

## 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 2 Swaledale, Year 3 Vendeen, Year 4 Romney and Year 6 Merino** 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 **94.3%**. Congratulations to **Year 1 Beltex** who the best attendance this week. Congratulations also to the **254 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 you discuss your child's learning with them at home, please find below a question that you could ask your child about something they learnt this week:

Nursery: Numbers are all around us. Can you find some numbers on packaging around the home and out and about?

Reception: Why are bees so important?

Year 1: What different types of tree can you name?

Year 2: What was your favourite part of the wetlands school trip?

Year 3: How many tenths are there in a whole?

Year 4: What material worked the best when making a cup phone in Science?

Year 5: What is a polygon?

Year 6: What time period is our play Olivia set in?



## The week gone by ...

### **'Beside the Seaside' Summer Fair**

It was lovely to see so many children and families at the PTA summer fair on Saturday. Thank you to our amazing PTA for organising such an enjoyable fair. Thank you also to everyone who braved the heat and helped at the fair, either setting everything up, supervising the stalls, or tidying everything away at the end – we really appreciated your help and support.



### **Year 3 Athletics Festival**

Yesterday afternoon our Year 3 children attended an athletics festival with other local primary schools, organised by our Sports Partnership. Miss Douglas and Mrs Bates were very proud of the children as they really supported each other during the different events and had lots of fun as well!

### **Tickets for 'Olivia' – Year 5 and 6 parents**



Thank you to all those parents who have requested tickets for the Olivia productions on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July - today children will be bringing home their tickets (programmes). If you have not yet requested tickets and would like to do so, please contact the school office.

## Next week ...

### House Charity Fundraising Events

Following on from the Gade and Colne fundraising events earlier this half term, Chess and Ver will also be running charity fundraising events next week:

- **Ver Where's Wally:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July
- **Chess Guess how many sweets in the jar (50p a guess) – the winner wins the jar of jelly beans:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

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



### Year 5 & 6 production, 'Olivia'

Please can all Year 5 and 6 children return to school at 6pm for the evening performance of 'Olivia' on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, ready for the performance to start at 6.30pm. Please enter via the main school office. At the end of the production children will return to their classroom to get changed and will meet parents on the North playground.

### Children to visit new classes

Children will be visiting their new classrooms, teachers and teaching assistants next Thursday, from 10.30-12.15pm.

### End of year School Reports

Next Friday all children will be bringing home their end of year School Report. We have changed the format of the reports for Years 1-6 – I hope parents find the increased information, useful and informative.

Children in the following year groups will have an additional report in with their School Report, outlining the following statutory information:

- Reception: whether the children achieved the Good Level of Development
- Year 1: results of the Phonics Screening Check. Children who scored 32 or more have passed the screening check. Those children who did not pass will be re-tested in Year 2.
- Year 2: teacher assessment results for Reading, Writing, Maths and Science
- Year 6: teacher assessment results and SATs results for Reading, Writing, Maths, Grammar and Science.

If you have any questions or queries about your child's school report, please do speak to your child's class teacher. As always, we expect parents who are not living together, to share their child's school report with each other.

## Class Information for 2019-20

<b>Nursery Lambs</b>	Class Teacher: Mrs Holt Teaching Assistants: Mrs Maclaurin, Mrs Brown & Mrs Welch
<b>Reception Ryeland</b>	Class Teacher: Mrs Luts Teaching Assistant: Mrs C Hunt & Mrs Cook
<b>Year 1 Lonk</b> <i>(formerly Rec Ryeland &amp; Rec Soay)</i>	Class Teacher: Mrs Batchford Teaching Assistant: Miss Rumbold
<b>Year 2 Balwen</b> <i>(formerly Y1 Lonk)</i>	Class Teacher: Mr Charter Teaching Assistant: Miss Holland
<b>Year 2 Swaledale</b> <i>(formerly Y1 Beltex)</i>	Class Teacher: Miss Zanotto Teaching Assistant: Mrs Sole
<b>Year 3 Vendeen</b> <i>(formerly Y2 Swaledale)</i>	Class Teacher: Miss Douglas Teaching Assistant (HLTA): Mrs Stevens
<b>Year 3 Texel</b> <i>(formerly Y2 Balwen)</i>	Class Teacher: Mrs Wood Teaching Assistant: Mrs Dilloway
<b>Year 4 Herdwick</b> <i>(formerly Y3 Vendeen)</i>	Class Teacher: Mr Vickers Teaching Assistant: Mrs L Hunt
<b>Year 4 Romney</b> <i>(formerly Y3 Texel)</i>	Class Teacher: Mrs Bryson Assistant Teacher: Mrs Berry
<b>Year 5 Dorper</b> <i>(formerly Y4 Romney)</i>	Class Teacher: Mrs Kirkpatrick Teaching Assistant (HLTA): Mrs Arnold

