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February 2017 Newsletter

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World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March 2017

As per the letter, sent before half-term, children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Donation of £1 towards Book Aid.



A message from

Mrs Jones

I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing half term. February has flown past with some fantastic learning in school and educational visits taking place.

Our Young Voices Choir attended the O2 in London at the beginning of the month to take part in an amazing performance that was part of a National Concert which included 150,000 children from across the UK. The children were wonderful ambassadors for our school and performed an extract from the performance for the whole school in our assembly.

On the 17th we all came to school in our PJs! This event was organised by a group of Year Six girls. The girls designed the posters and liaised with the office to coordinate the initiative. They raised an amazing £442.74 for Cancer Research UK. They were even in charge of counting the money – thank you for supporting them!

Today our Year Six children were visited by two members of staff from the Porsche Showroom in Portsmouth – lucky for us they drove here in one of their showroom models! The children were able to sit in the car and experience the luxury – followed by a question and answer session. Year Six will be writing persuasive texts based on this experience. I will include some in the next newsletter.

We have lots to look forward to in March. It is World Book Day on Thursday of this week where children can come dressed as their favourite book character. Year Two are visiting Sea City Museum in Southampton next week as part of their learning about the Titanic. Towards the end of the month, the whole school will be embarking on a new enquiry based on the trilogy of books, The Journey, The Quest and the Return.

Many thanks to those children who have contributed a spring poem as part of our 'optional' home learning. They were all fabulous and totally captured the change in season. I have included two in the newsletter. All children's responses will be kept and put in to our Shamblehurst book, which will be published in the summer and kept in the Discovery Centre for children to borrow.

We look forward to seeing you at Parents Evening – more information to follow – but the dates are Tuesday 28th March and Wednesday 29th March.

I have attached a parental questionnaire, similar to the one used by Ofsted and would be very grateful for your comments and feedback as to what we are doing well and where we can make improvements. Staff and Governors would really value your responses.

Mrs Jones



Rewards



Learner of the Week Friday 3rd February 2017

- Evie Askham in Caterpillar Class who has flexed her 'listening' muscle.
- Harley Prowting in Dragonfly Class who has flexed his 'independence' muscle.
- Max Fraser-Field in Giraffe Class who has flexed his 'collaboration' muscle.
- Amira Hmimssa Turtle Class who has flexed her 'noticing' muscle.
- Micha Thompson in 5JH who has flexed her 'imagination' muscle.
- Max Powell in 6KS who has flexed his 'collaboration' muscle.

Learner of the Week Friday 10th February 2017

- Henry Beidas in Caterpillar Class who has flexed his 'listening' muscle.
- Lillie Broadbere in Dragonfly Class who has flexed her 'independence' muscle.
- George Stacey in Giraffe Class who has flexed his 'perseverance' muscle.
- Lucia Petrova in Lion Class who has flexed her 'listening' muscle.
- Heidi Smith in Zebra Class who has flexed her 'listening' muscle.
- Harri Mills in Dolphin Class who flexed her 'empathy' muscle.
- Leia Ransley in Seahorse Class who has flexed her 'empathy' muscle.
- George Chubb in Turtle Class who has flexed his 'empathy' muscle.
- Anna Noyce in 3HR who has flexed her 'independence' and 'capitalisation' muscle.
- Amy Eales in 3KE who has flexed her 'perseverance' muscle.
- Maddison Allen in 4RP who has flexed her 'absorption' muscle.
- Daniel Jesson in 4LM who has flexed his 'absorption' and 'listening' muscle.
- Emma Warner in 5JH who has flexed her 'independence' muscle.
- Henry Hull in 5LC who has flexed his 'independence' muscle.
- Louisa Davey in 6JB who has flexed her 'independence' muscle.
- Bobby Caplen in 6KS who has flexed his 'perseverance' muscle.

