

Shooters Grove Primary School
Wood Lane
Stannington
Sheffield
S6 5HN

Headteacher: Mrs L Chadwick
Assistant Heads: Mr S Crabtree and Mrs R Biondi

Friday 21st May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Healthy Minds Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the online Healthy Minds Survey. We have a meeting scheduled to draw together all of the pupil, staff and parent responses and formulate a bespoke action plan for our school, which I look forward to sharing with you.

2021/22 Term Dates

Further to my previous letter informing you about term dates for next year, the additional INSET (professional development) days have now been scheduled for:

Monday 1st September 2021
Friday 1st October 2021
Monday 21st February 2022
Thursday 21st July 2022
Friday 22nd July 2022

School is closed to pupils on these days. Please be reminded that holidays in term time cannot be authorised by the school and may result in a Local Authority fine.

Transition

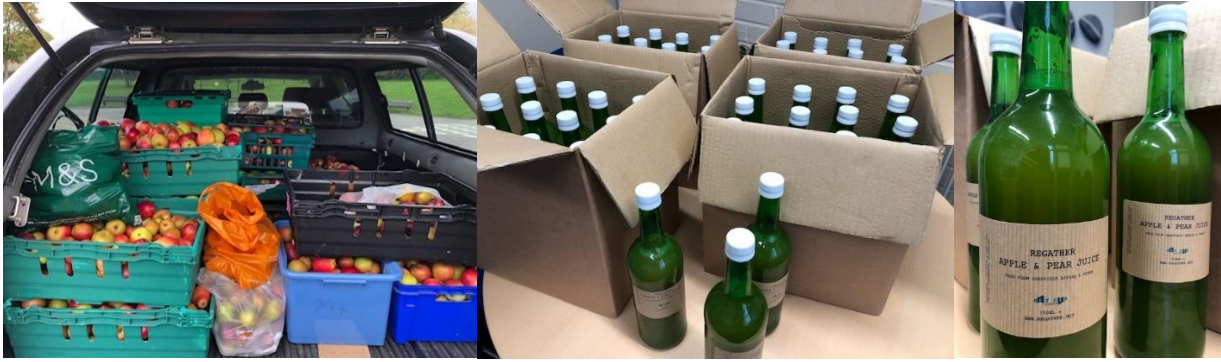
Following the national announcements regarding Covid-19 measures, we are currently waiting for a new version of the School Covid-19 Risk Assessment from the Local Authority. This will issue local guidance around transition arrangements to ensure that the children get a thorough induction in a Covid-safe way. I will be communicating with you around transition in more detail as soon as I have this information.

Events Calendar

We have taken the decision to move our annual Health Week to the week beginning 28th June and the annual sports days will be held within it. I will send more details nearer the time as we may even be allowed a few spectators!

Shooters Grove Apple and Pear Juice

You may remember the image I posted on twitter of the apples we had collected from our orchard and subsequently delivered to Regather in town. This week we have been to collect our share of the apple and pear juice made from our very own apples and the children will be able to sample this in class over the coming days – it really is delicious!



Junior Curriculum Round-Up

This week, I have asked for the teachers of the junior children to give you a brief overview of what's been happening so far this half term. Next week, the infant teachers will be doing the same.

Year 3

Year 3 are having a super half term with lots of hard work from everyone. We are currently completing lots of exciting work about How to Train your Dragon, and have written instructions, designed posters and are looking forward to a Dragonese Day next week (watch out for those Sea Dragon eyes). We are just beginning our work on The Stone Age, and the teachers are busy planning a super school trip after the holidays. We have begun to study different kinds of rocks in Science, making careful observations and thinking about how rocks are used in different ways. Our fitness levels are improving all the time with PE blasts and lots of outdoor PE lessons, including PE, where we discovered some brilliant batters the other day. Keep working hard Y3 – we are proud of you!

Year 4

In year 4 we have settled into our Ancient Greek theme and are now writing our own Greek myth with mystical beasts and powerful heroes and heroines saving the day. We are really enjoying learning to play the violin and can already play a couple of tunes by plucking strings- we can't wait to pick up our bow. The 'James Bond' game is a favourite- some people have brilliant listening skills and have lightning reactions! Even the teachers are learning how to play- which is interesting to say the least!

We are keeping fit through our tag rugby but are also bouncing through our extra 'balloon pop' sessions in the classroom. We love our Friday swimming and are all becoming more confident swimmers whilst having lots of fun. We are all working extremely hard and making the most of our time with our friends.

Year 5

We've had a great half-term so far in Year 5. In English, we've been writing descriptive paragraphs about the sights, sounds and smells of fairgrounds and have now moved on to a writing unit on 'The Greatest Showman' which celebrates the individual differences that makes us all special. In maths, we have completed our unit on fractions, decimals and percentages and are now beginning our unit on geometry. Our interventions are up and running with reading, maths, spelling, handwriting and PSHE focuses allowing our children to make progress and improve confidence before their transition into Y6. We are all working extremely hard and focusing on kindness and friendships to ensure that we have a positive end to the academic year.

Year 6

Y6 has been a hive of activity this half-term. Our theme has been 'Extreme Environments', and so our Geography work has been to produce individual projects based on a specific biome of the children's choice. They are fantastic and utterly fascinating. In Art, we have been looking closely at the most abundant species of animal on the planet, the Beetle. We have been learning different sketching techniques before applying Zentangles patterns to decorate. Afterwards, we presented these on coloured pastel paper topped with a layer of black paint mixed with hand soap. When dry and scratched away, the result is a vibrant and multi-coloured Beetle.

In English we have been studying the play 'Macbeth', by the great William Shakespeare. It never ceases to amaze just how well Y6s can write in role as Lady Macbeth each year, and this year is no exception. Simply brilliant assessed pieces of writing.

With a busy final half-term to come, the Y6s have done brilliantly and we hope that they can end their time at Shooters Grove equally well.

I think you'll agree we've been very busy!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards and stay safe,



Mrs Louise Chadwick

Headteacher