



# Shenley Primary School: Happy – United – Inspired

## Newsletter 2 – October 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.

### Parents' Evenings

We will be emailing you shortly about how to book an appointment at Parent's Evenings on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. These meetings offer a fantastic opportunity to discuss how your child is settling in, for the staff to share with you their progress so far this term and to answer any questions that you may have.

### School Council and ECO Council

We have voted in new School and ECO Council representatives for each class:

#### School Council:

Shakespeare class  
Morpurgo class  
Rowling class  
Milligan class  
Jeffers class  
Kipling class

Sonny & Lillie  
Myla & Charlie  
Teddy & Isla  
Charlotte & Kacper  
Teddy & Myla  
Amaia & Leo

#### ECO Council:

Archie & Bailey  
Rikie & Daniel  
Juniper & Harvey  
Vinnie & Fran  
Amelie & Artem  
Halle & Lilah

### House captains

Our Year 6 children have been canvassing to become one of our new House Captains. This generated a real positive energy around school, with children and staff from each House listening to how the prospective House Captains were intending to lead their teams. We would like to say well done to all Year 6 children who gave speeches. We are pleased to announce that our new House Captains will be:

**Red Team,** Captain: Ruby Vice-Captain: Daisii  
**Yellow Team,** Captain: Donart Vice-Captain: Sienna  
**Green Team,** Captain: Darcy Vice-Captain: Anabella  
**Blue Team,** Captain: Omar Vice-Captain: Isla

A huge well done to all the children involved, especially to those who have taken on a new position of responsibility around the school and develop their leadership skills.

### Harvest

Last week we enjoyed celebrating Harvest with Rev Sarah. Thank you for all the generous donations of food items which we collected for Borehamwood foodbank, a worthy local charity that so many people rely on during times of hardship

### Apple tasting

We had a fantastic time apple tasting at Shenley Orchard on September 10<sup>th</sup>, thank you to all the staff who made this such a fantastic experience for the children. It is so lovely to be part of this unique local opportunity that makes Shenley such a special place. Thank you to Liz from Shenley Park who made it all possible and worked so hard all day. We tasted several varieties of apples and compared the flavours, which were delicious! We are looking forward to juicing the apples on Apple Day on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October to taste the final product.

### Saltmine Trust Theatre Production Stripes and Spots

Thank you to the PTA for paying for our fantastic theatre visit to support our anti-racism curriculum. The children learned how people who are entirely different can learn to respect one another's differences and to get on together. It was a very powerful performance and the KS2 children followed this up with a practical workshop to put the lesson into practice.

Rachel Amos (Headteacher)

### Diary dates



#### 2/9/24 INSET day

3/9/24 First day Autumn Term  
11/9/24 Apple juicing Shenley Park  
13/9/24 2.30pm Coffee afternoon  
26/9/24 Harvest assembly  
3/10/24 Year 5 Stay & Learn  
10/10/24 Year 4 Stay & Learn  
16/10/24 Parents' evening 3.30-7.30pm  
17/10/24 Year 6 Stay & Learn  
17/10/24 Parents' evening 3.30-6.00pm  
24/10/24 Year 3 Stay & Learn  
28/10/24 **HALF TERM**  
4 & 5/11/24 Dogs Trust visit  
7/11/24 Year 2 Stay & Learn  
8/11/24 Remembrance Day assembly  
14/11/24 Year 1 Stay & Learn  
15/11/24 Children In Need day  
21/11/24 EYFS Stay & Learn  
22/11/24 Individual photos  
27/11/24 Flu vaccinations  
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 Christmas performance 1.30pm  
16/12/24 KS2 Christmas service 6-7.00pm  
18/12/24 Christmas lunch  
20/12/24 **Last day Autumn term**  
Finish 2pm

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

### Letters and Courses

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

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

For courses available to parents, go to:

<https://www.shenleyprimary.co.uk/courses-for-parents/>

### September's Attendance:

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

Nursery – 90.5%  
Reception – 95%  
Year 1 – 93%  
Year 2 – 96%  
Year 3 – 92%  
Year 4 – 91.5%  
Year 5 – 95%  
Year 6 – 93%

**Whole-school: 93.5%**

### Safeguarding

World mental health day  
10/10/24 is Workplace Mental health "Let's talk about it"  
<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/world-mental-health-day>

If you would like to speak to us about mental health issues please contact us.

**"Mental health is a universal human right."**