

Dance Workshops for Years 1-5

On Wednesday children in Years 1-5 took part in dance workshops run by 'I Got Soul'. The feedback I received from the children was how much they had enjoyed the dance sessions – I am hoping to be able to invite 'I Got Soul' back to lead further dance sessions next academic year.

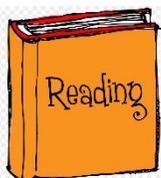


Tickets for 'Olivia' – Year 5 and 6 parents

Today a letter is going home with each Year 5 and 6 child, regarding ticket allocations for our end of year production of 'Olivia' on Wednesday 10th July, at 9.30am and 6.30pm. Please ensure all ticket request slips are returned to the school office by 9am next Friday.

New Library Screen

Those of you who have visited the school office this week, may well have noticed the new screen in the library area. This currently has a slideshow outlining the special events taking place in school between now and the end of term. Next year we will continue to use it to share important information and reminders for families, as well as to share any exciting school news! I would like to thank the McAllister family who very kindly donated the screen to our school – thank you!



Reading Donation

Earlier this month I received another donation from Mr Tucker, whose wife Claire Tucker used to be a governor here at Shepherd Primary School. Mr Tucker has once again made a generous donation to our reading fund – this year we have decided to put the donation towards new reading books for our Reception children. Thank you Mr Tucker for your continued support of reading at Shepherd Primary School.

'Beside the Seaside' Summer Fair

I am really looking forward to the PTA Summer Fair tomorrow - the weather looks like it will be kind to us and the PTA have planned so many special events for us all to enjoy. I look forward to seeing you all there!



Next week ...



Year 2 Scooterability

For those children in Year 2 who have a scooter or are able to borrow one for the day, on Tuesday (2nd July) we have arranged for them to have a day of Scooterability – during the sessions they will be learning how to ride their scooter safely whilst still having fun. Please ensure that your child brings their scooter to school on Tuesday and leaves it in the area marked by cones.

House Charity Fundraising Events

Following on from the Gade fundraising event at the start of this half term, Colne, Chess and Ver will also be running charity fundraising events over the next two weeks:

- **Colne Ice-Lolly Sale:** Monday 1st July breaktime
- **Ver Where's Wally:** Monday 8th July
- **Chess Guess how many sweets in the jar:** Tuesday 9th July



All money raised will be donated to the NSPCC, our chosen charity for this academic year.

Nursery workshop with Lizzie Duck

Lizzie will be once again visiting our Nursery class on Thursday (4th July). Lizzie will be leading a fun, active session which we hope all the children will really enjoy.

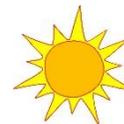
Class Information for 2019-20

Next week's Friday Letter will contain information about classes for 2019/20.

General Information ...

Sun Protection

As the weather is improving, please remember to send your child to school wearing a sunhat and suncream – your child may also bring a clearly labelled bottle of suncream to school, to reapply at lunchtime.



'Space Chase' Library Summer Reading Challenge

Rickmansworth Library is once again running a Summer Reading Challenge, which starts on Saturday 13th July and runs until Saturday 7th September – the challenge is to read six library books and each child who completes the challenge will receive a medal and certificate from the library. The theme of this year's challenge, is 'Space Chase' and has been inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. To find out more, visit www.summerreadingchallenge.org

Helping the Environment

A reminder that:

- we no longer allow single use plastic water bottles in school. Instead, please make sure that your child brings a refillable water bottle to school.
- children having packed lunches are encouraged to recycle their crisp packets after lunch each day. If children would like to bring empty crisp packets from home in their lunchbox, they are also able to recycle these.



2019/20 Term Dates

Below are the updated term dates for 2019/20.

Please note that the children return to school on Tuesday 3rd September 2019.

Please also note that the date of the May bank holiday has changed from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May 2020.

Autumn Term 2019

Monday 2nd September: school closed (staff training day)

Tuesday 3rd September: school starts for children

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November: half term holiday

Friday 15th November (occasional day): school closed

Monday 18th November: school closed (staff training day)

Friday 20th December (1.30pm): end of term

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January: school starts for children

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February: half term holiday

Friday 3rd April (1.30pm): end of term

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April: school starts for children

Friday 8th May: Bank Holiday

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May: half term holiday

Monday 29th June: school closed (staff training day)

Friday 17th July: end of term

Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July: school closed (staff training days)



School Trips



The following school trips will be taking place this term:

- Year 2 trip to the Wetland Centre, 4th July
- Year 3 trip to the Reach Free for an athletics festival, 4th July
- Year 6 leavers trip to Rock Up and Meat & Shake, 18th July

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



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 4th July.

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
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