



Shipley Church of England Primary School

Nurturing Creative Thinking for Life Long Learning

NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2 9 June 2017

A Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a restful break. Thank you to all pupils and parents who took part in our welly competition before the holidays. I am sure you will agree that we had some excellent ideas and they are now brightening up our playground.

During the holidays we have seen a number of changes in the playground. Feedback from the children has been really positive and it has created much more space for pupils to play. As a result, we will be encouraging pupils to have their lunches outside on the warmer days and extending lunchtime playtimes slightly to make the most of the summer weather.

We have a number of plant pots around the grounds which need a bit of love. If anyone can spare an hour or so to re-plant them we would be very grateful.

This final half term of the year is a very busy one. Staff and pupils are already preparing for next year and as part of our reviewed transition and assessment policy pupils have already begun their new exercise books in preparation for moving classes. This will ensure that we have accurate and agreed assessment information transferring to the new classes. Pupils are being encouraged to take pride in their new books and follow our new Shipley code of being PROUD.

I thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at our different activities this term.

Church News

Revd Henriette Howarth will be joining us on our governing body from July 2017. We look forward to having her with us on our new journey.

Worship

John Fraud, from the Zephaniah Trust, continues to support us and he will be coming to school to do an assembly on 13th July at 1.15pm. John's assemblies are always full of music, reflection and fun. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Assemblies

Year 2- Thursday 22nd June 2017 2.45pm

Reception- Thursday 29th June 2.45pm

Year 6 Leavers assembly – 20th July 2.00pm

Please come and join us Friday assemblies at 2.45pm even if your child has not been selected as star of the week and celebrate the week's events.

Coffee and Chat

Everyone is welcome to come and join us for a coffee and chat on Thursdays in the nurture room 9.00am until 10.00am. It is a good way to find out what is going on at school and in Shipley.

22nd June there will be an Early Communication drop in session for parents with pre-school children.

29th June and 20th July Mrs Smith will be attending.

Clean Air Day

Thursday 15th June is National Clean Air day. This is particularly pertinent to Shipley because we are very close to a very busy main road which has been identified as having high levels of pollution. The school will be taking part in a traffic survey, travel to school survey and we will be hanging banners outside of school to encourage drivers to turn off engines when waiting at traffic lights or when parked outside school. If you would like to be involved in helping us please let Mrs Smith know via the school office.

Fundraising

Fundraising is more important than ever in our current climate. Schools budgets are diminishing dramatically over the next 3 years and Headteachers are already making dramatic cuts across school which affects staffing levels and resources. More details about this will be provided at the next Headteacher evening.

Shipley Friends funds are a crucial part of providing resources and opportunities to support our vision for the school. If

you would like to be part of our excellent team of fundraisers we need you now more than ever. Please contact the school office if you are able to give time, ideas, contacts for raising funds or have a business that can sponsor us.

At present the money that Shipley Friends has raised will be going towards a new library in the small building. Something that we are in desperate need of. Going forward we also want to put in a computer suite to provide quality IT teaching. The school council is very eager to develop the playground and we are currently approaching Asda for some money to buy some multi-sport goals, but we also want to have some permanent equipment such as a trim trail.

30-Hours Provision

If you are a working parent, you can apply now for two new government childcare schemes launching this year. If eligible for tax-free childcare, you will receive a government top-up of £2 for every £8 you pay into your tax-free childcare account. In addition, if you are a parent of a 2-3 yr old, you may be eligible for a 30-hours Free Childcare place in September. Tax-free Childcare, which begins immediately, and 30-hours Free Childcare, which begins in September, can be applied for through the new Digital Childcare service if you have child under 4 on 31st August 2017 or a disabled child who is under 17. To apply, visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Details about how many 30 hour places we will be able to offer will be advertised in the next 2 weeks.

Fire Alarm

I would like to apologies to any residents close to school for the disruption our fire alarm system caused during the holidays. Mrs Connor (Previous Executive Headteacher) and Mrs Pollard (Chair of Governors) identified issues with our very old fire alarm system before Christmas and I have since identified other issues. Therefore, a bid was made to the Diocese for funding to replace it.

I can announce that we have been successful with that bid and a whole new alarm system will be put in place during the summer holidays.

BBC music day

15 pupils took part in a Tamboo Bamboo workshop this week in preparation for the world record event on Thursday 15th June. This is a fantastic event at City Park in Bradford. There will be nearly 1000 children taking place! Parents and children can also join in the fun after school until 8.00pm for free if you wish to join in the music fun and listen to some live music. We will let you know how we get on.

Race for life

On Friday 23rd of June we will be holding a Race for Life run on the school field. It is also One Britain, one Nation day in Bradford and we will be celebrating and giving a Shout out for Shipley as part of this day too. Please come and join us in our run or just cheer us on. More details to follow.

Calling all Musically talented parents

Drama club are performing a short production on 19th July and would like to have life music to accompany them. We have heard that we have a lot of talent parents out there and hope that we can form a parent band to help us bring our play to life. If you can help us please contact Mrs Smith or Mrs Eccles via the school office.

After School Club

If you need to contact a member of staff from the after school club please ring the school office who will connect your call. The mobile number will no longer be in use.

Headteacher Evening

Mrs Smith will be holding a Headteacher evening this term. The date of this will be confirmed when our Ofsted inspection is published.

Headteacher evenings are a chance for you to hear the progress the school is making, details of national strategies that affect our school and find out what is planned for the coming term.

Mrs Smith holds these meetings 3x per year to keep you up to date and ensure that school and parents are working closely together. Shipley has been through a great deal of change in the past 2 years and everyone must work together and share the responsibility to ensure it continues to move in the right direction.

Please try to attend these meetings and find out what you can do to help your children.

From September the dates of these meetings will be published at the start of the year so that you can put them in your diaries.

Dates for your diary:

22nd June Year 2 Class Assembly
23rd June Race for Life- School Field
29th June Reception Class Assembly
30th June Year 6 Gourmet meal
5th July Transition Day
July 7th Sports day

Week beginning 10th July Early Years to Yr 5 Reports
Week beginning 17th July Year 6 Reports
19th July Drama Club performance
20th July Year 6 Leavers Assembly
21st July Summer Holidays
6th September School Re-opens