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Dear Parents/Carers

We have had an exciting few weeks with children taking part in events such as the colour run and our Roman day. Various sporting events have taken place and our ambassadors have started their roles in school. Children have settled well into their new classes and we can see how hard they are working.

Moving forward we will be sending newsletters out every two weeks. If there is anything you would like to see on the newsletter or have suggestions on how you feel communication can improve, please email suggestions to c.athorn@shawlandsprimaryschool.co.uk. It is important that all newsletters are read as all upcoming dates will be added to each letter to ensure families have as much notice as possible for special events.



Governors

We currently have vacancies for parents to join our governing body. Our chair of governors has asked me to share this message with you all.

A message from the Chair of Governors

Do you care about improving children's education and want to contribute to the local community?

Do you want to have the opportunity to develop your skills and experience?

Do you have valuable/professional skills that you can offer?

We are looking for new parent governors with a passion to challenge and drive the school forward!

Whether you have an education, legal or financial background or other skills and experience, we would love to hear from anyone interested. We are also keen to hear from any parents with an interest in children with specialist educational needs either through their profession or personal experiences to champion the issue of specialist educational needs within the governing body and provide governor oversight of the school's arrangement and provision for meeting special educational needs.

Through Barnsley Governor services there is full training on the roles and responsibilities required of school governors in support.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor I would love to hear from you. Please contact Anita Bailey (anita.bailey@shawlandsprimaryschool.co.uk) or via the school contact details.

Communication

Some classes are now using dojo to pass on information and share what the children are up to in class. The plan is that all classes will use this platform by the end of term and teachers will no longer post on X. The school office will still put reminders on there. Please can we remind parents that teachers will not reply to messages sent on dojo and if parents need to contact the class teachers this can be done by email or by arranging to speak to the teacher at the end of the day. The office will still use the gateway app to send information could you please make sure you have the gateway app open and push notifications enabled as a lot of parents don't and they are missing key information from school.

Lates and attendance

We have had an increasing number of children arriving to school late over the past few weeks. All doors are closed at 9.00. Any children arriving after this time will need to go through the school office. Children in key stage 1 are in phonics by 9.05 so it is important that they are here on time as they are split into different groups around school.

Please ensure all non attendance is reported to the school office before registration opens. If there is nobody available in the office a message can be left on the answer machine or you can message on the school gateway app. This is to ensure that we can keep all children safe especially for those who walk to school alone. If we haven't received a message, we will call home or send a text message.

Dinner Money Payments

A reminder that your child/children's dinner need to be paid every week as we are noticing a lot of parents are not going on their gateway app to see how much they owe. We are not in a financial position to support dinner debt. Thank you you to pay in one lump sum, therefore it would be better to pay weekly. The cost of weekly dinners are £13.75, £2.75 per day.

Upcoming events

On Thursday we will be taking part in the world mental health awareness day. Children are invited to wear items of yellow clothing. This is not compulsory and if children would prefer to wear uniform this is fine.

Dates

October	
Tuesday 8 th 3:30pm	SATs information evening for year 6 parents
Thursday 10 th	World mental health day- wear yellow
	EYFS phonics meeting 14.30pm/16.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd	Y5/6 Ripon trip
Wednesday 23 rd	Harry Potter theme day menu
Thursday 24 th	Halloween/non uniform dress up day. Please note before choosing costumes that no mask or face coverings should be worn.
November	
Wednesday 6 th	Y6 crucial crew
Wednesday 13 th	Parents evening
Friday 15 th	Children in need – dress up day (non uniform/spots/children in need themed)
December	
Monday 2 nd	Mock SATs week for year 6 (Mon-Thurs) children can arrive from 8.30 for breakfast
Tuesday 3 rd 18:00	Quiz night at Longcar
Wednesday 11 th 2:00	EYFS nativity (tickets required)
Thursday 12 th 9:30	EYFS nativity (tickets required)
Friday 13 th	Christmas lunch and jumper day
Monday 16 th	Key stage 1 Christmas party
Tuesday 17 th	EYFS Christmas party
Wednesday 18 th	Upper key stage 2 party (years 5 and 6)
Thursday 19 th	Lower key stage 2 Christmas party (years 3 and 4)
Friday 20 th 2:00	Key stage 2 children to attend church for Christmas carols and service (all welcome)
Friday 20 th 1.15-1.45	EYFS and key stage 1 carol concert in the hall (children can be taken after the concert) only 1 parent/carer will be allowed due to room in the hall.

Kind regards,

Mrs Athorn and the Shawland's team