Learner of the Week Friday 17th February 2017

- Grace Burke in Caterpillar Class who has flexed her 'independence' muscle.
- Khloe-May Stamp in Dragonfly Class who has flexed her 'independence' muscle.
- Filip Weis in Giraffe Class who has flexed his 'independence' muscle.
- William Faulkner in Lion Class who has flexed his 'independence' muscle.
- Emma Spencer in Zebra Class who has flexed her 'listening' muscle.
- Elle-Shalome Smicle-Thompson in Dolphin Class who flexed her 'independence' muscle.
- Anna Walford in Seahorse Class who has flexed her 'perseverance' muscle.
- George Chubb in Turtle Class who has flexed his 'empathy' muscle.
- Evan Smith in 3HR who has flexed his 'noticing' muscle.
- Jack Franklin in 3KE who has flexed his 'perseverance' muscle.
- Jack Webb in 4RP who has flexed his 'imagining' muscle.
- Luke Walker in 4LM who has flexed his 'absorption' muscle.
- Josh Leon in 5JH who has flexed his 'independence' muscle.
- Abi Napier in 5LC who has flexed her 'noticing' muscle.
- Barnaby Hale in 6JB who has flexed his 'perseverance' muscle.
- Pheobe Chaffers in 6KS who has flexed her 'independence' muscle.

Attendance

Key Stage 1 Attendance Winners
Week ending: Friday 27th January 2017

Seahorse Class: 98.6%

Key Stage 2 Attendance Winners
Week ending: Friday 27th January 2017

3HR: 99.3%

Key Stage 1 Attendance Winners
Week ending: Friday 3rd February 2017

Seahorse Class: 99.1%

Key Stage 2 Attendance Winners
Week ending: Friday 3rd February 2017

6KS: 99.6%

Key Stage 1 Attendance Winners
Week ending: Friday 10th February 2017

Dragonfly Class: 100%

Key Stage 1 Attendance Winners
Week ending: Friday 10th February 2017

6KS: 99.4%

Late Report – Week: 30th January – 10th February 2017

Class	No. of lates	Class	No. of lates
Caterpillar	2	3KE	4
Dragonfly	7	3HR	7
Giraffe	2	4LM	4
Lion	4	4RP	6
Zebra	2	5JH	4
Dolphin	6	5LC	3
Seahorse	3	6JB	2
Turtle	2	6KS	3



Late Report – Week: 13th – 17th February 2017

Class	No. of lates	Class	No. of lates
Caterpillar	1	3KE	1
Dragonfly	2	3HR	1
Giraffe	1	4LM	2
Lion	0	4RP	0
Zebra	0	5JH	1
Dolphin	2	5LC	0
Seahorse	0	6JB	1
Turtle	0	6KS	0

Year 2 – Exploding Volcanoes!

Year 2 have worked extremely hard this half term so we thought we would reward ourselves by researching and exploring about volcanoes! We made volcanoes using plastic bottles and newspaper and lots of sticky glue!! We then used the chemical reaction between bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to explode our volcanoes! It was great fun!

Miss Armstrong



Young Voices at the O2 – Monday 6th February 2017

Shamblehurst Singers help raise the roof at the O2!

On Monday 6th February, 30 amazing children sung their hearts out at the Young Voices Concert at the O2, London.

After weeks of rehearsals, led by myself and supported by Mrs Ross, the children headed up to London for the day. The excitement was tangible – and that was just from the adults! The coach journey was filled with much laughter and singing and their first glimpse of the O2 drew gasps of amazement. After finding our seats, which were right in the middle of the seating, in front of the conductor and the band, we ate our lunch. We really couldn't believe how incredible the seats were – we had an amazing view and were going to be seen by all the audience!! The rehearsal in the afternoon lasted two and three quarter hours but the children's concentration and enthusiasm never wavered – we were truly proud of each and every one of them.

More food followed the rehearsal, before the doors opened at 6.00pm to allow the audience to come in. There then followed lots of waving arms, pointing at people and general eagerness to spot their respective family members, although we hoped that the Shamblehurst Primary School banner that hung above our seats helped to pinpoint us.

As the lights dimmed, the excitement reached fever-pitch and seven and a half thousand children sang their hearts out, with songs ranging from a lively pop medley, to a song that included sign language and songs in both Welsh and African! I love singing with the children and even joined in with some air guitars!...

All too soon the concert came to an end and even the rain couldn't dampen the spirits as we headed back to the coaches and drove back to school. We may have been tired, but we all agreed it had been a wonderful experience. I was incredibly proud of all the children and would like to say a huge thank you to them for being so fantastic. I would also like to say a big thank you to the other adults, Mrs Ross, Mrs Smith, Mrs Hanslip, Mrs Mohamed and Mrs Constantine, who joined me on the day. I couldn't have done it without you.

