



# Shipley Church of England Primary School

Nurturing Creative Thinking for Life Long Learning

## Weekly Update 19 November 2018

### Attendance target 97%

Whole school week ending: 95.9% So close to our target. Let's see if we can do 97% next week. We have many children taking time off with illness at present. Please encourage your child to wash their hands after they have been to the bathroom, when they have sneezed or coughed and to use the hand sanitizer that is available in all classrooms.

Number of Lates: 21

### Whole school week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Family Dining Parents Event.**

This week parents from Years 2-6 who have pre-ordered a lunch can come and join in family dining. Please can we ask parents to arrive for 11.50am so that we can seat you in the hall. Your lunch will be completed by 12.30 but you are welcome to stand and watch the second sitting when our older children take turns to serve.

At Shipley we have adopted a progressive approach to family dining to suit the needs of our children. It has taken a number of weeks to find what works best but we feel that our purpose and aims for family dining are now becoming embedded.

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 are served by the kitchen staff and have their lunch on trays at the beginning of the year so that we can teach them manners, how to use a knife and fork correctly, teach them about the different foods that are on offer, sit appropriately at the table and encourage them to try new food. We aim for Year 1 to be joining a family dining experience by the end of year 1 in preparation for Year 2.

Year 2 and 3 are served by our Year 6 children and learn table manners, conversational skills and are encouraged to develop more independence, work as a team, build relationships and show respect for each other. Our Year 6 children learn responsibility, independence, communication skills, team skills and a sense of pride.

Year 4,5 and 6 serve themselves at their tables. By Year 4 our children understand the importance of independence and team skills and they organise themselves at their tables to serve their lunches, communicate effectively and ensure that everyone is treated equally and with respect.

We feel that family dining has had a hugely positive impact on our childrens independence, relationships between pupils and between age groups, their ability to try something new and their communication skills. We hope you enjoy your experience.

### Notices

Thank you to the parents who attended the online safety meeting on Thursday. This meeting will be repeated on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 2.15pm 2019 and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 6.00pm. I would strongly urge you to attend one of these meetings to ensure that we all keep our children safe online even if you think you know. This training is for parents of children of all ages including reception and KS1.

#### **Children in Need**

Thank you to everyone who donated money for Children in Need on Friday and a big thank you to Mr Wilkinson for being a good sport. We will let you know how much we have when we have done the big count.

**Christmas Dinner and Jumper day- Please make sure you have ordered your child's Christmas Dinner.**

### HELP

#### Christmas Curry Night 14<sup>th</sup> December

We are looking for some willing volunteers who can be part of our cooking team. If you can help us cook our curry for our fundraising evening or provide a large number of plates, cutlery and bowls or make any sundries, please contact Mrs Smith.

Christmas curry night will be a fun, fundraising evening for families with food, music and games to raise money for school fund. We need your help. Please note this event will be instead of the annual Christmas Fair which will be replaced with a Summer Fair in July.

### Foundation Stage and KS1

19.11.18 –Yr2- Parents family dining experience .  
Reception and Year 1 parents can join us for family dining week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

### Lower KS2-Yr3&4

Following our successful rock stars day please keep practising your times tables.  
20.11.18- Yr 3 – Parents family dining experience  
21.11.18- Yr4 – Parents family dining experience.

## **Upper Key Stage 2-Yr 5&6**

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22.11.18- Year 5 Parents family dining experience

23.11.18- Year 6 Parents family dining experience.

### **Other news from KS2**

1. We now have 6 volunteer readers from Key Stage 5 (Years 12/13) at Bradford Grammar School reading with children from Years 1,2 and 3 every Wednesday.
2. Years 5 and 6 will have a 'Moneywise Workshop' provided by Santander next Thursday - helping them to understand more about how we can be wiser with our money!
3. The book fair starts on Friday 30th November and it is HALF PRICE on all books this time! Money raised will go towards buying new books for the library and for classrooms.
4. Year 6 girls have been doing drama sessions based on Shakespeare and will be doing a short performance for the school on Thursday 27th November at 2.45pm. Adults welcome. Year 6 boys have been completing a 'Confident Me' programme exploring how the media can influence our confidence and self esteem.

## **Community News**

Sponsor a slate for St Paul's Church roof just £10. Please call in the office for a form.

Westcliffe Youth Club for children in years 1-6. Thursday 6.15pm-7.15pm (term time only)

### **Dates for this term**

19.11.18- Family Dining parents week

19.11.18- New Reception intake open morning 9.00-10.30am

27.11.18- Shipley & Baildon Headteachers to visit family dining.

30.11.18- Junior Prince William Award Graduation

3.12.18- Comedy of Errors Performance Alhambra Theatre

5.12.18- Rewind to Christmas Yr 6

11.12.18- Nativity- Reception, Yr1,2 parents

13.12.18- Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

14.12.18- Christmas Curry Night

17.12.18- KS1 Christmas Party

18.12.18- KS2 and EYFS Christmas Party

19.12.18- Carols around the Christmas Tree- Parents invited to join us from 2pm for mince pies and mulled wine/juice.

19.12.18- School Closes for Christmas at 3.15pm

3.1.19- School reopens