



Shaftesbury Park Primary School

Shaftesbury Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

FoSP set dates for autumn events!

Please support the events that we are hoping to hold this term including a Halloween party on 7th November (for children from reception to Year 2) and a parents' social evening on 28th November. Look out for posters advertising these events in the near future! We have also started a 'board' on a smartphone and internet app called Glassboard. Any interested parents are welcome to join us by visiting the following website: <https://app.glassboard.com/web/invitation/code/ztxtv>

Harvest Festival at the Ascension Church

We hope to see lots of parents at our Harvest Festival at the Ascension Church, Lavender Hill on Tuesday 21st October at 2pm. All classes will be sharing something that they have been working on this half term. Please help us to make the event a success by ensuring that your child brings in on the day the particular items of clothing that they have been asked to wear as a simple costume (please see your child's class teacher for more information about this).

Harvest donations

Each year we ask for donations of non-perishable food items to be brought to school in the week before the Harvest Festival. This food is then donated to local charities. Please bring in any donations to either the Office or to your child's class teacher. Thank you very much for supporting us with this.

Social media

If you haven't already joined us on social media, we can be found on Twitter (@shaftesburypk) and on Facebook (Shaftesbury Park Primary-School - you can become a subscriber without being a 'friend' of the school). We regularly post information and pictures from daily life at Shaftesbury Park! Please remember that if you have any comments to make to the school, school media is not the appropriate forum to do so, and correct channels should continue to be followed.

School Journeys

We still have 3 places available for the Y5/6 School Journey to the Isle of Wight - Don't miss out on the fantastic trip we have planned, see the School Office today for details on how to reserve your place! If your child is in Y3 or 4, look out for a letter going home next week about our annual Sayers Croft trip.

Governor vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a co-opted Governor. Unlike a parent Governor, a co-opted Governor is not elected, but appointed by the Governing Body because of the particular skills they can offer to the school. If you would be interested in becoming a school Governor, please contact deputy@shaftesburypark.wandsworth.sch.uk outlining what skills and support you feel you would be able to bring to the Governing Body/ school, and these will be passed on to our Chair of Governors.

Variety, the children's charity

Variety is a children's charity providing practical help for children who are sick disabled and disadvantaged.

Please help us to raise as much money as possible for this fantastic cause by buying a gold heart from the School Office for just £1.

There are a number of different heart designs to choose from including Little Miss



Sunshine (pictured), Little Miss Naughty, Mr Tickle, magic wands, rainbows and doves - get them quick before they sell out!

Upcoming dates this half term:

Tuesday 21st October: Harvest celebration at 2pm in the Ascension Church on Lavender Hill
 Wednesday 15th October: Turtles trip to the British Museum
 Thursday 23rd October: Dolphins trip to the British Museum
 Friday 24th October: Last day of Autumn 1 half term
 Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October: HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
 Monday 3rd November: Return to school

Shoot to the Moon winners!

Foundation Stage:	Key Stage 1:	Key Stage 2:
Zebras: Dean & Saskia Tigers: Victoria & Shyanne Leopards: Amna & Mariam	Badgers: Faith & Mya Hedgehogs: Archie & Aliyyah Owls: Willow & Glory Foxes: Sofia & Mason	Starfish: Aiya & Hamza Sharks: Chiara & Connor Turtles: Yahmari & Scarlett Dolphins: Demi & Louise

The best attendance and punctuality for last week!

Our Foundation Stage winning class: Leopards	Our Key Stage 1 winning class: Badgers	Our Key Stage 2 winning class: Sharks
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Congratulations to this week's 100 word challenge winner Macy Walker Youngs



In Turkey I went on a jeep safari. We arrived at a riverbed, down a dusty track. Other jeeps started to arrive, filled with people. Then a car turned up with the boot filled with water pistols! My family bought some from the man. As I looked around there were water fights everywhere. I just had to join in because it looked so much fun. It was a great day.

We loved Macy's very original idea of strangers meeting up in a secret location for a huge water pistol fight. Well done Macy!

The prompt this week is: ...suddenly I was able to see again...

This prompt was chosen by the charity **Sight Savers** which is an organisation helping people who have cataracts, the number one cause of blindness in the world. This is not something that just affects adults - in a lot of developing countries it's a huge problem for children too, and if it's not caught in time sight loss can be permanent.

Blindness in a poorer, developing country can be devastating; you're often isolated and excluded, unable to get an education or work to support your family so you're completely reliant on those around you. It's hardly surprising then that people often say it feels like a miracle when they get their sight back.

Think about what that would mean. Use it as part of a story where it makes all the difference.

Children have the right to good quality healthcare... Rich countries should help the poorer countries achieve this (Article 24 of the UNICEF Convention of the Rights of the Child)