



Shield Row Primary School  
King Edward VIIIth Terrace  
Shield Row  
Stanley  
Co. Durham  
DH 9 0HQ

Phone: 01207 239661  
Fax: 01207 234424  
Email: shieldrow@durhamlearning.net

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Head: Andrew Knighton  
Deputy: Claire Henderson

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Survival

During the last five years, we have run very successful enrichment themes to engage the children, capture their imagination and develop their love of learning. These have included 'Space', 'Dinosaurs', 'Under the Sea' and 'Castles, Knights and Dragons'. The intention has always been to provide activities and experiences that will help to improve the children's writing, reading and maths skills. Our enrichment theme for this term has been "Survival". Last week the children worked



together to develop team working, social and practical skills as they tried to escape from a desert island. This included den making, fire lighting, raft building, cooking on a campfire and navigation. Today we have organised a 'Survival Day' in school, rather than subsidise a whole school trip out. The children have been taking part in a range of activities to further improve their co-operation and team



working skills, motor skills and co-ordination. These have included rock climbing, archery, laser tag and a Titanic inflatable climb. It has been a superb day and amazing to see the courage, confidence and determination of the children develop, particularly on the climbing wall. (Reception class were superb – no fear!) The children will continue to produce work around the 'Survival' theme over the next week and we will be inviting parents into school shortly to see the displayed work and photographs. I am sure you will agree this is a unique experience that really brings 'Learning Alive' and is of enormous benefit to the children.

### Parental Visits

Can I remind parents that if they have concerns they would like to discuss, we operate an open door policy. Parents may visit the school at any time during school hours. Teachers are often available before the start of school or at the end of the day. It would be appreciated if you could inform us if you are coming, especially if you think that some time may be needed. There are times when the Headteacher or members of staff may not be immediately available, and an appointment will be necessary.



Hopefully the level of trust we build up will help you feel that you can approach us about any concerns you may have about your children. We are a listening school and will take every issue seriously.



### **Staffing Changes**

It is with much sadness that we announce the resignation of Year 3/4 teacher, Mrs Wood. Mrs Wood has been a valued member of Shield Row School staff for 25 years and will be much missed by both staff and children alike. We wish her every success in her future ventures.

From September 2015, Mrs Norman and Mrs Gascoigne will be sharing the post of nursery teacher while Mrs Brown will be continuing to teach the reception class. We are delighted that Mrs Brown is joining the staff on a permanent basis. She is a great addition to the school.

### **Parent Governors**

We are pleased to inform you that the two parents who have been elected onto our Governing board are Kirstin Tate and Nicola Moore. We would like to welcome them and are sure that they will prove to be valuable assets to our school.

### **Reminder**

Can we please remind parents that all dinner money (except for children attending nursery back end of the week) should be sent to school with your child on Monday morning in a secure envelope, purse or tin. Please ensure these are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Thank you.

### **Dates for your diaries**

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Kinetic Theatre group in school
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Group Photographs
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery stay and play 1.15pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Assembly
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>School closed</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery/Reception parents induction at 2.00pm & 6.00pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Assembly
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Assembly
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Nursery New Starters Induction 10.00am
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Reception New Starters Induction 1.30pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Fun Run at North Durham Academy
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Friends of Shield Row School Summer Fair
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery Assembly at 09.15am & 2.30pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Play in a Day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 & 2 Joint Assembly
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day at Louisa Centre
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents Evening (Years 1 to 6)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery/Reception Parents Evening
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery/Reception Parents Evening
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Meal
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Assembly

If you have any queries regarding this information please contact the school.  
Thank you for your continued support

Mr A Knighton  
(Head Teacher)