



*Shears Green Infant School*

## Newsletter 3 Friday 21st October 2016

### Our Amazing School!

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Platinum Literacy Award 2016 from the KM Group in recognition of our great contribution in improving literacy standards at our school.



We have recently introduced a 'tree' into our reception area. Thank you for all the positive comments received about it at Parents Evening. If you would like to contribute a comment—positive or one that says how we can improve—please jot it down and we will add it to our tree!

Many thanks



## **School Improvement Update**

Our middle leadership team worked with Richard Epps (Improvement Advisor) this term to scrutinise books and look at progress over time. Positive feedback—the children are progressing well. A great start to the year!

We are currently revamping our library to introduce topic related books to improve greater depth reading. Hopefully this will be finished by term 2.

There has been a great use of the Forest school area to enhance science knowledge and cross curriculum.

We are delighted to announce that our Foundation Area is being refurbished and will begin in December 2016.

## **New Notices**

### Vacancy

We are currently advertising for a part time Caretaker. Further details are available on the Kent Teach website.

[www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com)

### School Photos

Individual and Sibling (Year R—2 only) photos are taking place on Tuesday 1st November.

### Donation Days—Wear your own clothes

11th November—Donation for Christmas Fayre

18th November—Children in Need—if you want to wear spots!

25th November—Donation for Christmas Fayre

## **Community news**

A huge thank you to Mrs Neighbour from St Georges for coming into share her knowledge of Sikhism with our Year 2 children. Our children really impressed Mrs Neighbour with their behaviour and knowledge too!

Thank you to Mrs Sewell for bringing back such fantastic artefacts from India to share with our Year 2 to enrich their topic.

A massive thank you for your 'Welly Walk' donations we raised £78.82!

## Day to Day

Congratulations to Olivia from Class 3 for winning our poster competition. Olivia took our "Happy, Confident, Achievers" and brought them to life in the great design below:



We will now seek the support of an artist to bring this fantastic design to life and it will be displayed in our main hall—hopefully by Term 3.

Congratulations to Caden in class 11 for winning the attendance family cinema voucher for 98.48% attendance. Well done Caden!



Thank you to everyone who attended Parents evening. It was lovely to see you all and we hope you are just as proud of your children as we are!



## PTA News

Do you know anyone who would be interested in being our 'Recycling Champion' within the PTA. Please contact me via the school office for more details.

We are holding a PTA meeting at the Six Bells on the 8th November at 7pm. We will be discussing upcoming events including Christmas fair. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Vikki—Chairperson

## Diary Dates



31st October—Term 2 starts

1st November—Individual and Sibling Photos

8th November—Parent Workshop 9.30am Year 2

9th November—Parent Workshop 9.30am Year 1

10th November—Parent Workshop 9.30am Year R

11th November—Children in Need

11th November— School Nurse clinic 9am onwards

7th December—Year R visit to St Marys Church

13th December—Year R production to Parents 9.15 am

14th December—Year 1 production to Parents 9.15 am

15th December—Year 2 production to Parents 9.15 am

16th December—Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

20th December—Party Day and Last day of Term

4th January 2017—Children return to school

Many congratulations to our class winners for the last two weeks:

Week beginning : 03.10.16

Attendance: Class 12—99.17%

Walk on Wednesday: Class 12

Disney Points: Sebastian with 747 points

Week beginning: 10.10.16

Attendance: Class 10 —99.44%

Walk on Wednesday: Class 7

Disney Points: Sebastian with 1003 points.



Please take a look at our attendance board situated in the main playground opposite the environmental/forest area. This will keep you up to date with how each Year group is contributing to achieving our attendance goal of 97%