



Merry Christmas Everyone, and thank you for making me so welcome at Shamblehurst during my first term.

I have been so proud of our children throughout our ten Nativities! I apologise for the tears at so many - the children singing gets me every time!

Thank you all for your generosity throughout the performances - we were able to raise over £500 for The Haven, Breast Cancer Charity, which is fantastic.

The children looked fabulous in their Christmas jumpers today and we have all enjoyed a great Christmas sing-song. Year Two have been spreading the Shamblehurst magic at two local care homes and Key Stage 2 had a rather loud knees up in the hall, I apologise if Dominic the Donkey features in any of your celebrations.

I will leave you with a picture taken yesterday at the final Key Stage 2 Nativity, 'One Bright Star!'



On behalf of all the staff at Shamblehurst, Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!



Learner of the Week Friday 2nd December 2016

- > Louisa Densumbe in Caterpillar Class who has flexed her 'listening' muscle.
- > Ethan Randall in Dragonfly Class who has flexed his 'collaboration' muscle.
- Ella Williams in Giraffe Class who has flexed her 'making links' muscle.
- ➢ Harry Rendall in Lion Class who has flexed his 'perseverance' muscle.
- > William Henderson in Zebra Class who has flexed his 'independence' muscle.
- Emma Montague in Dolphin Class who flexed her 'capitalising' muscle.
- > Harry Blake in Seahorse Class who has flexed his 'planning' muscle.
- > Kezia Swain in Turtle Class who has flexed her 'imaginative' muscle.
- Joe Acteson in 3HR who has flexed his 'perseverance' muscle.
- Daniel Davies in 3KE who has flexed his 'empathy' muscle.
- Ammara Tahsin in 4RP who has flexed her 'capitalising' muscle.
- > Emily Heath in 4LM who has flexed her 'empathy' muscle.
- > James Montague in 5JH who has flexed his 'perseverance' muscle.
- Elouise Paterson in 5LC who has flexed her 'reasoning' muscle.
- Brandon Lawler in 6JG who has flexed his 'perseverance' muscle.
- > Jerin Chandy in 6KS who has flexed his 'independence' muscle.

Learner of the Week Friday 9th December 2016

- > Harry Rhodes in Caterpillar Class who has flexed his 'listening' muscle.
- George Gaiger in Dragonfly Class who has flexed his 'listening' muscle.
- > Ellie-Nicole Owens in Giraffe Class who has flexed her 'perseverance' muscle.
- ➢ Grace Andrews in Lion Class who has flexed her 'perseverance' muscle.
- > Harry Hixon in Zebra Class who has flexed his 'independence' muscle.
- > Kane Owens in Dolphin Class who flexed his 'independence' muscle.
- > Daisy Burden-Veal in Seahorse Class who has flexed her 'absorption' muscle.
- Grace Shepperd in Turtle Class who has flexed her 'imagination' muscle.
- > Chloe Chaffers in 3HR who has flexed her 'making links' muscle.
- > Jack Franklin in 3KE who has flexed his 'perseverance' muscle.
- Imogen Larcombe in 4RP who has flexed her 'empathy' muscle.
- > Ruby Baker and Harvey Powell in 4LM who has flexed their 'perseverance' muscle.
- > Jasmine Phillips in 5JH who has flexed her 'empathy' muscle.
- > Ethan Fowler in 5LC who has flexed his 'absorption' muscle.
- > Zak Swede, Gerardo Omohwo and Barnaby Hale in 6JG who has flexed their 'perseverance' muscle.
- Mia Running in 6KS who has flexed her 'collaboration' muscle.



Key Stage 1 Attendance Winners Week ending: Friday 2nd December 2016

Giraffe Class: 95.7%

Key Stage 2 Attendance Winners Week ending: Friday 2nd December 2016

6KS: 98.1%

Key Stage 1 Attendance Winners Week ending: Friday 9th December 2016

Caterpillar Class: 100%

Key Stage 2 Attendance Winners Week ending: Friday 9th December 2016

5LC and 6KS: 100%

Christingle Service – Wednesday 7th December, 6pm at St. John's Church





Thank you to everyone who came to our Christingle Service and Mrs Keith for organising a wonderful event.





