

Shaw School Newsletter

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year and a special welcome to our new children and their families. You are now part of the very special Shaw School family!

There have been some changes over the summer. We are absolutely delighted to tell you that, following some significant and frustrating delays, we are now officially a member of The White Horse Federation Multi Academy Trust. As you know, we have been working with WHF for the last year and have really valued their input into making our school better and better. Some of you took the opportunity to meet Dr Nick Capstick, our CEO last term when he hosted an evening for parents. For those of you who missed this, there is an opportunity to find out more about the Trust next Wednesday at 4pm at Melksham Oak.

The children have returned to school really well. Myself and Mrs Clark have spent time in every class and out and about at playtime and lunchtime. We are delighted to say that the attitudes and behaviour we have seen from the children have been outstanding—they are a credit to themselves and our school. Long may that last. They are excited about their new classes and the things they will be learning. To help you understand this better, you are invited to a series of "Meet the Teacher" meetings—details in the dates section. For those of you unable to make these times, information will be sent out from the class teachers by email the following day. All teachers have email addresses in the form of initialsurname@shaw.wilts.sch.uk which we encourage you to use for routine communication. We will be revamping our approach to newsletter, Facebook, and Twitter communications over the next few months so look out for these exciting developments!

Finally, we are always on the look out for volunteer readers in school. If you or someone you know has an hour or so to spare each week please speak to the Office who will arrange for DBS and clearances. Also, people with a flair or enthusiasm in other areas such as art and craft, cooking and gardening are also welcome!

Finally, we were pleased to be sponsored by Specsavers who donated fluorescent jackets to the school last year. We have a good supply of these if you want one for your child to make their walk to and from school safer. They can be taken from the box outside the school Office.

Regards

Simon White

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Wed 12th Sept—Parents Meeting re WHF—Melksham Oak 4pm

WB 17th September—Meet the Teacher Meetings

Mon 17th 2.45—Year 6

Tues 18th 2.45—Year 2

Wed 19th 2.45—Year 3

Thurs 20th 2.45—Yr 5

Fri 21st 2.45—Yr 4

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.

The Year of Kindness

We have decided to call this year "The Year of Kindness" at Shaw School. Kindness is a fundamental human value, attitude and state of mind which underpins all of our Mission Shaw values and ideas. Even the youngest children can fully understand the idea of kind hands and words. Staff will be looking out for acts of kindness and each week they will be celebrated in Friday assembly and a child will be awarded with the Kindness Cup to live on their desk for the week.

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.