



Shears Green Infant School

Newsletter 6 19th December 2017

Our amazing school!

Well done to all of our children for their amazing Christmas performances to the school and Parents.



Every year I am overwhelmed by how the children at such a young age perform in front of so many adults. They are amazing individuals who come together to perform songs and dances combined with telling a story through superb acting. I am proud of every single person!

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Co—Chair of Governors: Mr Smith & Mrs Wessel

Headteacher: Mrs Kotze
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School Improvement Update

- We have finally submitted our evidence for the Extended Schools Award. We will be assessed on Wednesday 20th December so will let you know in the new year of the grading we receive.
- Our team has been busy with their projects this term. Mrs Williams continues to lead the GROW project and has introduced writing and reading tool kits into every class to support the children's understanding and Independent learning even further.
- Mrs Gibson continues to lead on ensuring our vulnerable children are reaching targets in line with their peers. She has reviewed the intervention and assessment programmes and devised a new training plan to further enhance the adult support and interaction given.
- Mrs Khan has implemented the continuous provision activities into all year 1 classes to promote independent learning. We have seen the changes continue to enhance children's behaviour for learning as their confidence and enthusiasm for the year curriculum has grown even more!
- Mrs Sangha has begun to implement more strategies to support the children's mental well being. She has focussed on introducing vocabulary which empowers the children to identify their resilience, positivity, endurance and independence. We will introduce learning powers next term—further information to follow.
- We have employed an Educational Psychologist with the Gravesham Learning Partnership and are working with her to also improve children's well being alongside their families.
- We are continuing to work hard towards achieving the LPPA award. This has included working groups, newsletters and workshops.

Community news

The PTFA have had a very busy December in school running Tea With Santa, Secret Room and finally the Christmas Fayre.

A massive thank you to Vikki and her team of her helpers who have made this possible for our children and thank you to the staff for supporting the running of the stalls.

We raised an amazing £1400 at our Christmas Fayre. Thank you for everyone for coming along and supporting this event.



Day to Day

Have you downloaded our new free app yet? We have had positive comments about our app. So far we have over 200 users. This is available from google play or the app store. Keep up with current news, notices etc through this.



Have you changed your mobile phone number or moved address? Please keep us up to date with any new contact details for you or your contacts for your child. This is essential for us contacting you in case of an emergency.



Performances at the school in 2018 —please can I ask to avoid congestion outside the school and ensuring everyone's safety including residents that you do not arrive until 5 minutes before any performance. We have now introduced a ticket system for performances.



Diary Dates



Date	Event
20th December	Party Day—End of Term
End of Term 2	Please sign up online for your child's place at the Boom Club following the taster session.
4th January 2018	Children return to school
9th January 2018 11th January 2018	Tours for children starting in September 2018
15th January	Astrodome in school to see Year 1
18th January	Census Day—statutory return to DFE
25th January	Reading afternoon from 2.45pm
9th February	Last day of term 3
19th February	Children return to school—start of Term 4
1st March	World Book Day—dress up as your favourite character

Many congratulations to our class winners for the last two weeks:

Week beginning : 20.11.17
Attendance: Class 11 - 98.06%
Walk on Wednesday: Class 5 and 11
Disney Points: Pascal
Buster Book Club: Class 6
Week beginning: 01.12.17
Attendance: Class 12—99.14%
Walk on Wednesday: Class 11
Disney Points: Simba
Buster Book Club: Class 1

Whole School attendance: 94.62%
Whole school target: 97%

