



Shipley Church of England Primary School

Nurturing Creative Thinking for Life Long Learning

NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 12th January 2017

A Message from the Headteacher

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to EVERYONE!

We hope that you have had a restful Christmas and recharged your batteries for the year to come. Following an end of term with lots of staff and pupil sickness we are praying for health and strength this term to help us continue on our journey.

As usual we have lots of things planned. Our focus this term is 'Everyone's a Star' and we began our worship assembly this week looking at famous women who have done something to change the world. The children are thinking about what makes them shine like a star and we are trying to remember that a smile goes a long way.

I am very much looking forward to Monday when our children attend the Young Voices concert in Sheffield. Good Luck Everyone.

Please check our website next week for your child's new curriculum leaflet which provides you with up to date information about what they will be learning in the spring term. Any parents who wish to meet with their class teacher regarding their interim report at the end of last term, please make an appointment through the office.

Lastly, if any parents have contacted me during the holidays or at the start of this term, please accept my apologies for any delay in replying. I returned late back after the holidays due to illness and find myself catching up with correspondence. I will contact you in due course.

Thank you for your continued support.

Church News

On Sunday 14th January The Revd John Butler, formally Assistant Curate at Heaton St Martin and Heaton St Barnabas, will be licensed as Assistant Priest, self supporting minister, of St Paul's Shipley in the Bradford Episcopal Area.

We would like to warmly welcome him to Shipley Primary School and look forward to working with him.

Prayer group

Our parent prayer group continue to meet at 9am on the first Monday of every month. Every person from any faith is welcome to join us in prayer for our friends, family and community.

Our prayer tree is now located directly outside the school office. Please write a message for something you would like us to pray for.

A change to morning drop off

From Monday 15th January there will be a change in drop off arrangements to reduce corridor and cloakroom congestion and to enable staff to welcome pupils in the mornings.

The gate will open at 8.45am and a member of the senior leadership team will be out on duty in the playground. If you have any messages for teachers or need any help with your child in the morning please speak to this member of staff.

The door will open for Y1-Y6 at 8.50am and pupils can begin to go into class. The school bell will be rung at 8.55am as usual to signal school starting and again at 9.00am to signal that the doors are closing. Any children who are late after 9.00am will need to enter and sign in through the main entrance.

If you wish to talk directly to your class teacher we would ask you to speak to them at the end of the school day, through the dojo system or by making an appointment at the school office. This way teachers can give you quality time and attention.

Nursery and reception classes will continue with their normal routine.

Health and Wellbeing

As part of the national strategy for improving the health of young people all schools are required to provide an extra 30mins physical exercise every day. This is in addition to PE lessons, lunch and break times.

Starting Monday 15th January all children will take part in 15 minutes physical exercise in the school hall at 9.00am. Every class will have an extra 15minutes each day either running, skipping or taking part in other team physical activities.

Physical exercise includes walking, running, cycling, swimming, climbing and just 30 minutes extra a day has been medically proven to have a huge impact on fat reduction around organs such as the heart, lungs, kidneys and liver whatever age you are. Any parents who are interested in getting fit in January please join us on our walk at 9am on Monday mornings or join one of our adult fitness classes on a Friday.

Reminder

Bradford Council increased the price of school dinners from 1st January to £1.70 for Years 3,4,5 and 6, and £1.50 for Nursery children still good value for a 2 course, nutritious, hot meal.

ParentPay

Thank you to all those parents who are now using ParentPay to pay for school dinners and other items – this is saving time in the Office and making school finance more secure! Please contact the Office if you are still not able to access ParentPay – your sign-on letter can be reprinted easily.

Foundation Stage News

Please note that Miss Waters is currently off sick but we are hoping she will be returning on Thursday. You may have seen different faces in the nursery classroom in the last week and this will continue in the coming week. All staff are adequately trained and staff ratio is always at the recommended level. We thank you for your patience at this time. Mrs Bowers is monitoring and leading Early Years in her absence. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact her.

Lost Property

Please check lost property for any lost items by Wednesday 17th January. Anything left after that will be used to sell as second hand uniform, taken to a charity shop or used as spare clothing in school. If you would like to buy any second hand jumpers please contact the office.

2018-2019 Holiday Dates

Holiday dates for the new academic year will be available on our website by Friday 19th January 2018.

New Homework Policy

A new homework policy will be available in the next 2 weeks. Please look out for it.

Please note

School closes for half term on 9th February 2018 and school re-opens on Monday 19th February 2018.