



Newsletter – Friday 24th November 2023

It's been another busy week at Shawlands this week, with our Y6s enjoying their trip to Crucial Crew where they were looking at choices and issues that they may come across in the next few years. Yesterday a team of Y4 and Y5 children represented Shawlands at Horizon for a Boccia competition; all the teams did so well the organisers decided to call it a draw and let every team have a photo with the trophy! This morning we had a team representing school at a 10-pin bowling event in town and came 2nd, while this afternoon our indomitable girls' football team will be playing in another competition at Honeywell. Our commitment to providing a range of clubs continued this week with the new school choir meeting on Wednesday to start rehearsing and our art club continued to meet to work on their Autumn Art.

Earlier in the week we had a development visit from a phonics expert who was so impressed with the teaching and learning she saw in all the phonics groups that she struggled to give us anything to work on to improve! Next week we have Y5 and Y6 visiting St Edwards as part of their RE curriculum on Monday and a Y5/6 Athletics event at Reds in the Community on Friday, and then the following week the run-in to Christmas starts in earnest!

Online Survey - Thank you to all the parents/carers who have completed the online survey – so far 78 parents have responded, which represents around 45% of the children in school. The survey closes at midnight tomorrow so I can analyse and summarise the findings to present to governors, if you would like to complete it, please follow this link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/EpcUi7Lu3c>

The findings will be shared with parents on the Newsletter on the 8th December.

Children in Need - We had a fantastic response to the Children in Need day last Friday, and raised an amazing £326 which will make a great difference to the projects working with disadvantaged children across the UK.

Staff Car park - Please could we remind parents/carers not to park in the staff car park when collecting children from afterschool clubs.

We have some exciting news from Miss Williams - we are delighted to announce the arrival of baby Fred Drainer, who was born last Friday morning, weighing a healthy 7lb 9oz. We cannot wait to meet him!

Finally, we would like to say farewell to Miss Page who will be leaving Shawlands next Friday. We would like to thank Miss Page for her hard work over the past seven years. Her support within the office and to our parents has been invaluable, she will be greatly missed by all the Shawlands team. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her well in her new role.

Thank you as always for your support please don't hesitate to grab us on the gate for a chat, or email or phone if we can help with anything.



Diary Dates

Please see below the list of dates for the diary. All children will be taking part in an Elf run in December to raise money for Barnsley Hospice. The date for this will be weather dependant and we will let you know when it is taking place a couple of days in advance. To donate please visit https://www.justgiving.com/page/shawlands-primary-school-1700565270160?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fshawlands-primary-school-1700565270160&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Diary Dates

Friday 24th November

- Coffee Afternoon (2pm) raffle will be drawn also

Monday 4th December

- EYFS Christmas pantomime in school (PM)

Wednesday 13th December

- EYFS Nativity performance (PM)

Thursday 14th December

- Christmas Fair (3pm)
- EYFS Nativity performance (AM)
- Food bank collection

Friday 15th December

- Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Monday 18th December

- KS1 party (year 1 and 2)

Tuesday 19th December

- EYFS party

Wednesday 20th December

- Upper KS2 party (year 5 and 6)

Thursday 21st December

- Lower KS2 (year 3 and 4)

Friday 22nd December

- KS2 Christingle service (church) we are hoping families will be able to attend this year.
- EYFS/KS1 carols (hall)