



Shears Green Infant School

Newsletter 7 Friday 13th January 2017

Our Amazing School!

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all!
We've had a great start to 2017—the children, as always are enthusiastic and excited about their new topic:

Year R—Traditional Tales, Year 1—Jaws and Claws
Year 2—Horrible Histories.

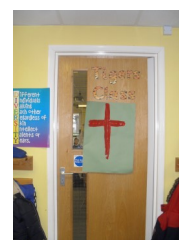
Year R are getting very excited as day by day they are seeing changes to their new outside learning area. We have a fantastic team working for us who are creating a superb area with quality learning zones.



Year 1 have had an adventure this week with a dinosaur on the loose! They have also had a great introduction to their topic with a visit from the Astrodome.



Year 2 have kicked off their new topic of 'Horrible Histories' by looking at the Plague. They have learnt all about the symptoms of the Plague, what people tried to do to stop catching it and all about the Plague Doctors. They have used different sources to try and find out lots of information. They have had lots of fun and learnt lots of facts.



School Improvement Update

Just before Christmas we reviewed our behaviour policy. You will have received a copy last week and we look forward to receiving your responses (deadline date Friday 20th January) as we trial the new system during Term 3.

Thank you for the responses so far from the Home School Improvement questionnaire. In line with this we have signed up to the Leading Parent Partnership award to enhance our practice. We are looking for parents who would be interested in supporting us with reflecting our current practice and developing ideas to make it even better. If you are interested please let the office staff know.

Mr Watts is looking for volunteers to review the website with him. If you are interested please let the office staff know.



Community News

Green Award

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Cheshire was successful in gaining the Eco Green Award from KM Online. The KM Green School awards help children become more knowledgeable about our environment and how we can help protect and conserve it, encouraging eco friendly behaviour.

Thank You!

Thank you to the Junior School for their support and co-operation whilst our Reception area is being built. Without them we couldn't have received our deliveries!

Parking

We continue to work with KCC to promote safer parking around school. We expect the camera cars and parking officers to be visiting our school over the next 4 weeks. We would like to thank everyone who supports our considerate parking initiative and to everyone who is able to support Walk on Wednesdays to make the roads around school less congested.



Day to Day

School Dinners

Just to let you know there may be occasions when the jacket potatoes your child has at lunchtime are oven baked rather than steamed due to the amount of potatoes being cooked.

Lost Property

Please can you ensure that all of your children's clothes are labelled so we are able to return them to your child. The school is unable to replace lost clothing. Thank you.



Friday Visiting

Our Friday visiting dates are as follows:-

Friday 3rd February

Friday 10th February (including an exhibition for the creative curriculum.)

Yoga Day—23rd January 2017

On 23rd January the 'Yoga At School' company will be visiting us and working alongside teachers to train them in teaching yoga as part of the children's PE curriculum. Some children will take part in yoga on this day or during the weeks following the training. We are all looking forward to it!



"Happy, Confident, Achievers"

Have you seen our new school sign in the playground? Thank you to Olivia in class 3 for creating such a beautiful piece of art work for us to bring to life.



PTA News

The PTA have agreed to raise funds for a messy play shelter to be built on our field to allow the children to enjoy arts and crafts during playtimes and lunchtimes. We have also received very generous donations from Mr Keys and his family and friends to the current sum of £800 towards this project in memory of the beautiful Mrs Hayley Keys who passed away in November. Mrs Keys just loved messy play with the children!



Diary Dates



January

- 16th January—Closing date for all applications for Year R and Year 3—to apply online go to www.kent.gov.uk/ola
- 23rd January—Yoga Day
- 31st January—Theatre Company production to Reception classes

February

- 3rd February—Friday Visiting
- 6th February—Creative week begins with NTC showing their musical skills
- 9th February—Stomp Workshop
- 10th February—Friday visiting and creative curriculum exhibition

March

- 22nd March—World Book Day
- 22nd March—Mother's day event—Year R
- 23rd March—Parents Evening
- 24th March—Mother's day event Years 1 & 2 and Red Nose Day
- 31st March—Easter Fayre
- 31st March—End of Term

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

Week beginning : 12.12.16

Attendance: Class 10—98.33%
Walk on Wednesday: Class 9
Disney Points: Simba
Buster Book Club: Class 10

Week beginning: 02.01.17

Attendance: Class 9—97.67

Week beginning: 09.01.17

Walk on Wednesday: Class 12
Disney Points: Simba
Buster Book Club: Class 8



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%