



Shipley Church of England Primary School

Nurturing Creative Thinking for Life Long Learning

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 16th September 2017

Please note: This will be the last paper copy of the newsletter.

A Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely summer. We are all very excited about the start of the new term and the opportunities we have ahead of us. The children all looked very smart this morning in their new uniforms and we have had a very positive start to the term.

Over the holidays, we have had a new fire alarm system fitted and we will be briefing the children about it in assembly today. We have also found out that we have had our sport premium money doubled and therefore we will be able to move forward quickly with our plans for the playground. The dining hall has been painted and we have new tables arriving on the 18th September. Following this we will be removing the trays used for serving lunches and replacing them with plates and bowls in an aim to make our dining experience much more homely. Staff have been very hard at work in the last 2 days planning a new curriculum and thinking about how we move the school forward to achieve our school vision for all children.

Please note that this will be the last paper copy of the newsletter unless you request/pick a copy up from the school office. Newsletters will continue to be published alternate Fridays and you can find them on the school website under the parent tab. Please visit our website and find out what is happening in school in the Autumn term in the calendar section.

The website will be updated frequently so please keep your eye on it.

I am looking forward to completing my 3rd term at Shipley and working closely with parents to achieve our vision.

Miss Hoare's good news!

Miss Hoare is expecting a baby! It is planned that she will start her maternity in December and Year 2 will be covered by a member of staff in school to ensure that pupils have consistency. Once we have finalised details about handover we will inform Year 2 parents. Please be reassured that a smooth transition will be considered over a suitable time span to ensure pupils are happy and making good progress.

We wish Miss Hoare lots of congratulations.

Snacks and Lunch boxes

The health and wellbeing of your children is very important to us at Shipley and this Year we have a Health and Wellbeing team who will be focusing on getting our children active, eating healthily and focusing on having a healthy mind and attitude. To support us in this work please make sure that pupils only bring healthy snacks for break time and healthy food in their lunch boxes. Healthy snacks include a piece of fruit, yoghurt, boxes of raisins etc. Chocolate bars and crisps are **not** permitted. Due to the high sugar content of flavoured water, fizzy drinks and milk shakes we encourage pupils to drink water at playtimes and lunch times. If you are unsure what constitutes a healthy lunch box please look out for our advertised

Wake up Shake up

Come and join us at 8.45am every morning under the playground shelter for dancing, fun and exercise. Parents and children welcome.
Starting Monday 11th September 2017

We still have places left in our nursery.

If you have/know of any children who are already 3 or will be 3 in this academic year please come and have a look at our provision and book your place.

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

Attendance

Our attendance policy is on our website. Please make sure you are familiar with it. Following our Ofsted inspection we have been advised to be highly vigilant regarding extended leave and persistent absence. Please make sure you have spoken to the Headteacher regarding any planned holiday. We would like to remind you that attendance under 90% is regarded as persistent absence and will be dealt with appropriately. Please do all you can to support the school in achieving our above 95% attendance target.

Dojo's

Dojo's will continue to be used by staff to reward pupils for good work and behaviour as part of our behaviour policy. We also offer a messaging service between parents and teachers through the dojo website. This has been a very effective way for parents to communicate information with their class teacher and both staff and parents have given good feedback about the system.

If you have a questions or wish to provide your class teacher with any information regarding your child which does not require a face to face meeting please feel free to contact them through this secure system. Staff will respond as soon as they can but only between the hours of 8.30 and 4.00pm

Uniform

Just a reminder that KS2 pupils should come to school in their PE kit on their PE days. Class curriculum letters will be issued on Monday 18th September with information regarding your child's curriculum for this term and when PE days are.

PE kit comprises of

white T shirt

black/blue tracksuit bottoms

purple hoody or purple jumper

white/black trainers

black shorts

It is important that pupils have the correct PE kit in school. Please contact the school office if you have any difficulties with providing your child with the correct uniform.