



Website - Please have a look at our website to find out more.

<http://www.short-heath.walsall.sch.uk/> and our Calendar: http://www.short-heath.walsall.sch.uk/pages/calendar/index?calendar_id=6143

Curriculum - Our learning has taken us on many journeys, so far:

Y3 - Have been making tools for their Stone Age adventure.

Y4 - Are creating ways to tame a dragon.

Y5 - Have been exploring the life of Rose Blanche.

Y6 - Are experimenting with waves in the style of Hokusai.



Fundraising - *WE WILL REMEMBER THEM...* Thank you for supporting the poppy appeal at school this year and for your kind comments on our wonderful weeping window display. On Sunday, nine of our amazing Y6 children respectfully took part in the parade at the War Memorial on High Road, to join our community in saying 'Thank you'.

Children in Need – On Friday 16th we will be dressing down to raise money for Children in Need. It is going to be Spotacular! Join us as we support this year's Children in Need! Come in your own clothes or Children in Need outfit (this can include face paint and funky hair) £1 donation to take part.



Sharing Assembly - SILVER BIRCH CLASS will be holding their first sharing assembly of the year on Friday 23rd November. We look forward to seeing 4B parents at the assembly at 9:05am and then staying for coffee and cake afterwards. ASH CLASS, 3W, will perform on Friday 30th.

Anti-Bullying Week - This week we are going to be exploring Anti-Bullying Week with the children. We work with an organisation called VotesforSchools who provide our school, and hundreds across the country, with a weekly current affairs debate that our children discuss and then vote on. This gives them a voice beyond the gates of our school. VotesforSchools are using Anti-Bullying Week to provide us with a discussion and debate around very current forms of gaming and social media that children and young people are using to anonymously bully each other. We want to ensure our staff are equipped with the latest knowledge of these apps and games, so we can have a conversation that is relevant and meaningful with our children about how to safely and appropriately engage with technology but also know the risks.



VotesforSchools will also ensure our staff can also promote the benefits of apps and games and how our children can use them to report bullying and other safeguarding issues.

Below are some websites that can help you as a parent/carer to support your child if they are victim of any type of bullying.

We look forward to these conversations this week; please do contact your child's Class Teacher if you have any questions.

NSPCC has comprehensive guidance for parents/carers on lots of topics linked to all kinds of bullying, and cyberbullying specifically. It includes tips on staying safe online, how to set up parental controls online and what to do if you are concerned about a child.

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Two really useful lists of popular apps to be aware of (descriptions and risks included):

- <https://www.common sense media.org/blog/16-apps-and-websites-kids-are-heading-to-after-facebook>
- <https://sheerlux.com/2018/04/24/10-apps-teens-are-using-parents-should-watch-out>

Common Sense Media promote safe technology and media for children, including film ratings, apps and books.

- www.common sense media.org

NetAware's guide rates popular apps for safety, age appropriateness, likelihood of bullying and many other factors.

- www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/

The government has created guidance on Child Safety Online. It covers the risks they face and practical tips for minimising risk.

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers-whose-children-are-using-social-media>

e-Safety - Please check our website for regular safety updates -

<http://www.short-heath.walsall.sch.uk/information-for-parents/keeping-children-safe/safeguarding>



Attendance - Our school target for attendance this year is 97%. *Our school attendance last week was only 96.7%.*

Well done to SILVER BIRCH, HORSE CHESTNUT AND BEECH CLASSES each with a fabulous 97.9% attendance.

ASH	96.7%
OAK	97.6%
HORSE CHESTNUT	97.9%
SILVER BIRCH	97.9%
BEECH	97.9%
SYCAMORE	93.5%
MAPLE	97.1%
WILLOW	95.0%



Parent Council - The next meeting is at 1:30pm at Short Heath (Fun Club). All parents/carers are welcome. This meeting will also include the planning of Christmas fundraising and activities between the schools.

If you can't make the meeting, please let us know of any ideas you'd like to put forward. They are also still in need of a Chairperson!