



Shenley Primary School: Happy – United – Inspired

Newsletter 4 – December 2024



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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.

Children In Need

On Children In Need on Fri 15th Nov, the children loved wearing something spotty, or their Pudsey ears. Thank you for your kind donations for the Children In Need appeal.

PTA Events

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Discos, which the children loved, they had so much fun. Year 6 also had an amazing treat! A trip to the Lyceum theatre in London to see the Lion King! This was an amazing experience, which they will never forget, a real highlight for them all, thank you so much to all the volunteers from the PTA for all their hard work planning this spectacular event! [Lion King photos](#)

Christmas Events

We were very privileged to switch on the Shenley Village Christmas Lights. Evalyn and Yehor made a super job of this, well done! [Christmas light switch on photos](#)
We are so looking forward to the Hurricane Productions Theatre Company coming in to entertain us with the pantomime Dick Whittington on Dec 5th that will be such a treat!

The whole school are all busy singing and practising their Christmas plays, beautiful sounds are coming from the Hall. Rev Sarah is doing our Advent assembly and Rabbi Lebrecht is coming to do a Hannukah assembly on Dec 19th. The children from Year 6 will be singing at Wilton Lodge House. We are looking forward to seeing family and friends at our Christmas events:

- EYFS Christmas performance 10/12/24 9.30am
- KS1 and Year 3 Christmas performance 12/12/24 1.30pm
- KS2 Christmas Concert 16/12/24 6.00pm at St Martin's Church

Christmas Jumper day will be on Wednesday 18th December when we will all enjoy our great Christmas lunch.

Christmas Fair 3.15pm Thursday 19th December

The PTA are very busy preparing for the Christmas Fair and any donations for the Tombola would be gratefully received. Year 6 are preparing for their own stalls and getting creative, the children are really looking forward to selling what they have made. We are so looking forward to Santa's Grotto and all the fun planned, thank you in advance to the PTA!

Good byes and Welcomes

We would like to thank Mrs Jacobs for all her hard work during eight successful years at Shenley Primary School, as she will be greatly missed! We are sure you would like to join us in sending Mrs Jacobs our thanks and best wishes as she moves onto pastures new.

We are delighted that Mrs Joyce is joining us as a Learning Support Assistant in Year 5. Also, we will soon be welcoming Miss Pang as the new Year 4 teacher and Miss Buffery as the new Year 5 Teaching Assistant in January 2025, I am sure that you will make them all very welcome.

Mrs Rachel Amos (Headteacher)

Diary dates



29/11/24 **Occasional day** no school
5/12/24 Pantomime Dick Whittington
10/12/24 EYFS Christmas performance 9.30am
12/12/24 Flu vaccinations
12/12/24 KS1 and Y3 Christmas performance 1.30pm
16/12/24 KS2 Christmas service 6-7.00pm
18/12/24 Christmas lunch
19/12/24 PTA Christmas Fair
20/12/24 **Last day Autumn term**
Finish 2pm

SPRING TERM

6/1/25 **First day Spring term**
23/1/25 Year 6 Assembly
30/1/25 Year 5 Assembly
6/2/25 Year 4 Assembly
13/6/25 Year 3 Assembly
17/2/25 HALF TERM
27/2/25 Year 2 Assembly
6/3/25 Year 1 Assembly
10/3/25 Year 5 Bikeability week
13/3/25 EYFS Assembly
26/3/25 Parent teacher consultations 3.40-6.30pm
27/3/25 Parent teacher consultations 3.40-6.00pm
4/3/25 **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/>

November's Attendance:

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

Nursery – 92.6%
Reception – 89.3%
Year 1 – 88.6%
Year 2 – 87.9%
Year 3 – 91.5%
Year 4 – 92.2%
Year 5 – 92.8%
Year 6 – 95.1%

Whole-school: 91.6%

Safeguarding

Christmas is a time of year, which some families find difficult. Support is available: <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/christmas-and-mental-health/christmas-coping-tips/>

"Christmas is not as much about opening our presents, as opening our hearts."

Janice Maeditere