<b>Year 6 Merino</b> <i>(formerly Y5 Dorper)</i>	Class Teacher: Mr Turton Teaching Assistant (HLTA): Mrs Gilder
<b>Year 6 Teeswater</b> <i>(formerly Y5 Cheviot)</i>	Class Teacher: Mrs Grace Teaching Assistant: Mrs McGeough
Mrs McBrayne will be supporting children with SEN and Mr Clarkson supporting children who require extra pastoral support.	
Mrs Lunzer and Mrs Rickayzen will deliver interventions to small groups of children and will be covering classes when teachers need to be released to attend training courses etc.	
Mrs Bates will be helping to cover teacher's PPA time (release time from class) until she goes on maternity leave in October.	
Mrs Freuchen will continue as our full time Inclusion Manager.	
Miss Whiteman will continue as Deputy Head and will be working alongside Mr Turton and Mrs Grace with Year 6 in Reading, Writing and Maths.	

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Kirkpatrick back to Shepherd Primary School in September, she will be teaching our Year 5 class – I am sure many of you will remember her. We are also welcoming Miss Rumbold to the team, as our new Year 1 teaching assistant.

Key Stage Leaders – our Key Stage Leaders remain as follows:

- Early Years (Nursery and Reception): Mrs Luts
- Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2): Mr Charter
- Lower KS2 Leader (Years 3 & 4): Mrs Bryson
- Upper KS2 Leader (Years 5 & 6): Mr Turton

### **Thank you and Goodbye - Mr Dunkley, Mr Marlow and Mrs Roberts**

I am sure Year 3 Texel and Year 5 parents will join me in extending a huge thank you to both Mr Dunkley and Mr Marlow, who have been covering Year 3 Texel and Year 5 Dorper since January, when Mrs Jull went on maternity leave and Miss Woodger emigrated. I am so very grateful for them stepping in at such short notice and for providing the children in their classes with not only excellent teaching, but a high level of pastoral care as well.

At the end of this term we also say goodbye to Mrs Roberts. Mrs Roberts has helped to give our current Reception children a flying start to their school career, with lots of exciting learning each day! We wish her the very best of luck in her new role at Turnfurlong Infant School.

### **Year 3, September 2019**

A reminder to Year 2 parents that there are two changes when the children move to Key Stage 2 (Year 3 upwards):

- Children will need to wear a white shirt and school tie (instead of their white polo shirt). Ties can be purchased from the school office for £3.00
- Children no longer receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. School dinners cost £2.60 per day.



## **General Information ...**

### **School Trips**

The following school trip will be taking place this term:

- Year 6 leavers trip to Rock Up and Meat & Shake, 18<sup>th</sup> July



### **Tik Tok**

We have been made aware that a number of children are using the 'Tik Tok' app at home to share short videos of themselves and to watch videos of others. Please be aware that this app is for children aged 13+, so should not be used by primary school aged children.



### Dogs

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on our school site, either walking or being carried. When tying dogs up outside school, please tie them up well away from the school gates, so children and families can enter/leave school safely and confidently.

### Scooters and bicycles on the playground

This week I have received complaints from parents about children riding their bicycles and scooters across the playgrounds before and after school. Please can I ask parents to help keep the playgrounds safe, by ensuring that their children dismount bicycles and scooters when they are on the playgrounds. Thank you.



### Sun Protection

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

### 'Space Chase' Library Summer Reading Challenge

On Monday we had a visit from Jane and Judi, from Rickmansworth Library. She led an assembly telling the children all about the library Summer Reading Challenge, which starts on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July and runs until Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first moon landing. To find out more, visit [www.summerreadingchallenge.org](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019.](#)**

**[Please also note that the date of the May bank holiday has changed from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.](#)**

#### Autumn Term 2019

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

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)



### **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 next academic year.

### **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

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