It was yet another example of how simply amazing the children of Shamblehurst are and I hope they will remember it for the awesome occasion that it was.

Mrs Symes



Year 6 - Porsche visit

Children are designing their own cars for Porsche, writing persuasive adverts and informative leaflets along with gathering statistical information through data handling in maths. All to pitch to the dragons in dragons den where an overall design will be selected.



School Improvement



Thank you to all parents, staff and volunteers who helped with transforming our Year R Playground. We are very pleased.

We have recently had a fence put across the end of the playground, which leads to the field, to keep children safe on the playground.





On Tuesday 14th April, Andy Hunt and Xenia Kaspar, from the Hampshire Music Service, came in to school. They gave a live musical performance to both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, in two separate assemblies, and even got some of the adults up and joining in! It was a great experience for the children, as having the opportunity to hear live music is an important part of the music curriculum for all children.

Mrs Symes

Family Support Worker Update

Our Family Links Nurturing Programme is going really well. We are currently on week 5. The group is well attended and everyone is there to help and support each other. We have lots of laughs, as well as coffee and biscuits!

I hope to run another course in the Summer Term. It is open to anyone. Please let me know if you are interested, or have any questions.

I will be serving tea and coffee again in reception at the upcoming Parents Evenings on Tuesday 28th March and Wednesday 29th March. I look forward to seeing you.

Sarah Curry



Year R - Donations

Any of these items would be gratefully received:
Cups, bowls, jugs, utensils (spoons, ladles,
whisks, colanders, gravel, cable drums
unwanted bricks.

Thank you for your support!

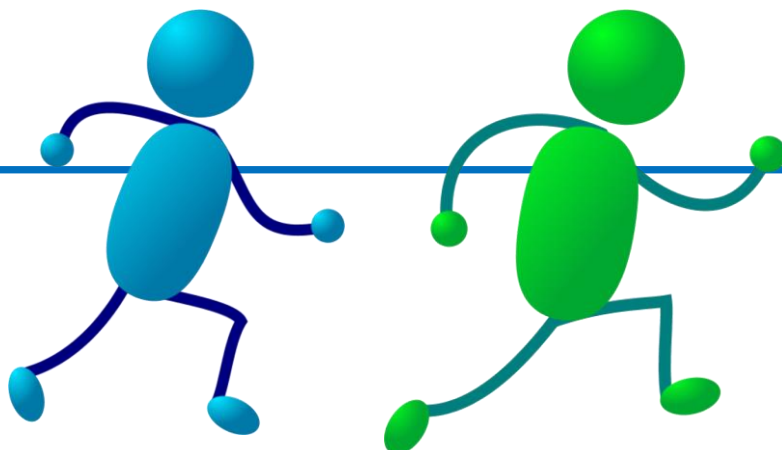


Sports News

Jess Shepperd came 27th out of 80 at the County Trails, meaning she qualifies for the Regional event.

Bobby Caplen came 1st in the Cluster event.

Well done Jess and Bobby – you have both done us all proud!



Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
Friday 24th March 2017



On Friday 24th March, children can wear their red noses to school (*school uniform*).

Competition!

Year R and KS1 – Design a Red Nose for next year
KS2 – Write a silly story

There will be a prize for a boy and girl in each Key Stage. The winning entries to be read/shown in assembly that day.

COMIC
RELIEF

Megan, Grace, Tamana,
Isabella and Keira
Year 5

Walk to School



Living Street's national Walk to School Week will be from **Monday 15th May to Friday 19th May** this year and the Road Safety Team are supporting it again with our own material. This is available to every school free of charge and can work alongside the WOW (Walk Once a Week) scheme, encouraging your school community to make walking to school a habit every day that week!

It is an ideal way of encouraging children and parents to switch from the car to walking for the school journey; reducing congestion outside your school as well as helping the environment and promoting a healthier lifestyle for both

children and parents. The Road Safety Team also see it as the best opportunity to teach children all about road safety and using the green cross code when crossing the road. Why not teach this key message during an assembly by using our Green Cross Code lesson plan, which is available to download on the JRSO website at www.hants.gov.uk/jrso. As well as our assembly, why not log on to the Living Street's website at www.livingstreets.org.uk/what-we-do/walk-to-school for more assembly ideas and resources for various activities.

