

Shaw School Newsletter

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents

What an incredibly busy couple of weeks. The summer holidays seems like a distant blur!

Thank you to those of you who were able to come to the Meet the Teacher meetings. We hope everyone found the information which was discussed and sent our afterwards useful. Don't forget that the teacher's email addresses are the best way to ask those simple but important questions about routines and expectations. Our website will be undergoing a big revamp in the next couple of months and I hope to be able to get links to the email addresses onto the website.

Next Friday is Harvest Festival. You are welcome to join us in church at 2.15. The theme this year is "Give us today our daily bread." Children will be exploring this theme through song, prayer, reading, pictures and objects. Please send your child to school with a tin or packet to donate to Melksham Food Bank during the service.

Mrs Cheeseman and I had an exciting day yesterday visiting the specialist school bookshop in Birmingham. We spent £2000 of PAFOS money on some amazing new books for our fabulous library. Thank you PAFOS! We will get them into use as soon as they are ready. We still need help with cataloguing the books though. Any offers gratefully received. It is a massive job and has already taken hundreds of volunteer hours, with many more hours to go!

Don't forget our PAFOS AGM at 7.30 on Wednesday 10th October in the Library. All welcome for Cheese and Wine and an update on how we teach Maths at Shaw.

Year 5 are very excited about their trip to Braeside in a couple of weeks. I hear on the grapevine that Braeside and Oxenwood have been saved from closure. I hope the rumours are true and will confirm as soon as I know. I will be going with Year 5 as I usually try to do. This means that the next newsletter may be published as few days late.

Regards

Simon White

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

- Fri 28th Sept 2.15—Harvest Service in Church.
- Wed 3rd—Fri 5th Sept—Yr 5 Braeside Residential.
- Wed 10th Oct—PAFOS AGM 7.30pm in Library
- Wed 17th Oct—OPEN DAY for new parents—Tours of school at 9.30, 11.00 and 1.30.
- Wed 24th Oct—Last day of term,, After School Club as usual.
- Thursday 25th Oct—Sun 4th Nov. Half term holiday
- Mon 5th Nov—TD Day—school closed to children.
- Tues 6th Nov—Term begins
- Mon 12th Nov and Wed 14th Nov—Parents Evenings
- Fri 7th Dec—PAFOS Christmas Fayre—2-4pm
- Thu 13th Dec—Yr 3 and 4 Christingle in Church 6pm
- Mon 17th Dec—Rec Scratch Nativity 2.30 in the hall
- Tues 18th Dec—KS1 nativity 2pm
- Wed 19th Dec—Christmas dinner, KS1 Nativity 6pm
- Thursday 20th Dec—Last day of term. Carol Service 1.15 in Church, School ends 2.30—no After School Club.
- Fri 21st Dec—TD Day—school closed to children.
- Monday 7th Jan—New term begins.
- Fri 15th Feb—Last day of term
- Mon 25th Feb—TD Day—school closed to children
- Tues 26th Feb—Start of term.

Walk to school safely!

There are still plenty of fluorescent jackets ready to be collected from outside the school office. If you can't come in, then children are allowed to collect for you.

Our Key Christian Value this term is;

COURAGE Basic to the Christian faith is the claim that God is always present in every situation. This belief has led to great acts of courage that have included facing danger and opposition, overcoming fear, making a stand for what is right and encouraging other to persevere. Through prayer people have found the strength to help them to be courageous. We will be exploring all of these ideas in assemblies this term.