

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'.

Attendance & Punctuality



The school day starts at 8.50 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 **Reception Ryeland and Year 2 Balwen** who had no late arrivals to school this week.

Children attending Shepherd Primary School should attend school regularly - we see this as being at least 97% of the time. This week our overall school attendance was **95.2%**.

- Congratulations to the **232 children** who had 100% attendance this week.
- Congratulations to **Year 2 Swaledale**, who had the best attendance again 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.

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: How do you say hello in Spanish?

Reception: Can you find the Spanish word for your favourite colour?

Year 1: What colours are in the Spanish flag?

Year 2: How do you say please and thank you in Spanish?

Year 3: How do you say 'please can I have chocolate' in Spanish?

Year 4: Can you find out which animals are native to Spain?

Year 5: "Qué tiempo hace?"

Year 6: What type of art did Pablo Picasso paint?



The week gone by ...



Head Boy & Head Girl

Last half term I invited all Year 6 children to apply to be our first Head Boy and Head Girl. I received almost 20 applications and they were absolutely excellent – the task of choosing our first Head Boy and Head Girl has been incredibly difficult, but I am delighted to announce that our new Head Boy is Heath and our new Head Girl is Evie S. Heath and Evie will have a range of responsibilities, including touring important visitors around the school, meeting prospective parents and Chairing our School Council. I am really looking forward to working with them.



Remembrance Day

Thank you to Year 2 and Year 6 who made the wonderful poppies hung on the trees outside the front of school – if you haven't already seen them, do pop along and have a look. Year 2 also took 50 poppies to plant at St Peters Church yesterday. On Monday at 11am we will be observing the 2 minute silence in school.

Remembrance Day Cake Sale

An enormous thank you to Brenda and Claire in the school kitchen, for baking 280 cakes for the cake sale today. They made an amazing £133, which will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Spanish Day



Today the children have had a wonderful Spanish Day! They have been busy engaging in a range of Spanish activities, including learning a Spanish song, making flags and ordering food.

Thank you to Mrs Medina who spent the day helping Mrs Bryson teach Key Stage 2 children a Spanish song.

This afternoon, we had a very special assembly where the children shared what they had learnt with the rest of the school.

Next Week ...

Anti-Bullying Week, 12th – 16th November

A reminder that next week is Anti-Bullying Week. 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

Diary Dates

Accompanying Friday Letter this week are a list of Diary Dates for this half term. Further information will follow about all the special events we are running this half term.

Enterprise Week at Shepherd Primary School

Thank you to all those families who supported our Enterprise Week by attending the Fair after school on Friday 26th October. The children really enjoyed buying and selling the different items made during the week! Each class is now busy deciding how they will be spending the profit they made, as follows:



Year 1: £58.00
Year 2: £37.20
Year 3: £47.10
Year 4: £42.90
Year 5: £27.00
Year 6: £87.00

Parent Governor Vacancy

I am pleased to announce that Mr Foster is our new Parent Governor. Mr Foster's provided the following information for parents:

'I am father to Holly (Year 2) and James (Year 1), and feel compelled to get involved as a governor to help maintain the school's excellent standards. My experience running a small business (including payroll and bookkeeping), as well as my degree in maths, should prove useful to the school in budgetary and statistical matters. I am a long standing member of the Musicians Union Music Writers committee, so I understand the procedures and rigours of being on a committee.'

School Football and Netball Teams

This week our school football and netball teams played matches against St Peters. Sadly our netball teams lost, but the children tried really hard. Congratulations to our football team who secured a 1-0 win!

Applying for a place in Reception for September 2019

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, you will need to apply for a school place for Reception. The application process for a Reception school place in September 2019 is now open so please apply online at: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/actweb/education/Admissions/startpage.cfm>



Breaktime Snacks Menu

Herts Catering have made changes to the Key Stage 2 Breaktime Snack Menu. I have asked them to produce a flyer giving parents and children more details – I will send this out as soon as I receive it from Herts Catering.



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.

School Trips and Local Visits

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

- Year 6 trip to STEM at St Clement Danes, Friday 16th November
- Year 4 dance festival rehearsal, Wednesday 28th November
- Group of KS2 children to visit Westerley Care Home, Carol Singing, Monday 10th December
- 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.

Yours sincerely

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