The registration email and schools communication will be sent out during the Spring term so please keep a look out - let's try and beat the total of 90,000 children who took part last year!



Help Us To Help You

Dinner Money

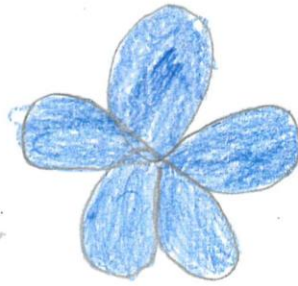
Please ensure, if you have any outstanding dinner money, this should be cleared as soon as possible. Dinner money should be paid either in advance or when ordering and should only be outstanding in an emergency situation.

Giraffe Class have had their coat pegs relocated into their classroom. There is limited space available. For Health and Safety reasons, children must only bring small bag/book bag, not a large rucksack.

PE in cold weather

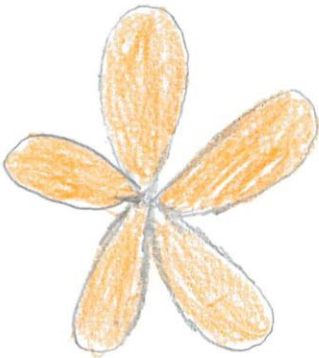
Just to remind parents that we recommend sending tracksuits in during the colder months.

Please ensure that you contact details are up to dates. A change of details forms are available from the letter rack.

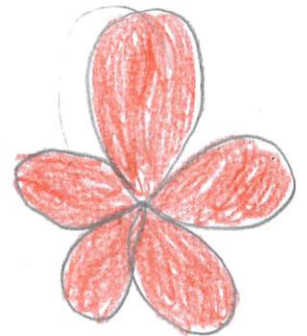


Streams that were frozen begin to flow

Pretty blossoms start to show



Really dark evenings gone we cheer

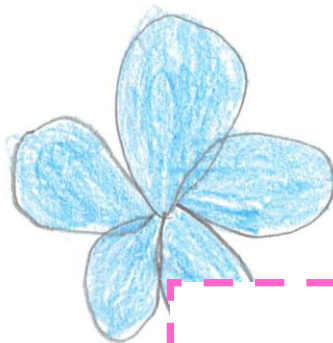


In the fields new lambs appear

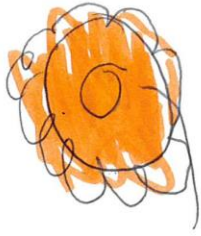
Now we will begin the April showers



Gardens are full of beautiful flowers



By Eva Perraton in 5LC



So many flowers
 So many flowers

Peeking from the ground
 Peeking from the ground

Rising all around
 rising all around

I see Buttercups
 I see Buttercups

No snow in sight
 No snow in sight!

Garden birds happy
 taking flight!
 Garden Birds Happy,
 taking flight!

By Alfie Smith Lion's class

By Alfie Smith in Lion Class

A message from the Governors

The Shamblehurst Governors have pleasure to announce that Mrs Becky Veal has been elected Chair of Governors, following the recent resignation of Mr Hatia-Black.

It has been a very busy time for Governors this month, with a lot of discussion about data. Mrs Jones provides data to the Governors which shows the progress our pupils are making in school. The detailed data indicates to Governors that the school is providing children with an excellent education, following Mrs Jones' strategic vision. This data is scrutinised and challenged by the Governors and is verified by an external educational expert.

Well done to Mrs Jones and all her members of Staff.

We were also delighted to see so many wonderful children with parents and teachers, giving up their Sunday morning recently to help tidy Year R playground. The children love the splashes of colour and the new activities.

Thank you very much everyone!

Becky Veal
Chair of Governors



Charity

FAMILY FUN DAY



Countess Mountbatten Hospice Charity
Reg. Charity No. 1123304

Sunday 19th March 2017
9.00am until 3.30pm
CHILWORTH MANOR
Southampton SO16 7PT

Mascot Tug of War

The Hungry Games

Obstacles Challenges Puzzles

Food available all day - see website

Oxygen - Free Jumping



Adult: £10 Child: £5 Family Ticket: £25
Tickets online: [@cmhcharity](http://www.cmhcharity.org.uk/events)

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