



Shenley Primary School: Happy – United – Inspired

Newsletter 5 – January 2025



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At Shenley Primary School, we are fully committed to the safeguarding of pupils and take online safety seriously. With the support of parents, we proactively teach our pupils how to keep safe.

Christmas Events

We had a fun time in December from switching on the Shenley Village Christmas Lights, Year 6 class entertaining the elderly with Christmas songs, our Christmas plays, Christmas dinner, parties, the Jack and the Beanstalk panto and the staff Christmas Extravaganza!! Thank you to the staff for all their hard work in making sure that the children made such fantastic memories!

PTA Christmas Fair

Thank you to the PTA for the Christmas Fair, which was such a lovely occasion. Thank you to our families for supporting the stalls, Santa's Grotto and the delicious Christmas refreshments.

Happy New Year!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a Happy New Year. The children will be reflecting on what was good about last year and looking forward to their 'Dreams and Goals' for the new year. We are looking forward to all the future year has in store for us...

Curriculum expectations

SATs in Y6, the Times Multiplication Check in Y4 and the Phonics Screening Check in Y1 are all a result of the hard work achieved in the previous classes, as much as they are a result of what children do in their current class. I would like to remind you of the importance of reading every day, regular spellings practice, times tables practice and completing weekly homework. Thank you to all our parents for supporting this so that the children at Shenley achieve the best they possibly can in their time here.

Standards

Please ensure that children come to school in full uniform, including black shoes – not trainers. Please ensure that your child keeps their PE kit in school, it is unsafe to wear school uniform for PE lessons. Our target for attendance is 97% however, attendance of 91.5% Spring 2024, 91.4% Summer 2024 and 91.6% Autumn 2024 did not meet this target, we acknowledge that there was a lot of illness, but if your child is well please ensure that they attend school regularly. Equally, good time keeping is essential in order that the children make the best of all their learning opportunities in school. Please remember that toys and jewellery are not allowed in school, simple watches may be worn, which do not have the facility to play games or take photographs of any kind. Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school premises for the safety of the children.

Coffee morning/afternoon

You are warmly invited to attend a Coffee afternoon on Friday 17th January at 2.30pm and in the afternoon on Thursday 3rd April 9.00am.

Staffing news

We are delighted to welcome Miss Pang as the new Year 4 class teacher and Miss Buffery as the new Year 5 TA, please join me in making them both feel really welcome at Shenley Primary School.

Mrs Rachel Amos (Headteacher)

Diary dates



6/1/25 **First day Spring term**
17/1/25 Parent coffee afternoon
23/1/25 Year 6 Assembly
30/1/25 Year 5 Assembly
3/2/25 Children's Mental Health Week
6/2/25 Year 4 Assembly
13/6/25 Year 3 Assembly
17/2/25 HALF TERM
27/2/25 Year 2 Assembly
5/3/25 Book at Bedtime 5-6pm
6/3/25 World Book Day
6/3/25 Year 1 Assembly
10/3/25 Science Week
10/3/25 Year 5 Bikeability week
13/3/25 EYFS Assembly
13 - 20/3/25 Scholastic Book Fair
21/3/25 Comic Relief Day
26/3/25 Parent teacher consultations 3.40-6.30pm
27/3/25 Parent teacher consultations 3.40-6.00pm
28/3/25 Shen Fest
3/4/25 Parent coffee morning
4/4/25 **Last day Spring term**, finish 2.00pm

Please remember that you can sync your smartphone calendar to the school calendar from the website. Click [here](#) for more!

Letters/Emails

Please look on our website where you will find copies of letters sent home this month:

<https://www.shenleyprimary.co.uk/letters-home/>

Autumn Term's Attendance:

Please ensure that your children attend regularly and **arrive on time.**

Nursery – 91.9%
Reception – 90.6%
Year 1 – 89.9%
Year 2 – 92%
Year 3 – 90.6%
Year 4 – 89.1%
Year 5 – 92.9%
Year 6 – 94.5%

Whole-school: 91.6%

Safeguarding

Feeling Good Week 3-9 Feb theme:

"Know yourself, Grow yourself."

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk>

"And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been." Rainer Maria Rilke (poet)