

Dear Parents

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Tuesday, following the school holiday. I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break.



## **Attendance & Punctuality**

The school day starts at 8.50am for children in Years 1-6 and 8.55am for children in Nursery and Reception – please make sure your children are on time for school every day.

Congratulations to **Year 5 Cheviot, Year 4 Romney and Year 3 Texel** who had fewest late arrivals to school this week.

In order for a school to be judged as 'outstanding' by Ofsted, the school's overall attendance must be above the national average for all children. Although our overall attendance is improving year on year, we are still below the national average – this is a significant barrier to us moving from 'good' to 'outstanding'.

Children attending Shepherd Primary School should attend school regularly - we see this as being at least 97% of the time. Last week our overall school attendance was **94.9%**. Congratulations to **Year 2 Balwen** who had the best attendance this week. Congratulations also to the **272 children** who had **100%** attendance this week.



## **Shepherd Primary School Blog**

Don't forget to check our School Blog this week ([www.shepherdprimaryschool.edublogs.org](http://www.shepherdprimaryschool.edublogs.org)) where you'll find Blog entries from me, alongside 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 remember any of the objects that began with 's' on the sound table this week?

Reception: Which two days make the weekend?

Year 1: Can you retell the story of On the Way Home?

Year 2: What do animals need to survive?

Year 3: If you had a magic crayon that allowed you to draw a door to another place, where would you go? Describe what it would be like.

Year 4: What is a Canopic jar used for?

Year 5: What would hit the ground first, a cannon ball or a tennis ball?

Year 6: What is the difference between the diameter and the radius?



## **The week gone by...**

### **Sponsored Bounce!**



We will be holding our annual whole school Sponsored Bounce fundraising event on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. We are asking children to ask family and friends to sponsor them to bounce on a bouncy castle as many times as possible in one minute (sponsorship forms are coming home in bookbags today).

Please ensure that the sponsorship form is returned back into school on or before 10<sup>th</sup> May, in order for your child's class teacher to record their number of bounces on it. This will then be sent back home with your child that day, in order for them to collect their sponsorship money. All the money raised this year will be put towards a range of workshops for children from Nursery-Year 6 during National Sports Week – we hope to raise enough money to include skipping, martial arts, scooters, skateboarding and dance!

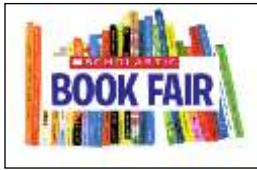
## Diary Dates

A list of Diary Dates for this half term can be found on the last page of this Friday Letter. Please do add key dates to your diary.

## Next Week ...

### Clubs

Our after school clubs start next week. Please ensure children are collected promptly at 4.15pm from the North playground.



### Scholastic Half Price Book Fair

Next week we will be once again running the Scholastic Book Fair, after school each day, in the dining room, from 3.30-4pm. All books at the Book Fair will be half price, so do come along and grab yourself a bargain!

### Secondary Transfer Meeting for Year 5 Parents

At 9am next Friday, I will be leading my secondary transfer meeting for Year 5 parents. At the meeting, I will talk through the secondary application process.

### Curriculum Newsletters

Curriculum Newsletters for all classes will be sent home next Friday – these will give you key information about what your child will be learning about this term.

## General Information...

### Safer Places - Domestic Abuse Outreach Worker



Safer Places is a charity offering support to families experiencing domestic abuse. The Reach Free secondary school have been chosen as a base for Emily Hannon (Domestic Abuse Outreach Worker from Safer Places) – she will be present there between 10am and 12 noon each Friday. This means that you can access direct support from the charity should you wish. Safer Places offers a range of different services to support you and guide you through an abusive relationship. Emily can tailor the support to you and your family's individual needs, or just offer advice. To speak to Emily call 01923 711517 at the times above, or email her at [emily.hannon@sahwr.org.uk](mailto:emily.hannon@sahwr.org.uk)

### Family Worker

Our family worker Debbie Wingfield, runs a regular parent drop-in – it is an opportunity to meet her and find out what she does and how she might be able to support families. The next drop-in will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

### 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!



### 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.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Claire Foad  
Headteacher



# Parent Diary Dates

## Summer Term (1) 2019

### Regular activities:

- Samba drumming for Y3 (Mon each week)
- WFC sports lessons for Yrs 1-6 (Mon-Fri each week)
- Swimming at William Penn for Y5 (Tues 1.30-2.00 and 2.00-2.30 each week)
- Spanish lessons for Yrs 3-6 delivered by The Reach Free (Tues and Thurs afternoon each week)
- Sunshine Room for KS1 & 2 children (Fri lunchtime each week)
- Rock & Pop music lessons for Yrs 4-6 (Thurs afternoon each week)
- Family Reading Morning for Yrs N-Y6 (Fri 8.50-9.10 each week)

### w/c 29<sup>th</sup> April

Scholastic Half Price Book Fair (3.30-4pm, Mon-Fri)

Clubs Week 1

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> SEN Open Morning for parents, 8.30-9.30am

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Secondary transfer meeting for Year 5 parents, 9am, led by Mrs Foad

### w/c 6<sup>th</sup> May

Clubs Week 2

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> School closed – bank holiday

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Year 4 History Egyptian workshop in the school hall, all day

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Whole school Sponsored Bounce!

### w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May

Clubs Week 3

KS2 SATS Testing Week:

Monday: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Papers 1 and 2

Tuesday: Reading

Wednesday: Maths Papers 1 and 2

Thursday: Maths Paper 3

### w/c 20<sup>th</sup> May

Key Stage 1 SATs Testing Week

Clubs Week 4

Bikeability Cycle Training for selected Year 5 and 6 children

Walk to School Week

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Year 6 kwik cricket at The Reach Free

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Funky Footwear Friday (Walk to School Week)

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Paired Reading (no Reading Morning)

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Golden Table: Year 5 and 6

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Parents Drugs Information Workshop, 9am

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Year 5 and 6 Drugs Workshop

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