We particularly all enjoyed the Vampire and Dragons Fury rollercoaster. In Maths, we continued our fairground theme by designing our own theme parks, budgeting to a given amount. We then worked out the daily running costs of the park and how much money we would make per visitor. Dolphins wrote some excellent spooky diary entries in Literacy that were full of imaginative phrases and ideas- I was scared reading them! We are now busy preparing ourselves to say goodbye to Shaftesbury Park and to say hello to new adventures!



### Turtles

This half term has been all about one thing in Turtles class - being 'Fit for Life!' We have enjoyed our five minutes of fitness everyday designed to raise our heart rates and improve our score in the dreaded beep test. In science we learnt how the circulatory system works and created a comic strip to show the journey of blood through the body. Art lessons have been fun as we have mastered the art of gesture drawing to show movement and tried to copy the style of the artist Archinboldo, who created pictures out of fruit and vegetables!



The children studied the very famous narrative poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes and wrote some fantastic character descriptions using similes and metaphors. In guided reading sessions we learnt about the life of performance poet Benjamin Zephaniah and then in Literacy worked in groups to perform some of his poems - adding beats and actions to bring the poems to life. I have been very impressed with the children's efforts to use long multiplication in maths lessons to solve lots of different problems.

Turtles I have loved teaching you this year and hope you all have a wonderful summer break full of fun with your families. I will look forward to seeing you all in September and following your progress next year too.

## Zebras

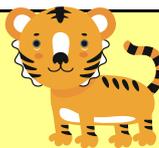
Wow! The Zebras have had a fantastic half term. We began our topic on treasure with a pirate dressing up day.



The pirates were very authentic and remained in character throughout the topic. Our next event was our amazing assembly all about 'under the sea'. The children were confident and creative in their performances. We have taken part in a lot of transition based activities including a Teddy Bears picnic, visits and moving on leaflets to ensure we are ready for our move to our new classes. We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching the Zebras and have enjoyed watching them develop and grow. Enjoy the break over the summer!

## Tigers

Tigers have had a brilliant time searching for treasure in their pirate ship. We are masters of measuring and comparing weight so we know where the heavy gold is! We loved finding out about different creatures that live under the sea and the Tigers produced some amazing art work. We enjoyed presenting our sharing assembly. We felt confident to stand up in front of all our families and the school. We all had a fantastic time at our Sport's Day. Thank you to all our parents for such wonderful support. We have been working hard thinking and talking about our transition to year 1. We all know what to expect and we are going to become happy, helpful, Hedgehogs! I have really enjoyed teaching the Tigers and I am so proud of their achievements. I hope you have a great summer holiday! I will miss my Terrific Tigers!



## Leopards

The Leopards have really enjoyed their last half term in reception. They have been learning about Pirates, Treasure, holidays and sea creatures. They particularly enjoyed having the chance to see and touch a real crab at school! We enjoyed a fantastic, swash-buckling pirates assembly and made all our parents proud at the graduation ceremony. We have been writing and drawing pictures for our special booklets to help us to get ready for our new classes in year one. We can't wait to move upstairs and especially to use the exciting new toilets! Everyone in Leopard class wishes the children and parents a fantastic holiday and look forward to seeing them in the new school year. Congratulations to all the lovely Leopards and well done!



## Badgers

Wow, it's already the end of the academic year! The children have had a fantastic time working on the topic 'From A to B' during which they described a magical imaginary journey, designed and made their own vehicles and wrote postcards from their chosen destinations. I was very impressed by their creative writing! In Maths Mastery the children consolidated their understanding of numbers to 100 by solving a range of interesting problems about money. Our P.E. sessions focused on athletics in preparation for our successful Sports Day and I have been really pleased by the children's level of progress in sport; very well done! I hope that you all have a wonderful summer break and whilst I am saddened that the school year has come to an end, I am so proud of how hard you have all worked. Take care everyone and see you soon!



