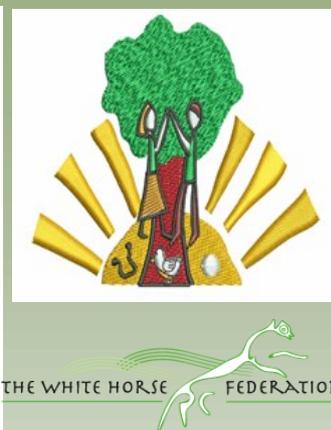


Shaw School Newsletter

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents

A belated Happy New Year to you all.

The Spring term is always a quieter one when compared to the busy Christmas period. We are looking forward to building on all the good learning behaviours which the children have developed as they settled in to their new classes last term. February half term marks the mid point of the school year which always comes as a bit of a shock to realise! Please do support your child by ensuring that time is given to support homework—especially those vital reading skills, spellings, number facts and multiplication tables. Children who are poor at these basics find many other aspects of the curriculum more tricky. Time invested in these areas at home will always pay off.

PAFOS will be busy again this term. Do get your teams together for the Quiz on 1st Feb. Also, don't forget the children's disco on 8th Feb.

You will hopefully have noticed two new signs on the double gates in the car park. For the safety of your children, please do not block these gates at any time. It is the only means of access for emergency vehicles. Just think—It could be your child who needs an ambulance.

Sadly, Madeleine Webber's Mum passed away over the holiday. Madeleine is taking unpaid leave this term. Mrs Chappell will be checking the PSA email address and we will deal with any urgent enquiries using existing Shaw staff. However, we will not be able to provide a full Parent Support Advisor role until Madeleine's return after February half term. Apologies for this.

Finally, we say a sad farewell to Mrs Ellis, one of our Mid Day Supervisors at the beginning of February. We are therefore recruiting for someone to replace her. Details and instructions on how to apply will be available via the school website in the very near future.

Regards

Simon White

Headteacher

Our Key Christian Value this term is:

FORGIVENESS We focus on another vital value this term as we look at the importance of **FORGIVENESS** in helping our community to function smoothly. Saying sorry and agreeing to forgive can be hard for children (and adults!) in some situations. We will be looking at the power of the words **SORRY** and **I FORGIVE YOU**. We will also look at the power of forgiving ourselves. These are vital concepts in supporting good mental health and wellbeing.

Dates for your diary

Friday 18th Jan—School Choir to Young Voices in Birmingham.

Friday 1st Feb—PAFOS Quiz 7.30

Friday 8th Feb— PAFOS Children's Disco—4.15—5.45

Friday 15th Feb—Last day of term—school ends 3.15—ASC as usual.

Advanced notice—provisional

Fri 31st March— Annual School Reports (yr1-6) sent home

Parents Evenings (to discuss Annual School Reports) Mon 1st April 3.30—7pm and Wed 3rd April 2-5pm.

Fri 5th April—1.30—Easter Service. School ends 2.30. No ASC.

Holidays and TD days 2019

Fri 15th Feb—Last day of term 3

Mon 25th Feb—TD Day—school closed to children

Tues 26th Feb—Start of term 4

Friday 5th April—Last Day of term 4 school ends 2.30 (No ASC)

Sat 6th— Mon 22nd April (inc) - Easter Holiday

Tues 23rd April—Start of term 5

Mon 6th May—Bank holiday—school closed

Mon 13th May—Fri 17th May—Yr 6 SATS week.

Fri 24th May - last day of term 5

Sat 25th May— Sun 2nd June—Half term holiday

Mon 3rd June—TD Day—school closed to pupils.

Tues 4th June—Start of Term 6

Mon 8th July—TD Day—school closed to pupils

Thurs 25th July— End of term 2.30

A message from Sharon Shackelford: "The Women's Refuge, The Rise Trust and Unity House homeless shelter, would like to thank everyone at Shaw School who donated gifts to families and individuals who are vulnerable and in desperate need. It was a great response and all the presents were lovely and made a huge difference to the children and adults over Christmas."