



Shipley Church of England Primary School

Nurturing Creative Thinking for Life Long Learning

Newsletter November 2019

Attendance Autumn 1: 97% 😊 Well Done Everyone

Well done everyone we are above national average 😊

<https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/18015637.call-armistice-day-silence-bradford-schools/>



Poppy Appeal 2019 Poppies can be purchased from the school office until Monday morning.

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a good half term break.

Last term was a very busy one. Thank you to everyone who supported our non uniform day. This time the money was given to Yellow Day in aid of Mental Health Awareness and we raised £149. All money raised on non uniform days goes towards the little extras we offer the children such as crackers on the tables during Christmas lunch, birthday pencils, prizes for Christmas parties etc. We plan to buy some indoor games for wet playtimes with any money that we raise this year. We have 235 children in our school and £1 every half term provides us with £1410 extra a year. We also raised £103 for McMillan Cancer Care and £483 worth of food for the food bank. You are amazing.

Thank you to the teachers who have taken part in our extreme reading challenge. It would be great to see our children reading in different places. If they can bring photo's into school for celebration assembly and a whole school display, that would be amazing.

The children have made a good start to this year. Thank you to all the parents who attended parents evening. Our children have the best chance when we work together.

Theme Weeks

Week beginning 4th November- Uniqueness week – Same but different

Week beginning 11th November Anti- bullying week & Children in Need

21st November – Reception Open Day for children starting in September 2020

School Priorities 2019-20

This years school priorities are

1. Raising the profile of reading. Ensuring our children's reading experience provides them with the best platform to succeed.
2. Ensuring our curriculum is in line with the new Ofsted framework (September 2019)
3. Continue to improve the quality of teaching and learning.

How parents can support

Actions and impact so far

1. New reading scheme. Clear reading expectations across school. Reading curriculum planned across school. All classes have reading lessons in addition to their English lessons, phonics lessons, class books, individual reading time, beanstalk reading. Class sets of books to immerse children in different types of literature.
2. Our new curriculum has begun. Thank you to the parents who have commented about their child's enthusiasms for the topics they are doing. The new Ofsted framework focuses on the knowledge children build over time and the links they make with real life. This matches our school vision perfectly. We are continuing to work on our curriculum and more information will be available soon.
3. The quality of teaching is always something we are striving to improve. To support this we have developed clear policy and practice for the teaching of English and Maths. The focus of our teaching has been productivity, expectation and purpose.

1. Join us for come and learn on Friday mornings.
2. Make sure your child reads at home as much as possible. Practice makes perfect 😊
3. Model reading to your child. Make sure they see you reading.
4. Join the library. Borrow extra books from our library.
5. Continue to support us as much as you can with trips, visitors and outings.
6. Encourage your child to tell you what they have learnt and what they know from their lessons. Teaching someone else is the best way to learn.
7. Communicate regularly with your teacher so that any difficulties your child is having can be addressed quickly.
8. Encourage your child to 'put learning first' and have a good attitude to school.
9. Make sure your child attends every day and on time.

Church School Distinctiveness

Sense of belonging

At the start of last term the whole school took part in a sense of belonging week. Classes took time to think about where they felt they belonged. What made them feel they belonged at Shipley. Where they belong in the world.

Comments from parents at parents evening included

'The teachers are friendly'

'The communication is brilliant'

'My child feels they belong here, they feel valued and appreciated and cared for and therefore I feel a sense of belonging'

Uniqueness

This week we have been studying 'Uniqueness' Same but different. We will share some of our powerful thoughts from our children in the next newsletter.

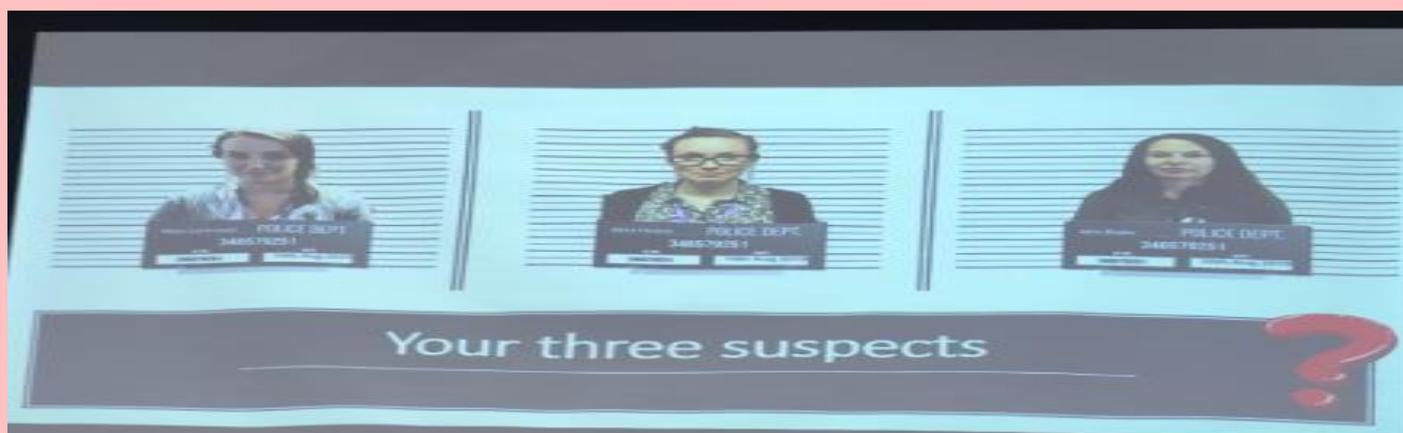
Come and learn

Make sure you have signed up with your teacher to come and learn with your child in their classroom. This half term we are focusing on reading lessons.

You can come and experience a reading lesson with your child.

Thank you to all of the parents who came along today. We hope it was helpful and enjoyable.

Science Week – It was super to see so many parents come and join us for the end of our science week. The children are still buzzing from our investigation day. Science is brilliant.



Attendance

Our attendance just goes on getting better. Thank you to everyone for your efforts. This term I have received a number of extended leave applications. Just 10 days leave results in a child's attendance reducing to 95% attendance. If a child then has to have time off in the year for illness they can be at risk of being on the list of persistent absences. Extended leave is not authorised during term time and you are at risk of fine. Please make sure any holidays are taken during the 13 weeks holiday we have each year. Thank you.

School Ambassadors

We now have a group of school ambassadors.

The Wombles- Tidy Shipley Campaign and Eco Warriors
Tuck Shoppers
Fundraisers
These groups are led by the head and deputy head girls and boys. Their newsletter will be out soon.

Dates for this term

Week beginning 11th November- Assessment Week – Please make sure your child attends on time, every day.
Week beginning 11th November- Anti- bullying week.
15th November- Children in Need.
21st November – Reception Open Day – 9am and 1.30pm
23rd November- Shipley Light Switch on
9th December- BDAT Primary Prom- St George's Hall
13th December- Christmas Market
16th December- KS2 Christmas Party
18th December- Nativity KS1
19th December- KS1 Christmas Party
December- Christmas Dinner TBC
20th December – Carols around the tree.