



Shortlanesend School

Newsletter



11th January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer
Miss Oxenham

Thank you for all the supportive and kind wishes that you have expressed concerning Miss Oxenham and her illness, following the letter sent home yesterday. We are more than happy to pass on any cards or gifts that you wish to send. Miss Oxenham has promised to stay in touch with the school during her treatment, and hopefully visit us at times too. We have had requests to arrange fundraising events and are busy discussing possible activities with the children. We will let you know more details as they develop.

If you and/or your family are struggling to deal with the news you can phone Macmillan on 0808 808 00 00 for help and advice or arrange to pop into school and chat with Mr Wilson or Mrs Light over a cuppa.



Rainbow Day

Next Friday 18th January is our annual Rainbow Day. On this day children are encouraged to dress up in bright colours to help banish the midwinter blues away. In return a suggested donation of 50p is asked for to help support Ellie's Haven charity. This event is well established in our calendar and has run for many years, making a real difference. Details of the charity can be found at: <http://www.ellies-haven.org.uk>



Squashbox Theatre

As part of our Rainbow Day Celebrations FOSS have once again organised and paid for a visit from Squashbox Theatre. The children will all enjoy a presentation in morning entitled Myths and Monsters, with Year 4,5 and 6 children taking part in workshops through the rest of the day. Thank you to FOSS.



Bingo Night

Eyes down! Wednesday 30th January sees the return of our popular Bingo Night. We will issue more details next week concerning times. At present we are asking for any unwanted Christmas presents or left over treats for donations as prizes please. Please drop off donations to Mrs Holroyd in the school office. Thank you.



Clubs

All clubs from last term will begin again next week, as normal with the exception of netball club. Mrs Lewis will be issuing a separate letter next week.



Good News

Congratulations to Mrs Warchal and her family on the safe arrival of their baby boy yesterday! Both mum and baby are well and settling in at home.



Football

The team played well and dominated possession of the ball and created some fantastic chances but unfortunately lost the game 2-1 against Tregolls. The team gave a great performance and didn't give up trying.



Census Day

Next Thursday, 17th January 2019, is a National School Census Day. This is when the Department for Education (DfE) collects information about each school to help plan the future and, most importantly, the data is used to set future school budgets. One of the figures we report on is the number of Reception and Years 1 & 2 children who are having a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on this day.

We therefore ask for every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to try the hot meal on Census Day. Then your child will receive the funding for the rest of the year. If no meal is taken on Census Day then the school has to pay from the budget for future meals taken. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.



Spring Term Storytime Dates

Please come in and join us to share a book.

This term our storytime sessions will be on a THURSDAY at 2:50pm.

Thursday 17th January = Class 1

Thursday 24th January = Class 2

Thursday 31st January = Class 3

Thursday 7th February = Class 4

Thursday 14th February = Class 5

Half Term

Thursday 28th February = Class 1

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day

Thursday 14th March = Class 2

Thursday 21st March = Class 3

Thursday 28th March = Class

SPRING TERM 2019

Monday 18th -22nd February

Half Term

Thursday 4th April

Last Day of Term

Tuesday 23rd April

First Day of Summer Term