



Shawlands Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 20th December 2018



Well, it's nearly the end of a busy term and an even busier couple of weeks! The children have enjoyed their parties and the Christmas productions all went really well. I'd like to say a big thank you to the fundraising team who raised an amazing £301 from the Christmas raffle. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and well done to all the lucky winners!

We've had a good number of the rewards booklets returned this week and they should be coming back to you today. The next time we will be asking for them to be returned is 11th February, so please don't worry if you didn't get them in this time.

A group of children from Y5 and Y6 went to sing carols at Age UK on Tuesday and a group are also going to meet with Dan Jarvis at Age UK this afternoon. The Barnsley Chronicle will be there, so keep an eye out for it in the paper.

From January we will not be allowing children to eat crisps, chocolate, biscuits etc., at morning break, any snacks must be healthy (e.g. fruit or cereal bars). Also as lunchboxes are now kept in the hall and children won't have access to them at morning break, snacks will need to be kept in their coat pocket or bag. Please only put water in their drinking bottles. A number of children have started bringing in juice and even tea! Medical advice is that drinking sugary drinks from a bottle is bad for teeth, as well as contributing to health problems. Children also have access to water at lunchtimes with their lunch and will be able to re-fill water bottles on hot days when they are empty.

We're looking forward to welcoming parents and relatives of EYFS and KS1 children into school tomorrow at 1.30pm for their Christmas sing-a-long. EYFS and KS1 children can be collected at the end of the concert from their usual doors. If you also have children in KS2 there will be enough time to collect your younger children and get up to the church in time for the KS2 carol service which starts at 2.15pm. Staff will walk all the KS2 children up to St Edward's church. Everyone is welcome to come along and it's always a lovely way to end the year.

As always, you'll be able to pick your children up from the church after the service if you would like to. Any children not collected after the carols in school or from church can be picked up from school at the usual time of 3.30pm.

Attendance and Lates

w/c 10th December 2018:

Turtles am:	Attendance: 96.8%	Lates: 0
Turtles pm:	Attendance: 85%	Lates: 0
Possums:	Attendance: 95%	Lates: 0
Lions:	Attendance: 88.5%	Lates: 4
Aliens:	Attendance: 96%	Lates: 2
Bees:	Attendance: 95%	Lates: 0
Heroes:	Attendance: 98.7%	Lates: 1
Foxes:	Attendance: 97.8%	Lates: 0
Raptors:	Attendance: 92.8%	Lates: 0
Explorers:	Attendance: 99%	Lates: 0
Astronauts:	Attendance: 90.4%	Lates: 1
Footballers:	Attendance: 97.5%	Lates: 1
Unicorns:	Attendance: 99.7%	Lates: 2
School Total	Attendance: 95.8%	Lates: 11

We are asking if children who have a packed lunch could please bring them to school in a plastic bag tomorrow (so they can be thrown away afterwards). Also if any bags /PE bags could be taken home tonight, or tomorrow morning at drop off, that would be great as we'd like children walking up to church to have as little as possible to carry up with them.

As this is the last newsletter of 2018 I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone here at Shawlands. It's been a fantastic term, thank you all for your continued support and here's to a great 2019.

I hope you enjoy the break and we will see you all back in school on **Monday 7th January 2019**.