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Shelley First School Newsletter October 2018

A Message from FOSS

A warm welcome to the new school year from all of us in FOSS, we are currently liaising with school in order to create a fundraising target and focus this year, and will let you know what this will be as soon as we have agreed. Can we thank all parents and children who took part in our 'Smarties Challenge', we raised just over £200 from all the chores the children did! Well done! Holly Armitage in Class Hawking was selected randomly from all the children who returned their tubes and won the £10 smiggle voucher. There are still some outstanding certificates, so if your child hasn't received one, please contact the office. Our Coffee morning was successful on Monday 24th September, generating some interest from some of our new parents, thank you to those who attended. Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 16th October at 7.30pm in the Eco Lodge, this meeting is essential for the continuation of our fundraising for school, so we welcome new faces to come along and see what is involved, suggest new fundraising ideas and support us in running our events in the future. The rest of our meeting dates should be available through the website and the Jotter app. Our new email is FOSS@shelleyfirstschool.co.uk, please contact us if you have any questions, or would like to help.

Home school communication

The School Jotter app has many benefits to us as a school community. It is a central hub for school information and notices, allows easy access to contact details for school, galleries of many events and sessions that take place as well as having quick links to websites like ParentPay, making it easier to view trip letters and make payments all in one place reducing the need to use a search engine.

Our aim is that the daily school to home communications that are currently sent via text are now primarily sent electronically through the App. This may be as a quick message from a class teacher or whole school information from the office. In order for you to access this and not miss out, we need all parents/ carers to download and log in to the app. If you need copies of your login details please contact the school office.

To set up the notifications so that the information is only relevant to your child/class/year group, a help guide is on the Newsletters section of the app. If you set this previously, please check it is set correctly for the new classes in 2018/19.

Parents evenings and Target reports

You should have received your child's target report or six weeks into school letter this week.

Along with this, you should have received a letter about consultation evenings. Please try to attend as it is important that we keep each other updated about your child.

At this stage, we are most focussed upon settling in: attitude to learning, well-being, friendships and behaviour. Please make sure that you have returned the pro-forma by the deadline so that we can organise appointments. Thank you.

Reading challenge

The children have been so busy at home with the reading challenge. Thank you to parents for supporting them with this, it really will make a huge difference. Awards will be given out on Friday 26th October so make sure Mrs Smith gets your records by Tuesday 23rd please. The reading challenge will change slightly each term so look out for the new challenge, which will be set after the October half term. Please also continue to read school scheme books and sign the yellow reading diary regularly so that we can see that your child has read. You do not need to write lots, a smiley face or a tick is enough!

Sports update

We've had a great sporting start to the school year...

Year 4/5 cross country

There was a great turn out for the Year 4/5 cross country event and all children ran really well. A group of Shelley First school boys got through to the next stage at Leeds road. Well done to everyone who took part.

Year 2/3 cross country

Another superb event. The children did brilliantly and lots of fun was had by all. Well done to Olivia in Year 2 who came first, Louie in Year 3 who came third and all children who took part in the race.

Yr 4/5 Girls football

The children brought so much enthusiasm to the competition and had lots of fun, well done girls!

Independence ladders

There has been a letter sent to parents with independence ladders attached. These independence ladders are used by class teachers to set expectations of what children should be able to do for themselves both in their learning and in day to day routines. We would be very grateful if you could support your child by encouraging independence in similar activities at home. Thank you as always for your support.

School council

This week we had our first school council meeting. School council is made up of children from years two, and three. This works on a rota basis to give as many children the opportunity to take part as possible. The children represent their peers and give us ideas for school improvement. This week the school council decided on the topic of debate for Year four's up and coming Parliament project which is part of our Women's week celebration. We also decided that we should come to school in pyjamas to raise money for Children in Need.

Dates:

17.10.18 Y2 multi skills event (AM)
17.10. 18 Class Johnson's assembly 3pm
17/24.10.18 – Parents evening 3.40-7.00pm
w/b 22.10.18 – Women's week
26.10.18 – Break up for half term
5.11.18 – Training day
6.11.18 – Science week
7.11.18 – Halloween/Bonfire disco
16.11.18: Children in need Dress up in pyjamas
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
7/1/19 School opens
18/1/19 Termly reports sent home
25/02/19 School opens and Topic week



Children in need

Children in need day : Friday November 16th

We will be raising funds for children in need by coming to school dressed in our Pyjamas. Donations will be £1 per child. We will also be selling toast at break time which will cost an additional 50p.

Kirkburton library events

There will be a 'Spells' themed story walk at Kirkburton Library on Wednesday 31st of October (half term) from 2.30-4.00pm. Children can come along dressed up and there will be prizes for best costumes along with other exciting things! Booking needs to be done through www.ticketsource.co.uk.

There will also be a Christmas craft session held on Tuesday 18th December from 3.30-5.30 pm. Please contact the library for more details.

Cancelling school dinners

If your child wishes to move from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa the notice period is at least one week. You will need to go into the office and fill in a form to do this. The office staff will explain to you when the changeover day will be. Please be aware that if you send a packed lunch before the agreed changeover date, you will still have to pay for a school dinner. If you have any questions about this please ask in the school office.

Grow

Children in Key stage one have been busy tending to our garden. Here are some photos of our produce...

