

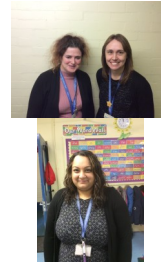


Shears Green Infant School

## Newsletter 5 24th November 2017

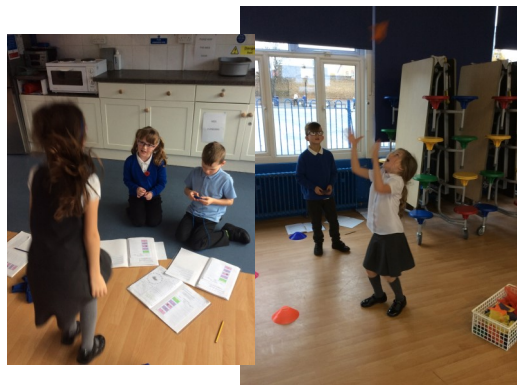
### Our amazing school!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the parent workshops. It was great to see you all and share our practice with you. The feedback was totally positive. Work packs are available on the website for those who were unable to attend but wanted the information.



The reception children have been learning about people who help us. They have had visits from a Police Man, Builder and fire man, They have then reinacted job roles through their continuous provision tasks.....we have builders, police officers in the making!

Year 2 - How many jumps/sit ups/ toe touching/catching do you think they could do in a minute?



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Co—Chair of Governors: Mr Smith & Mrs Wessel

Headteacher: Mrs Kotze  
Business Manager: Mrs Harding

### **School Improvement Update**

- Our Governing Body met on the 14th November and set our monitoring schedule for the next two terms. We will receive visits regarding Reception transition, Our Grow project for improving writing, Safeguarding and Inclusion as well as phonics. We will keep you informed of the feedback as each visit takes place.
- Our PTFA had their Annual General Meeting also on the 14th November. Thank you to everyone who attended. We are pleased to say Mrs V Pluck will continue as Chair. At present the PTFA are busy preparing our Christmas Fayre as well as for our Secret Room event and tea with Santa. Please join me in congratulating the PTFA on an amazing fund raising event—raising £2500 for Ipads for our children. Thank you!!
- Our Business Manager, Alison Harding, has been working closely with Kent County Council to ensure our site is fit for purpose during all kinds of weather. As some of you may know we have experienced some difficulty with our drains and the sheer volume of water during heavy rain periods. We have been successful in having KCC carry out reviews of our site and it has been agreed alongside the Junior school and Owl pre school, that the whole site will be revamped to ensure the drains prevent any future water over flow.
- This week I have had the opportunity to work in classes finding out how the children here settled into their term 2 curriculum topics. I am proud to say the classes I visited so far have hardly noticed I have been there as the children are so focussed , engaged and enjoying the quality teaching and learning being given. It has been a real pleasure looking at books and speaking with the children about the progress they have made so far. Well done everyone!

### **New Notice**

- You may have received an attendance letter this week following a whole school attendance audit. Please look carefully to see if the letter has "information only" at the top as this is to keep you informed of your child's attendance with no further action needed. If you have been offered a time to see me or offered support please let my office team know if you are unable to meet at the proposed time so an alternative date can be given. Thank you. Mrs Kotze.

## Community news

We raised an incredible £313.59 for Children in Need on Friday 17th November. Thank you!



Each year we support The Royal British Legion 'Poppy Appeal' - we raised an amazing £497.69 for them to continue with their vital welfare and benevolent work. Thank you!

Please could we be considerate on our pathways around school before and after school ensuring we leave enough room for all residents and stakeholders to walk on the pathways safely especially if we are riding scooters. Thank you!

## Day to Day

Thank you for the parent questionnaires returned to us. This is now available on the website under the 'About us' section.



Have you downloaded our new free app yet? This is available from google play or the app store. Keep up with current news, notices etc through this.



Food allergies : Please ensure you keep us up to date with any needs your child may have around food so we can ensure they receive the correct food at lunchtimes.

Thank you to everyone who joined our reading afternoon. It was lovely to have your support. If you are unable to attend these afternoons please speak to your child's class teacher about alternative arrangements.



1st December is PTFA donation day—pay a £1.00 to wear your own clothes. All money will go towards buying resources for the Christmas events.



## Diary Dates

Date	Event
1st December	Wear your own clothes day—£1.00 donation towards the Christmas fayre
7th December	Reading afternoon from 2.45pm
8th December	Tea with Santa Wear your own clothes day—donation of chocolates or bottles for Christmas fayre
12th December	Year R Christmas play to parents 9.15 am Year R Christmas play to parents 2.30pm
13th December	Year 1 Christmas play to parents 9.15 am Year 1 Christmas play to parents 2.30 pm
14th December	Year 2 Christmas play to parents 9.15 am Year 2 Christmas play to parents 2.30pm
15th December	Christmas Fayre 3.30—5.30pm Christmas Jumper Day
18th December	Blunderbus
19th December	Christmas Dinner
20th December	Party Day—End of Term
End of Term 2	Please sign up online for your child's place at the Boom Club following the taster session.

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

**Week beginning : 06.11.17**  
Attendance: Class 5- 99.17%  
Walk on Wednesday: Class 12  
Disney Points: Nemo  
Buster Book Club: Class 11  
**Week beginning: 13.11.17**  
Attendance: Class 12—98.61%  
Walk on Wednesday: Class 5  
Disney Points: Sulley  
Buster Book Club: Class 10

**Whole School attendance: 95.25%**  
Whole school target: 97%

