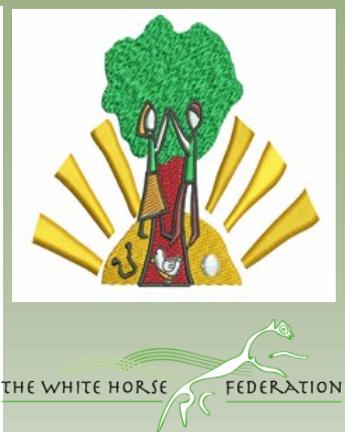


Shaw School Newsletter

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term holiday. The children were certainly ready for the break and have returned refreshed and full of energy for the run up to Christmas.

Huge congratulations to our Gardening Club and Mrs Galloway for achieving South west in Bloom—Level 5—OUTSTANDING for the School Kitchen Garden. An amazing achievement—well done.

Term 2 is always the best term in a Primary School in my opinion. We have lots of exciting learning and activities planned to engage and enthuse the children.

Don't forget that next week is parents evening. If you have not yet signed up, please do so. We usually manage a 100% attendance rate at these events, so let's ensure this is maintained. This is the time to review how the year has started and for you to learn how you can work in partnership with us to ensure your child does as well as they possibly can for the rest of the year.

With this in mind, we have decided to alter the timing of our full annual report on your children for all children in years 1 to 6. You will know how much work goes in to these kinds of reports. We have felt for some time now that this knowledge of your child and the targets which we set could be put to much better use if the report were to be written mid-year. The teacher who writes the report will then be the one who works with your child and you on meeting the targets and areas for improvement, rather than that vital knowledge getting "lost" over the long summer break. Full reports will therefore now be sent home at the end of March and full parents evenings then held to discuss the next steps in early April. At the end of the year you will receive another very brief tick-box summary report to round off the school year. Full Reception reports will remain as end of year reports.

Regards

Simon White

Headteacher

Our Key Christian Value this term is:

HOPE I personally feel that this value is one of the most vital. We quite rightly talk a great deal about wellbeing and mental health these days. The value of hope gives purpose and meaning to our lives, even in the darkest times. We strive to develop and support hopeful young people at Shaw—full of excitement and optimism about the future. Advent and Christmas is a great time to think about this value as we look forward to celebrating Christmas. Jesus is the source of all hope in the Christian faith.

Dates for your diary

Mon 12th Nov and Wed 14th Nov—Parents Evenings

Wed 14th Nov—PAFOS Christmas Shopping event.

Fri 16th Nov—Children in Need non-uniform day.

Thur 6th Dec—Bottle tombola—bring a bottle non-uniform day.

Fri 7th Dec—PAFOS Christmas Fayre—2-4pm

Sat 8th Dec 11am—Choir sing at Lowden garden centre.

Sun 9th Dec—Community Carol Service at Church. Children from Shaw School taking part.

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.

Mon 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.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is National Anti-Bullying week. The theme is "Choose respect". Children will be focussing on this in lessons and assemblies throughout the week. Attached is a poster which School Council have designed to remind everyone of the key messages.

Children in Need

Children in Need Day is next Friday 16th Nov. It will be a non-uniform day in return for a donation to Children in Need,

The Year of Kindness.

What a phenomenal success this little idea has been! It has been really heart-warming celebrating so many little acts of kindness in our Friday assemblies and the recipients of the cup have very proudly displayed it on their desks. My job of choosing the kindest act of many is nearly impossible each week!