Year 6 Vocal Festival



The Vocal Festival, which was held on the day of Tuesday 29th November 2016, was a fantastic success and all pupils in Year 6 got involved.

Children from other schools and Shamblehurst sang beautifully and all the attendees were highly impressed. Each school had different parts to sing for a variety of Gospel songs.

Izzy Hewlins and Jack Piper, 6KS

5LC and 6KS Co-op Singing



On Monday 12th December 2016, 5LC and 6KS went to sing at the local store, the Co-operative in Hedge End. The children sang lots of different carols beautifully and raised a lot of money for charity.

Lydia Brown, 6KS

Help Us To Help You

Medicine Policy

Following recent enquiries we wanted to clarify the position regarding administering medicine in school. As per our Medicines in School Policy, which can be found on our website, we can only administer prescribed medicine. A prescribed medicine can be given once a day by school staff. A Parental Agreement for School to Administer Medicine form must be completed before any medication can be given. Emergency Paracetamol Consent, which was sent to parents at the beginning of the term, allows the school to administer Paracetamol in an emergency if your child becomes unexpectedly unwell, and you cannot be contacted.

Having a clear out?...

We would be grateful to receive:

- Puzzles
- Board games for wet playtimes
- Comics, role play clothes, craft materials

School Clubs

Please ensure children are collected promptly after school clubs.



Lost Property

Please remember to label all your child's clothing, even if you just use their initials. For Early Years and KS1 children, you may also like to mark their shoes. We have permanent markers in the school office if you would like to use them.

Communication

The majority of our communication is via email and text so please keep us updated with your contact information.



Starting School September 2017?

A reminder that the closing date for Year R applications to start school in September 2017 is Sunday 15 January 2017

We strive to respond to emails within 5 working days. Please bear this in mind if you are awaiting a response.

Attendance

For your information, please be advised that the school day begins at 8:45am and all children are expected to be in school at this time. A late mark will be given after this time and minutes of lateness will be recorded. If children arrive after 9:10am, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence for the morning session.



Year R

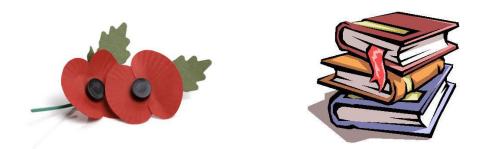
Late: 8:56am – 9:15am Unauthorised: 9:16am onwards **Year 1 – Year 6** Late: 8:51am – 9:10am Unauthorised: 9:11am onwards

Christmas Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who donated towards 'The Breast Cancer Haven' Charity, during our Christmas Productions. £518 was raised!

Scholastic Book Fair

We raised £761.35 at the book fair this year. Thank you to Mrs Glazebrook for organising.



Poppy Appeal Thank you for helping with the Poppy Appeal. £159.84 was collected by Shamblehurst.

A creative setting description, based on the text 'The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey'

On the ground, soft, fluffy white snow lies beneath my feet, waiting for children to play. There are footprints where children have played, leaving traces of youth and happiness. A choir of laughter coming from the children rings through the air, joining in with the carollers in the old church. Merrily, the birds in the trees also join in, chirping along. The trees are turning white as the snow flutters down onto them. Ever so often, a gust of icy wind blows the snow off the leaves, turning them green once again. As the wind fights with the snow, trying to take over, it blows a whiff of delicious dinner, great gravy and terrific turkey that is waiting on a table laden with food.

Later on when everyone has given in to the ever growing snowstorm, that table will be empty bearing only empty dishes. But the people around the table will all have stomachs full of turkey, parsnips, potatoes and of course, gravy. They feel content and cosy. After Christmas dinner it is time for crackers. Crackers that go off with a bang, crackers that have jokes, paper crowns and toys. Anyone going back outside will be confronted with happy laughing families by the fire eating Christmas pudding in the warm. And when it is night, the stars come out and the sun goes away, children run upstairs and go to bed.

By Emily, 4LM







