



SHAWFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to our children

Shine Award:

Beech	Cleo	Trust
Maple	Yohanna	Aspiration
Rowan	Matilda	Aspiration
Ash	Alana	Aspiration
Oak	Frankie	Aspiration
Willow	Thomas H	Trust



Congratulations to the following children for their achievements outside school:

Maple	Timmy	Level 1 Swim Award
Oak	Tessie	2 x Football medals & badge for Sixer of the Bluebells in Brownies
Willow	Charlie T	Grade 1 Trumpet

Dear Parents/Carers,

Message from the Head Teacher

This week children in Year 6 presented to the whole school community. In 'hustings', they shared why they would make a good School Ambassador. I was extremely proud of them all. They confidently articulated what makes Shawfield a special place to learn and shared ways in which we can continue our journey of improvement. On Tuesday, children from across the school cast their votes for School Ambassadors. With the help of Guildford Borough Council, we were able to set up official voting booths for the children. Over the course of the week, we have been explaining how as adults, we are able to vote in a democratic system.

All votes will be counted and our School Ambassadors announced at the Houses of Parliament on 2nd October.



Postcards

Congratulations to Callum (Year 2) on his Shine Award and to Amelia-Rose, (Year 2) and Skye (Year 6) on receiving your postcards.



Please send in any pictures of your child with their postcard and we will include them in the next newsletter. However, can we please remind parents to ensure that all pictures only show the front of the postcard so we do not publicise your home address details.

Confirmed INSET Days 2023/24

We are pleased to announce the remaining INSET dates for this academic year:

- **Monday 25th September 2023**
- **Tuesday 26th September 2023**
- **Monday 22nd July 2024**
- **Tuesday 23rd July 2024**

School Absences

Please can we ask that parents/carers report absence through the correct channels. This is to keep registers accurate and make sure that all children are safe. If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness or other circumstances, please ensure that you either call the school office or send a message via ParentMail. As part of the school's safeguarding arrangements, the School Office will call to explore reasons for absence from 9:30am onwards. The School Office will also issue text messages from lunchtime onwards if we have not been able to contact you. It is vital for school to know where the children are and when they will return to school.

Year 6 visit to Houses of Parliament**Monday 2nd October**

Please be reminded that Year 6 will be attending the Houses of Parliament on Monday 2nd October. Please drop your child off at Ash Vale station **promptly by 9:20am** so that we are ready for the 9:39am train to depart. Before our afternoon workshop and tour, children and staff will undertake a treasure hunt/orienteering challenge in the Westminster area.

Please ensure that you ensure that your child is sent into school that day in full school uniform and a coat if the weather is cold or wet. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch with them which needs to be in a small bag as they will be required to carry their belongings around with them at all times.

We will be on a later train, **returning to Ash Vale station at 18:40**. Please pick up your child from the station at this time. The visit will give them a valuable insight into the workings of Parliament which will benefit your child as they take on responsibilities during their time in Year 6,

If you have not returned your parental permission slip, then we will not be able to take your child out of school, so please ensure that this is returned as soon as possible.

Harvest Festival – 13th October 2023

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Friday 13th October and continue to support the work of the Farnham Foodbank. Receiving donations from schools goes a long way to ensure that they can continue to feed those in the local community who are in crisis, especially in these unprecedented times.

We would very much appreciate any non-perishable food items or toiletries but in particular, they have asked if Shawfield could collect the following items:

- Bags of rice
- Tinned Soup
- Savoury crackers

Please send your child in with any donations on the morning of the 13th October.

Named Uniform

Please could you ensure that your child(ren)'s uniform is named, including PE Kits and coats. This usually ensures items do not end up in lost property.

Is your Child in Year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31st October 2023!** Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or call 0300 200 1004.

Level 1 Bikeability – Year 4

Further to our Parentmail dated 4th September, If you would like your child to take part on the Level 1 Bikeability course, please enrol them online (link below) with the Surrey Cycle Training team by **no later than 9am on 30th September**.

https://surreycycletraining.online/public/school_training/111020/

KS2 Choir (Young Voices, O2)

For all children in Years 3-6, the new KS2 Choir started on Wednesday 13th September. If your child would like to attend please ensure that you complete and return a club enrolment form sent home via Parentmail, even if they attended last year. Please be advised that there will be no choir w/c 25th September due to the 2 inset days that week.

