



Care, fairness and respect... No barriers to learning... celebration and joy in all achievements

## Shelley First School Newsletter November 2017

'Together We Succeed'



### Children in Need

On Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>, it is Children in Need Day. The School Council have requested that we all dress up in our pyjamas and make a donation to Pudsey Bear of at least £1! Year 5 will be offering toast which can be bought for 50p - until stocks run out.

Thank you in advance for supporting this important event.



### Back packs

We have already sent a letter home to **Key Stage 1** parents asking for back packs NOT to be sent to school as they have caused accidents in the cloakrooms. There is simply not sufficient space and large bags are really not needed. Thank you to those parents who have sorted this out. However, there are still quite a few large back packs. This is a polite reminder to really support us with this as it is a Health and Safety issue around slips and trips with adults and your children. The issue does not apply to the **Key Stage 2** cloakroom if the bag fits in the locker provided, with the coat, and the door will shut avoiding head bangs. Thank you.

### Anti-Bullying Week



Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November

As always, we will be marking anti-bullying week on what is known nationally as 'Blue Monday' by reminding the children about the different forms of bullying and ways in which we can help them. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November we will be releasing BLUE BALLOONS during the school day so look out for our anti bullying messages and slogans.

### Online Safety Event.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 6-8pm at Scissett Middle School.

The event will have two speaking slots at 6.15pm and 7.15pm. There will be stalls available for parents and children to look at including Locala, Joseph Norton, Safer Communities.

### Attendance

Last half term our attendance was a whopping 98%.

We would like to say a BIG thank you to all the children and to all parents for this!!



### FOSS News – Christmas School Fayre FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2017 3.00pm – 5.00pm

The annual School Fayre will take place on Friday 1st December 2017. There will be lots of the usual stalls and we will be looking for your support both via donations and by attending. We will be looking for your help with donations – raffle prizes, chocolate, surprise cups, cuddly toys, etc.

We would also like to make an early plea for volunteers to help on the day. As it is being run by FOSS again it will not be possible to run it without additional help from parents/carers. Any help would be much appreciated.

A letter will be sent home in the next couple of weeks detailing more about the event and how you can volunteer.

## Christmas Play Tickets

Ho ho ho... not long now! The play is written and over the next two weeks or so we will be allocating parts etc.

There will be performances at 2pm Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 9:30am and 2pm Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December and 9:30am Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Tickets are x2 per family.

If there are any spare tickets, you will be notified via text and these will be released on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Spare tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis and can be purchased via ParentPay. If you are successful in the purchase of a spare ticket on ParentPay a ticket will be sent home via your child/ren within 2 full days.

We have arranged for the play to be professionally recorded. The cost per DVD is £12. We will provide more details nearer the time. Please let us know if your child cannot be included in the film - we will have to try to 'hide' them during the recording! Please remember though that no names will be included on the DVD. Thank you.



**Oh yes it is!**

**The PANTO is coming on January 10<sup>th</sup>...oh, yes it is! The children will all watch 'Peter Pan' and the show always goes down well.**

**We have secured the show at a reduced price and so we will only be asking for a voluntary contribution of £6 paid via your ParentPay account.**

**(Free school meal children please pay half of this cost).**

**The cost has been subsidised generously by FOSS our PTA helping to keep the cost down per child.**

**We will send a reminder before we break for Christmas.**

## Dates

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Christingle @ Church, 5.00pm**

**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 2.00pm Christmas performance**

**Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30am and 2pm Christmas performance**

**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30am Christmas performance**

**Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Parties Hepworth, Columbus and Lowry**

**Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Parties Lama and Thor**

**Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas dinner day ~ yummy!**

**Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Parties Cleopatra and Hawking**

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Santa Assembly and break up for Xmas**

**Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> ~ School re-opens**

**Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> ~ School Panto**

### Christmas Dinner

Pupils who usually bring a packed lunch are invited to have a Christmas Dinner this year. Christmas Lunch will be served on the 19<sup>th</sup> December and requests for this need to be returned to the office along with a payment on ParentPay by the 24<sup>th</sup> November. A letter will be sent home next week.

All pupils who already have school lunches will automatically receive a Christmas Lunch

### Christingle

Christingle this year will be held at Emmanuel church at 5pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Our school choir will be performing a selection of Christmas songs. We hope you can join in the service and come along.