## Hedgehogs

We have had a wonderful end to the year in the Hedgehogs class. We kicked off this half term with our class assembly in which the children performed beautifully. I was very proud of their ability to project their voices and speak clearly. The children who were able to come also performed very well at the Summer Fete which was a huge success. As you know, the children completed a phonics check this term. They all worked hard to achieve their best here and I am proud of their achievements. What a fantastic day we had for Sports Day last week, thank you very much to the parents who could attend and support us. The children were super team players! Thank you for the support you have given the children this year, I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and I wish you all the best for the future. I shall miss all of my lovely Hedgehogs very much!



## Foxes

We can't believe it's nearly over! First, we finished off our SATs tests and what better way to celebrate than with International Day. It was so nice to share our story and song with adults who came along. We then launched ourselves into our topic 'Hooray!...We're all going on holiday.' What fun it has been learning about the different places around the World. From trips to theme parks, skiing in the mountains to going on a trip to the seaside, we have learnt even more about the planet we live on. We even learnt about the future of travel and pretended to go on a trip out into space on the Virgin Galactic! Whilst learning about these, we learnt how to use coordinates and compass directions too to help us find our way back home. Sports Day was an unbelievable day for the foxes, with both the winners of the Year 2 races from Foxes! There was some super surprises too, with some children really impressing Mr Yorke and Mr Paterson with their skills. What a busy year it has been, the children have learnt so much and deserve a super summer holiday ready for their move into Key Stage 2. Well done Foxes!



Owls have had a

fantastic academic year. The children have completed the SATs and all have made progress across all areas of the curriculum areas. Our IPC Topic this term is 'Hooray!...We're all going on holiday. Owls have written amazing post cards to each other. Sports day was truly outstanding, Well done KS1! **It's the taking part the counts.** It has been an absolute pleasure teaching and getting to know all the children in Owls class. I am sure you will all continue to support your children with their phonics, reading and writing during the summer holidays. Our local library has a reading scheme over the summer holidays. Please pop in to your local library and find out more!! Thank you for all your support throughout the year! I am sure your children will go on to achieve even more in their new class. I wish you all a very enjoyable summer.



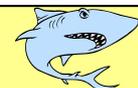
## Starfish

Starfish class have had a great summer term! It's been a busy one. We loved making our head-dresses, our t-shirts and learning our Rio dance for the school fete. Thank you to all that came to take part in and watch the performance. Our ICP topic, Gateways to the World has helped us explore holidays and travel. We really enjoyed our drama class where we improvised travelling on an aeroplane. In literacy we have been exploring the wonderful world of poetry. We learnt that not all poems have to rhyme and created our own poems based on famous poets work. In maths we have been revising our column addition and subtraction as well as learning about exploring combinations and logical methods. I have had such a great two terms teaching Starfish and want to thank you for all your support. I will miss Starfish class very much and wish them the best of luck in the future!



## Sharks

What a half term! We have been so busy in the Sharks class that the last seven weeks have flown by! We started off the half-term rehearsing our 'Rio' dance and making our t-shirts and headaddresses for the summer fete. Thank you to everyone who came along on that day to support us. The theme of exotic countries continued as we explored different locations in our I.P.C. Topic 'Gateways to the World' and practised our persuading skills to convince our friends to come on holiday with us! These persuasive skills continued into advert making! We revised time in Maths and think we have mastered the 24 hr clock. Our swimming continued, where we practised front crawl, back stroke and jumping in the deep end! I have enjoyed teaching my fabulous Sharks this year so much and I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday. Well done!



## Just a few important upcoming dates for the next academic year!

*Please see September's Shaftesbury Update for the full calendar of dates for Autumn 1*

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Children return to school
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Welcome evening for parents 3:30 & 5:00pm - KS1 (Badgers, Hedgehogs, Foxes & Owls)  4:15 & 5:45pm - KS2 (Starfish, Seals, Sharks, Turtles, Dolphins)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Welcome evening for Foundation Stage parents (Tigers & Leopards) 3:30 & 5:30
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Lower Hall 9:00–10:00am
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents' Social - 7pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Harvest Celebration at the Ascension Church - 2pm

**\*\*Half-term\*\***

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

*Have a great holiday  
everyone!*