Clubs

We are pleased to offer the following clubs – should you child wish to attend one or more of these club, please complete and return a club enrolment form so that we can keep accurate registers

Lunchtime Clubs:

KS2 Arts & Crafts (Wednesday) – Commencing 4th October
KS2 Bananagrams (Thursday) – Commencing 5th October

After School Clubs

KS1 Arts & Crafts (Monday) – Commencing 2nd October
Nature Club (Monday) – Commencing 9th October
Musical Theatre (Monday) – Commencing 2nd October
Netball Club (Monday) – Commencing 2nd October
KS2 Choir – Already running

Open Mornings

Please find below the dates of our open mornings for parents whose children are due to start primary school in September 2024 to visit the school. These visits give prospective parents the opportunity to have a tour of all the classrooms and an informal talk from leaders about Shawfield.

Friday 29 th September	10am (<i>fully booked</i>)
Wednesday 4 th October	10am
Thursday 12 th October	10am (<i>fully booked</i>)
Thursday 19 th October	10am (<i>fully booked</i>)
Tuesday 7 th November	10am (<i>fully booked</i>)
Thursday 16 th November	10am (<i>fully booked</i>)
Friday 24 th November	10am
Wednesday 6 th December	10am
Wednesday 10 th January	10am

There is a closing date of 15th January 2024 for admission in September 2024.

If you or any family or friends have children due to start school next year and would be interested in viewing the school please contact the School Office on 01252 320379 to book one of the dates above.

Parking

Staff Car Park – Again, can we please politely remind parent's that they should not be parking in the staff car park unless they require use of the disabled bay. This applies at all times.

Winchester Road & Surrounding Roads – We have had a complaint from a local resident and we would like to remind parents to ensure that they do not obstruct driveways, do not to park on the double yellow lines or other restricted areas outside school. This is to support the safety of all school users and our local residents.

Lunch Menu

Please find attached our lunch menu for w/c 25th September (week 1).

Yours sincerely,



Mr Stephen Corcoran
Headteacher

SSA News

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Dear all, firstly a big thank you to everyone who helped and supported us this academic year. We still have some ice pop sales to go and we still need to review the final numbers but I believe we are on course to raise **over £3500 this year!** This is fantastic and I look forward to running even more events next year... did someone say DISCO? :)

Looking forward to next year we are hoping to hold our **AGM on either Wednesday 20th or 27th at 7pm** in the school hall **please save the date.** We look forward to welcoming new members and new families into our PTA, but we also say a fond farewell to those family's leaving for secondary school.

On behalf of the SSA one last big thank you for you all your support and I hope you all enjoy the summer break!

Community News

St Pauls Infant School, Tongham

On behalf of Surrey County Council and St Paul's CofE Infant School, Tongham, be advised that there is a consultation on the proposal to change the age range of St Paul's CofE Infant School from a one form infant school (age 4-7) to a one form primary school with a 60-place nursery provision (age 2-11).

Please use the following link to the consultation or find attached the consultation document and consultation response form.

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/st-pauls-infant-school-tongham/>

This stage of consultation will end on 5 November 2023.



Dates for your Diary

DATE	TIME	EVENT
2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR		
Monday 25th September	All Day	INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
Tuesday 26th September	All Day	INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
Friday 29 th September	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
Monday 2 nd October	All Day	Year 6 visit to Houses of Parliament
Wednesday 4 th October	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
Thursday 5 th October	AM	School Photos
Friday 6 th October	AM	School Immunisation Team – Nasal Flu Vaccine (Yrs R – 6)
Thursday 12 th October	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
16 th – 20 th October	-	Level 2 (Yr 6) Bikeability
Thursday 19 th October	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
Friday 20 th October	PM	Break up for Half Term (<i>normal time</i>)
HALF TERM		
Monday 30 th October	AM	Children return to school
		Level 1 (Yr 4) Bikeability
Tuesday 31 st October		Level 1 (Yr 4) Bikeability
Tuesday 7 th November	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th Nov	-	Book Fair
Thursday 16 th November	All Day	Year 3 visit to Butser Ancient Farm
	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
Friday 24 th November	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
Wednesday 6 th December	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
Friday 15 th December	PM	Last Day of Autumn Term & Early Finish: 1:30pm for Years R – 2 1:40pm – Years 3 - 6
END OF TERM		
Monday 1st January, 2024	All Day	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 2nd January	AM	Children return to school
Wednesday 10 th January	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
Monday 29 th January	All Day	Young Voices, O2 - KS2 Choir
Friday 9 th February	PM	Break up for Half Term (<i>normal time</i>)
Monday 19 th February	AM	Children return to school
Friday 29th March	All Day	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
HALF TERM		
Monday 15th April	AM	Children return to school
Monday 6th May	All Day	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 24 th May	PM	Break up for Half Term (<i>normal time</i>)
Monday 3 rd June	AM	Children return to school