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Shelley First School Newsletter May 2018

A new academic term...

We would like to send out a big 'welcome back' to all of our families who are returning once again for another exciting year at Shelley First School. We are all looking forward to the many new challenges and experiences we will face this year. We would especially like to warmly welcome all of the new faces & families starting at our school this time – both staff and children alike. We have two fantastic new teachers joining the team this year, Miss Westwell & Mr Pickles, both teaching in the KS1 area of school. Even some of our longstanding members of staff have come back after the holiday with new names: Miss Bacon is now Mrs Smith and Miss Beevers is now Mrs Westerman. They both enjoyed a fabulous wedding day over the summer break.

The new Reception children have made a great start today! 😊

Uniform

All of the children look very smart – many thanks to parents! We can refer families to the Kirklees Uniform Exchange if needed – just speak to the office.

A reminder that it is vital that children have **correct footwear and kit for PE** – this is a health & safety requirement. Outdoor shoes should also be suitable for running around in and therefore need to be supportive.

We will send home PE kits every holiday – please check that footwear, including pumps still fit and are safe to wear. Please note that slippers that are 'open' at the heel or flip flop type shoes are not suitable as indoor shoes. A reminder that large bags are not appropriate for school as we simply do not have the room for them. If bags are too large for lockers/pegs please send in an alternative. Thank you for your support.

Curriculum Overview

Curriculum newsletters will be sent home with your children, by the end of the week, along with a class Yearly Overview. We will also ensure that all information is on each class page on the website. We hope you can use this information to share learning and to support any interest at home.

Well done!

Great work from those of you who managed to complete the maths challenge over the summer. For those of you who are still finishing this off, don't worry there is still time! We have certificates for all families who have signed up and these can still be awarded when your challenge is complete so please keep going if you have managed to make a start. **Watch out for the up and coming reading challenge that we are implementing this year in order to promote enjoyment of books and reading for pleasure.**

Keeping you informed about your child's progress and well-being

A reminder that we want to keep you as informed as possible about how things are going at school. We will be offering the following as a minimum:

- ✓ Overview of the years' curriculum
- ✓ Mini reports in October, January and July
- ✓ Formal report in April (Y1-5) and in July for YR
- ✓ Parents' Evenings in October and April with an Open Evening in July
- ✓ Curriculum newsletters which set out the learning per term
- ✓ Termly meetings for children with additional needs

We will speak to you BEFORE the end of SEPTEMBER if we have concerns of any kind about your child but please let us know if you are worried in any way. We will also send home letters later in the year if we have any concerns regarding your child.

Our SENCO Mrs McGenity can also offer a 'surgery' to parents of children with additional needs as we know that this could offer you and your child extra support – she is in school on a Monday if you would like to ring the office and make an appointment to see her.

Homework.

Your child will receive topic homework each half term. This is a selection of activities to choose from and they can send it into school when complete for the teacher to mark. This is not compulsory, however we strongly advise that you complete at least some of the suggested activities. We would also appreciate any support you can offer your children in learning weekly spellings and read as much as possible with your children at home. Times tables are a major focus this year and we have bought resources in school to help with their learning. Any support you can offer at home with learning times tables 'off by heart' **will be a great benefit** to your children.

Photographs.

The children will have individual photographs throughout the morning of **Monday 17th September**. If you have pre-school children and would prefer a photo of them and their sibling in school, please come into school at **8.30 via the main entrance**. If there are two or more children from one family, we will take group photographs rather than individual.

Dates:

4.9.18 – Topic week

17.9.18 – Individual photographs

24.9.18 – Residential meeting for Yr5 parents

8.10.18 – Target reports sent home

3.10.18 – Reading/Writing/Number meeting for Reception parents 6.00-7.30pm

17/24.10.18 – Parents evening 3.40-7.00pm

26.10.18 – Break up for half term

5.11.18 – Training day

6.11.18 – Science week

7.11.18 – Halloween/Bonfire disco

30.11.18 – Christmas Fayre

10.12.18 – Performance A

11.12.18 - Performance B & C

12.12.18 - Performance D

13.12.18 – 'Equalitea'

17.12.18 Party (Kahlo & Hepburn)

18.12.18 Party (Johnson & Parks)

19.12.18 Party (Potter, Rowling & Curie)

20.12.18 Santa assembly, Break up for holidays