



Shipley Church of England Primary School

Nurturing Creative Thinking for Life Long Learning

NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Headteacher

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the lack of newsletters in the past couple of weeks. The beginning of the year has certainly been a busy one. However, I hope you have been able to keep up to date with things via the school website and we are now back on track to newsletters every two weeks.

During the last 4 weeks Shipley Primary School has been focusing on our school vision. The authority and I have written our action plans following our Ofsted inspection. Our governors have had a review, re-organised their sub committees and planned their priorities for the year. The teaching staff have been introducing our new timetable and focusing on engaging our pupils as explorers, developing their team skills and setting the expectation for the year. The pupils have been explorers in the local environment and taken part in my outdoor, team challenges and our Head Girl and Head Boy have been recruiting Eco Warriors from Years 3&4 and lunch time helpers from Years 5&6. This is just the tip of the iceberg! Years 3&4 have visited Saltaire, Year 6 Cartwright Hall, there has been an information evening for parents regarding assessment and expectation and our reception children have begun full days and are doing fantastically well.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new parents and children to the school. Not only reception parents but also those parents and children who have joined us this term from other local schools and from schools further afield. We are very proud of Shipley Primary School and we are very happy that you have chosen to join us.

Lastly, I would like to thank parents that I have had personal contact with this term for various reasons. It is a pleasure to work with parents who are supportive of the school and the work that we do with your children and we should be proud of how we work together. Together we are all making a difference to the school and our children.

Church News

Please check our link on the website for news of things happening with St Pauls Church.

Worship We were pleased to welcome Bradford North Food Bank on 25th September. They took a whole school assembly to raise awareness with pupils about those who need our help not just at Harvest time but around the year.

Harvest

Please come and join us on Tuesday 17th October at 1.30pm for our harvest festival.

Donations to the food bank are great fully received. Please send into school before the 17th.

Prayer Group

Prayer group continues to meet for any parents or relatives of the school who would like to join them. They now meet the first Monday in every month at 9.00am in the Annexe. If you have a loved one or a subject you would like them to pray for please write it down and leave on or by the prayer tree in the main entrance. For anything confidential please use the prayer box.

Deputy Headteacher

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Bowers has successfully interviewed for the post of Deputy Headteacher and will begin her permanent position with us in January 2018.

Mrs Bowers has been helping us out over the last term and we are delighted that she has enjoyed working with us and applied for the position.

Everyone at Shipley would like to congratulate her and look forward to continuing our work together.

Fair Trade

A group of pupils took part in a Fairtrade event in Bradford on Friday. They will be bringing back ideas and plans about being a fair trade school. We will begin our journey to this award during our Christmas Fayre when pupils will sell Fairtrade items to raise money for school.

Heritage Award

We are hoping to gain an award through work led by Miss Carter in the coming Year. Shipley will be developing a number of initiative into our curriculum linked to our local heritage with an aim to gain recognition as a leading heritage school.

Shingley Friends AGM- We need volunteers Urgently

Shingley Friends AGM is on Thursday 19th October at 9am. Everyone Welcome.

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.

Shingley 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 Shingley Friends has raised will be going towards a new library and IT suite in the school annexe. Something that we are in desperate need of. Going forward the school council is very eager to develop the playground. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Governors

School governors will be available during parents evening to discuss their role and work within the school.

Following our recent review it was commented that we have a group of very dedicated and skilled governors who are ready to help the school move forward. They are very interested to hear your thoughts and ideas regarding their role. The next full governor meeting is 6th December.

SAFEGUARDING WEEK

The week beginning 9th October is safeguarding week across Bradford. At Shingley we take safeguarding very seriously and have safeguarding constantly on our agenda. This week every class will focus on 'Talk Pants'. This is an initiative introduced by the NSPCC and teaches children that their body belongs to them and who to talk to if they are worried. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any worries you or your child have around this topic please do not hesitate to contact our safeguarding leads Mrs Smith, Mrs Bowers, Miss Woodhouse, Mrs Hoyle. You can find further information regarding this programme on the NSPCC website. www.NSPCC.org.uk.

Information Events for Parents

Thank you to the 16 parents who attended our assessment information evening.

Following the small turn out at the event we have decided that future events will take place either 9.00am or 3.00pm. Dates for such events are advertised on the school calendar on our website. Text messages are sent a couple of days before the event to remind parents.

It is vitally important that as parents you are engaged with your child's learning and these events provide you with the most up to date information we can give you on education and how you can support your child. Without your support and interest your child may not have the chance to achieve their full potential. Please attend these events and support your child and school.

The next event will be an update from the Headteacher regarding progress made since the Ofsted inspection on Thursday 2nd November 9am and 3.00pm.

Country file Ramble for Children in Need

On Friday 13th October we are inviting children and parents to join us for a sponsored ramble in aid of Children in Need. All you need to do is turn up with the correct footwear and clothing and your sponsor form. See class letters.

Young Voices

We have 30 children signed up to take part in this years National Young Voices concerts. 30 children will join around 5000 other children at Sheffield arena in January to sing with the largest choir in the UK. They also get to experience famous singers, dance groups and work with an experienced orchestra and conductor. Look out for us on BBC Look North.

Health and Wellbeing

The health and wellbeing of our pupils and parents is an important aspect of our school vision. It is important that we look after and look out for each other so that we can support our children and give them the best chances in life. We have begun this year by introducing a dance based exercise warm up every morning in the playground for pupils and parents to join in. Pupils also have the chance to run a mile every lunch time with Miss Halliday and we have also introduced new initiatives at lunch time such as skipping and healthy lunch boxes. As part of this drive to have healthy minds and bodies there will be information available during parents evening on how you can get involved in improving your health and well-being. This could involve improving your diet, becoming part of a friendship/support group, having cooking classes or

learning English. We will also be introducing family dining as soon as next term and aiming to source our food locally and organically, offer healthier snacks at break time and reduce the amount of fried, sugary items in our lunch boxes. We would like to hear your thoughts regarding balanced diets, groups, courses and information you would be interested receiving through school with the aim to support you and your children. Please visit our Health and Wellbeing stand in the school hall.

Dates- Please see the school website calendar for all dates and events

7th November – Foundation Open Day for September 2018 Intake

Please note change of dates for Nativity KS1 11th December, Foundation 12th December