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## Monday 21st October

Dear Parents/Carers

We would firstly like to thank all our families who supported us at the Pie and Peas Bingo night last week. It was another successful evening and we raised over £300 towards school funds.

We had our first VIP assembly last week with 2 children from each class in year 1-6 receiving their lanyard, which will give them special treats throughout the week.



Over the past few weeks, we have changed the way we complete our meetings for children with additional needs and these have been done with teachers after school. We would appreciate your feedback on how you found these meetings if you attended.

## Parents Evening

Our autumn parent/teacher meetings will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, from 3.45pm to 6.30pm. This meeting is a chance to discuss how the children have settled into their new class, their attitude to learning and any ways you could support them at home. Please note, if you have been in school last week or the week before for SEND meetings, you do not need to book a slot for the parents evening as well as the same information will have been discussed. We have attached a guide with this letter to explain how you can get onto the system.

The booking system will open on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm, and close to new bookings on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30 pm.

## Communication

Some classes have already made the transition to using dojo to pass on information and share what the children are up to in class. From the beginning of next term all classes will use dojo to share class messages and what the children have been up to. If you don't have a log in for your child/children please see their class teacher who will be able to send this to you. 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.

## Upcoming events and fundraising opportunities

Children will be taking part in the fun run as well as taking part in the Halloween disco on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Children will come to school in their Halloween costume (if they choose to) but as we are also completing the Fun Run please ensure they have suitable footwear as it may be muddy on the field when they are running/walking. If it is raining on the day, we will complete the Fun Run after half-term.

All children will be receiving Halloween treats during the day (buns, crisps juice etc) if parents would like to contribute towards the cost of this school gateway will be open at the end of the day. We are asking for a minimum contribution of £1.

If you would be willing to attend our coffee afternoons/fundraising discussion groups to support with organising any fundraisers and working with school, we would love to hear from you so that we can build a full PTA in school over the coming year. We will shortly be planning our Christmas Fair and would appreciate any help.

The next fundraiser on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December is the Christmas Quiz at the Longcar Public House on Racecommon Road at 6.00pm with Mr Duncan Thompson as the Quiz Master. The pub will be selling food on this night too.

## School Meals Supervisory Assistant

An opportunity has arisen for a SMSA at Shawlands Primary for further details and to apply please visit <https://barnsley.engageats.co.uk>.

## Dates

<b>October</b>	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5/6 Ripon trip
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Halloween/non uniform dress up day. Please note before choosing costumes that no mask or face coverings should be worn.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	School closed for Inset
<b>November</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 crucial crew
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Children in need – dress up day (non uniform/spots/children in need themed)
<b>December</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mock SATs week for year 6 (Mon-Thurs) children can arrive from 8.30 for breakfast
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6pm	Quiz night at the Longcar Public House
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	EYFS nativity (tickets required)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am	EYFS nativity (tickets required)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas lunch and jumper day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Key stage 1 Christmas party
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Christmas party
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Upper key stage 2 party (years 5 and 6)

Thursday 19th	Lower key stage 2 Christmas party (years 3 and 4)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> 2:00	Key stage 2 children to attend church for Christmas carols and service (all welcome)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for Christmas

Kind regards,

Mrs Athorn and the Shawland's Team