

Helping the Environment

As a school we are looking at what we can do to support the environment and climate change:

- We use a lot of single use plastics, in the form of water bottles and plastic cups. So 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.
- Today, Mrs Holt led a special environmental assembly. As part of this assembly, she introduced the TerraCycle scheme that we have joined – this means that 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.



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 3 Texel and Year 5 Cheviot** 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 **95.5%**. Congratulations to **Reception Ryeland** who had 100% attendance this week. Congratulations also to the **246 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) where you'll find Blog entries from me, alongside class posts.

General Information...

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.

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

Monday 4th 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)

Sponsored Bounce!



Thank you to all those families who have returned their sponsored bounce money – **so far we have raised an amazing £2200!** Please keep the sponsorship money coming in and return it to the school office as soon as possible, as we are keen to generate certificates for the children. All the money raised this year will be put towards a range of workshops for children during National Sports Week.

School Trips

The following school trips will be taking place this term:

- Year 1 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum, 17th June
- Nursery local visit to William Penn Leisure Centre, 19th June
- Year 5 trip to Bucks Railway, 19th June
- Year 2 trip to the Wetland Centre, 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 20th June.

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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Headteacher