

Nursery January 2019

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st December 2015?

If so, then they could start in our Nursery class in January 2019.

If you would like to look around our Nursery, please call the School Office to book an appointment. Ofsted (March 2018) said: 'Children make a positive start in the high-quality early years provision'.

Shepherd Primary School Blog



Don't forget to check our School Blog this week (www.shepherdprimaryschool.edublogs.org) where you'll find updates on:

- Mrs Foad's Blog
- Class posts

Promoting discussions about 'Learning' at home

The children at Shepherd Primary School are busy learning so many new and different things each week. To help parents discuss their child's learning with them at home, please find below a question that you could ask your child about something they have learnt this week:

Nursery: Can you look at a real car and name some of the parts?

Reception: What happens to the trees in Autumn?

Year 1: What time words do you know?

Year 2: Can you explain what an adverb is?

Year 3: What are the five Ws in the Stone Age Boy story?

Year 4: Can you make up a riddle to describe a rainforest?

Year 5: Can you identify one difference between the Anglo-Saxon and modern British justice system?

Year 6: Who was the Buddha?



The week gone by ...



Gardening Morning!

This morning an amazing team of parents, grandparents, a governor and an au pair set to work gardening on the North playground with Mrs Norwood! They all worked so incredibly hard, clearing leaves, weeding, pruning and planting hundreds of daffodil bulbs which I can't wait to see bloom in the Spring! An enormous thank you to: Mrs Barber, Zeno, Mr Batchelor, Nanny Batchelor, Mrs Duxberry, Mrs Booth, Nanny Sole, Mrs Chan, Mrs Cameron, Miss Caldwell, Miss Terelli and Nanny Xeka.



Walk to School Day

On Monday Mr Charter arranged a lovely walking assembly for all the children, to celebrate Walk to School Day. Each class followed a trail of clues around the school – each clue was attached to a flag of a country that participates in 'International Walk to School Day'!

School Football and Netball Teams

Yesterday our school football and netball teams played their first matches of the season, against Eastbury Farm. Congratulations to both teams who played brilliantly – Mr Turton and Mrs Hunt said how well they worked together in their teams. The final scores were:

- Football team: Shepherd - 0, Eastbury Farm - 2
- Netball team: Shepherd - 3, Eastbury Farm - 3

Safety Talk – Years 4, 5 & 6

I am aware that there have been two incidents recently in the local area, where secondary school aged children have been approached by strangers on their way to and from school. After the first incident, you may remember that in my Friday Letter on 21st September, I let you know that teachers spent time talking to children in Years 4, 5 and 6 about how to keep safe when they are out on their own, without an adult (as children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are allowed to walk to and from school on their own). I have not been asked by the Police to release specific details about the two incidents, but just wanted to reassure parents that we are aware of these and have once again taken the opportunity to remind all the children about the importance of not talking to strangers and to seek help if they need it.

Upcoming Events ...



Enterprise Week

The week commencing 22nd October is 'Enterprise Week' at Shepherd Primary School! Children in Year 1-6 will be busy planning, designing and making an item to sell at the Enterprise Fair on Friday 26th October, 3.30-4pm. The theme of Enterprise Week this year is 'recycling and reusing', so everything being made is from recycled items.



Spanish Day – Friday 9th November

On Friday 9th November we will be holding a 'Spanish Day' to celebrate the launch of our new Spanish Curriculum in Key Stage 2! We are busy planning an exciting day for the whole school, which will include a range of different activities for the children to participate in, including: art, flag making and food tasting! We would like to invite all children to come to school dressed in either the colours of the Spanish flag (red and yellow), or wearing Spanish style clothes!

We need your help! We wondered if there were any parents out there who speak Spanish and would like to help us on the day? We also need a team of parents to help our class teachers run some of the more practical activities – if you can help out during the morning or afternoon of Friday 9th November, please let the school office know.

Anti-Bullying Week, 12th – 16th November



We will once again be joining in with national Anti-Bullying Week during the week commencing 12th November. The theme of Anti-Bullying Week this year is 'Choose respect'. To kick start the week, we would like to invite all children to come to school wearing odd socks on Monday 12th November! School Council will be selling anti-bullying wristbands at breaktime during the week, for £1. All proceeds will be put towards buying resources for our new 'Playground Buddies' and 'Play Leaders', who will be supporting children on the playground at break and lunchtimes.

General Information



Rock & Pop Foundation Music Lessons

We have an excellent partnership with the Rock & Pop Foundation, who not only deliver our whole class music lessons for Year 4-6 as part of our music curriculum, but they also deliver 1:1 and small group peripatetic music lessons to those Key Stage 2 children who would like to learn an instrument. Instrumental lessons that Rock & Pop currently teach, include: drums, guitar, piano and keyboard. If you are interested in your child learning an instrument, please contact the Rock & Pop Foundation, on: 01252 368330 or enrol them at: <https://www.rockandpopfoundation.com/enrol>



Reading Morning

A reminder that the last Friday of every month will be Paired Reading, where the children have the opportunity to read alongside children in other year groups, therefore there will be no Family Reading Morning on the last Friday of each month.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer

A reminder to Year 6 parents that the online secondary transfer application process is now open, and will remain open until 31st October 2018. Please apply online at:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/actweb/education/Admissions/startpage.cfm>

Year 6 Parents Drop-in: Lisa Sillitoe, an outreach worker who works within our group of local schools, has kindly offered to run a drop-in session for Year 6 parents, to help answer questions about the secondary application process - this could be around the choice of schools, academic/music test results, transport, SIFs, allocations etc,. Lisa will be in school on Friday 19th October from 9-10am. If you would like to pop in and speak to her with any questions at all then please let the school office know.

School Trips and Local Visits

The following school trips and local visits are planned to take place this term:

- Year 6 School Council Trip to Watersmeet Theatre, Monday 15th October
- Year 6 trip to STEM at St Clement Danes, Friday 16th November
- Years 1-6 trip to the pantomime at Watersmeet Theatre, Wednesday 19th December



Ink Cartridge Recycling

We are continuing to recycle ink cartridges – please help us raise some extra funds for the school by sending your used/empty cartridges into school. Thank you!

Family Worker

Our family worker, Debbie Wingfield, is available to work with families on a variety of family issues through individual or group sessions. If you feel you would like some family support, please contact Mrs Freuchen via the school office.

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the wellbeing of a young person or child you are able to make an anonymous referral through Hertfordshire County Council, by calling **0300 123 4043** and selecting option 1. Remember that you can make a referral at any time – weekday, weekend or during the school holidays.



Message from the PTA ...

Thank you to all those parents who came to the PTA Meeting this morning, it was a very useful a productive meeting. Dates and information about our upcoming Music Bingo and children's Christmas Party will be published soon.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Claire Foad
Headteacher