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**Monday 17th June**

Dear Parents/carers

We have once again had a busy week at Shawlands with children working hard and taking care of each other. Our year 1 children have worked hard to complete their phonics checks and we are proud of what they have achieved. Our year 4 children have completed their multiplication check and again we couldn't be prouder of how hard they have worked. Year 2 children enjoyed looking for micro habitats in our school grounds and found lots of minibeast Our year 5 and 6 children had an amazing opportunity to take part in a dance workshop with the amazing Dame Darcey Bussell and were the first on stage to have a go at Bhangra dancing. The rest of the year 5 and 6 children have been working hard in computing and have completed some amazing micro bit work. The year 4,5 and 6 children had a very serious but important assembly around social media and the use of mobile phones. The children asked some excellent questions and were very knowledgeable.



This week's certificates winners

Unfortunately, we did not get a photo of this week's certificates. I will gather the children during the week and put this on twitter

## **Website and social media**

This week we have created a new office account on X if you are not already following look out for this as we will put useful messages and reminders on here. We have also updated our website and have added information about keeping children safe on line, links to online learning and photos to showcase our curriculum. Please look out for this as it is updating all the time.

## **Music day**

A reminder that on Friday 21st June we are excited to be celebrating World Music Day in school. On this day, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite musician e.g., a rockstar/pop star or a specific artist. If your child has PE on this day, they can either come in something suitable to do PE outside or bring their kit to change into.

## **Photos**

Class photos will take place tomorrow on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. If your child has P.E on this day please send them in school uniform and they can change into their PE kits in school.

## **Attendance**

Regular attendance is crucial for several reasons. Consistent attendance ensures that students do not miss out on essential learning opportunities. It also helps them develop a sense of responsibility, which is a vital skill for their future. Furthermore, regular attendance contributes to the continuity of learning, making it easier for children to keep up with their peers and stay engaged with the curriculum.

You will have no doubt been made aware of the governments agenda around improving attendance in school. Schools are expected to do everything they can to improve attendance and support families if they require this. Our school has set a target attendance rate of 95% or higher for all children. This is in line with educational best practices and is designed to ensure that every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential. Over the past term our school overall attendance has dropped to 93.5 %. We understand that absences can occur for various reasons, including illness or family emergencies. Nonetheless, it is important that we work together whenever possible to ensure children are in school. If your child's attendance rate falls below 95%, you may receive a letter addressing this concern. The intention of this letter is not to reprimand but to work with you in finding solutions to improve your child's attendance as we are committed to working together. If you receive one of these letters over the following week and you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. If attendance drops below 90% you may be invited in for a meeting with myself and the Attendance officer (A Williamson) where we will offer support. If there is still no improvement, we will work with The EWO who may visit the family.

To help maintain and improve attendance rates, we encourage you to:

- make appointments and family holidays outside of school hours and during school breaks.
- Communicate with the school about any barriers to attendance so we can offer support.
- Emphasise the importance of regular attendance with your child. If your child is worried about anything in school, please don't hesitate to come into school to discuss these problems

We greatly appreciate your cooperation and support in this matter. Together, we can ensure that all our children have the best possible chance to succeed academically and personally.

<b>June</b>	
Tuesday 18th	PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE  Class photos
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	World music day (see above)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> am	EYFS sports day
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Pm	Key stage 1 spots day
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> 6.30-9.00	Fundraising night -Pie and peas and bingo
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> PM	Key stage 2 sports day.
<b>July</b>	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> 9.00	Rock steady concert
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Horizon transition day for year 6 children
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Transition day for whole school (meet new teachers)
Tuesday 9th	Transition day for whole school (meet new teachers)
Wednesday 10th	Choir at Barnsley sings events
Wednesday 10th	year 6 show- dates and times to be announced
Thursday 11th	year 6 show- dates and times to be announced
Friday 12th	EYFS visit to the seaside
Tuesday 16th	Quiz bight at the Longcar pub (fundraising event)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Family picnic and summer fayre
Friday 19th July 9.15	<b>New event added</b> Year 6 leavers assembly Parents welcome
Friday 19th July 1.45	<b>New event added</b> Whole school assembly on the field Families welcome (Weather dependant) Children can leave after the assembly around (2.15)
Friday 19th July	School closes for summer

Kindest regards,

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Head of School