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Shelley First School Newsletter February 2018

Exciting news...New Assistant Head teacher

We are delighted to tell you that we have appointed a new Assistant Head teacher. Miss Rachael Kaye will be joining us after Easter. Miss Kaye has taught across the age range up to and including Year 6 and has extensive leadership experience. We are so excited that she will be joining the Shelley First School team.

Welcome to new Parent Governors

We are also pleased to welcome three new governors to the school. Mrs Laura Brunning and Mrs Tracy Pinnock will be joining us as a parent Governor and Mr Jason Field will be joining staff governor. Jason is the finance director of MAST academy trust so will bring his expertise in finance to the role.

Emergency planning

Over the last few weeks staff have had training in Emergency planning which involves preparing for evacuations and lock down scenarios in the event of an external or internal incident that could put children and staff in danger. This is something that all schools are now expected to do and we have taken advice from the Kirklees Emergency Planning team to undertake the training. You will receive a letter in due course which will explain our Emergency planning procedures in more detail. We plan to start explaining the procedures to children after the holidays.

PE at Shelley First School

This week children from Year One enjoyed a multi-skills event at Shelley College. They joined children from all over the pyramid to take part in the event. Take a look below at some of the photographs from the event, great fun was had by all.

In other PE news we have had a Gymnastics specialist in school working with classes and teachers. This has been an opportunity for the sharing of ideas and resources and the children have had a wonderful time.



WE Science!

To raise the profile of 'STEM' subjects in school we have invited a practical theatre company to come and get the children excited about Science and Maths with an interactive show that includes maths puzzles and science experiments. We will ask for a £2 contribution for each child to take part in this exciting enrichment activity. Payment can be made via ParentPay. The company have also thrown in a complimentary maths workshop for a class. To keep things fair we will draw names out of a hat to determine which class will access this. This will take place on Tuesday 6th March which just happens to be the start of British Science Week. In the afternoon children will take part in fun Science experiments which are aimed at their age and stage. This will be organised by class teachers.

In addition to this, teachers are in the process of planning for an exciting Science week which will take place on the first week back after the Easter holidays. Watch this space...

Space adventure...

A big well done to Class Hawking who did a sponsored run using our mile track to fund their school trip to the Space Centre. Collectively they ran way over 100 miles and managed to raise enough money to pay for the entire trip! They enjoyed their well-earned visit on Thursday of this week. Have a look at the photographs below, the children (and adults) had an amazing time.



Medicines in school

A letter was recently sent out regarding the procedures for administering medicines in school. To summarise please remember the following important points:

- Any child who has a medical need that requires emergency medication must have a healthcare plan
- Medication administered in school must be required to be taken 4 times a day and must have been prescribed by a doctor
- Any medication must be dropped off and picked up from the school office by an adult
- Children should not be sent to school with medicines to administer to themselves (eg calpol sachets)
- We cannot monitor minor ailments or mild food intolerances at school. If your child is not able to eat a certain food please ensure that they understand this.

Thank you so much for your support in this important matter and if you require any further information around medication in school please do not hesitate to ask ☺



Reminder: World Book Day will be on Thursday 1st March 2018.



During the school day staff will be sharing extracts from their favourite children's books and the focus of the day will be reading and writing. During the day the children will all receive a £1 voucher to use in bookshops for money off their next book. **Please dress up as a book character!**

Kindle Raffle

A brand new kindle has been donated to school and it's up for grabs! We will hold a raffle at £2 per strip. A letter will be sent home with details of how to enter the raffle.

Road safety/ Parking

It is so important that we keep our children safe and we know that this is a priority for all parents. However, there have been a couple of near misses recently with children running into the road on their way into school and with children crossing between parked cars and not being seen by oncoming traffic. We have spoken to children at length about this but we ask parents to please remind children to stop, look and listen when crossing roads on their way to school.

Please also be mindful of where you park your car when dropping off in the morning. Double parking on Far Bank makes it really difficult for children to cross safely and for vehicles to see when children are trying to cross. If you do drop your child off on Far Bank please consider dropping them on the pavement side of the road so that they don't have to cross this busy and dangerous road.

Thank you for your support in this.

The children in Year one have been learning all about keeping themselves safe on the roads with 'Street Feet', a company who came to work with us this week. It's Year two's turn in a few weeks.



SATS information meeting for Year 2 parents

Year 2 is SATS year and these will take place in May 2018. This is nothing to worry about and we refer to them as 'special work' rather than tests so that the children do not feel unduly pressured. Miss Bacon will run a meeting that all Year 2 parents are welcome to attend. The meeting will take place on Thursday 22nd March from 3:30pm – 4:00 pm and will give information about the SATS as well as an opportunity for parents to ask any questions that they may have about this.



Valentines Disco: Love was in the air

A big thank you to the PTA who organised another wonderful school disco, a **LOVELY** time was had by all.

Bank Lunchtime Supervisors Required

If you (or anyone you know) are available to cover on an adhoc basis (to cover illness) over lunchtimes please get in touch with the school office, we would be delighted to welcome you to the team!

Dates coming up...

- 1.3.18: Class Hepworth visit to YSP**
- 1.3.18 World book day- dress up**
- 6.3.18 Eureka! Science and maths demonstration**
- 14.3.18: Class photographs**
- 14.3.18: Yr1 – Yr 5 reports sent home**
- 21.3.18: Parent's evening 1 (3:40pm – 6:40pm)**
- 22.3.18: Pedestrian training Y3**
- 22.3.18: SATS information meeting for Y2 parents (3:30pm – 4:00pm)**
- 28.3.18: Parent's Evening 2 (3:40pm – 6:40pm)**
- 29.3.18: Pedestrian training Y3**

Dates continued...

- 29.3.18: Finish for Easter**
- 16.4.18 Return to school**
- W/b 16.4.18 STEM week**
- 9th- 11th May: year 5 Residential**
- 25.5.18: Children break up for half term**
- 4.6.18: TRAINING DAY FOR STAFF**
- 5.6.18: School opens**

VACANCY

SECRETARY TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)
EMMANUEL CHURCH, SHELLEY

We are looking for a Volunteer to join our Church Council, as Secretary, to help with the smooth-running of the administration of the Parish. There will be support from the PCC with this role.

As Secretary you will:

- Attend the bimonthly PCC meetings, and take the Minutes and circulate these to the PCC by email.
- Circulate the PCC with any relevant correspondence.
- Prepare the Annual Report for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting with the help of Rev Amanda and members of the PCC.
- Prepare and submit Annual Return Forms to the Diocese following the APCM

If you are interested in learning more about this role, without making any commitment, please e-mail: Jacqueline Martyn the current PCC Secretary (jacqueline.martyn@outlook.com) or Reverend Amanda Grant (amandagrants1@hotmail.com).

Thank you to all parents and pupils...

Thank you for another super half term at Shelley First School. Have a wonderful break and we'll see you in a week!

