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December 2021 Newsletter

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We would like to wish everyone a very safe
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We look forward to seeing everyone again on
Tuesday 4th January 2022!

- Year 6, Houses of Parliament - Tuesday 11th January 2022
- Year 2, Sea City - Monday 24th January 2022
- Year 1, Beaulieu - Tuesday 1st February 2022
- INSET Day - Friday 18th February 2022
- Half-Term, Monday 21st - Friday 25th February 2022



A Message From Mrs Jones

Merry Christmas from all the staff at Shamblehurst. It was magical this morning watching the children's faces as they came to school and I hope we added a bit of Christmas sparkle to the start of the winter break.

These are uncertain times and the Department for Education has asked all schools to ensure they have updated their contingency plans. Please be reassured we have and this is attached with this newsletter.

The children are really tired - they have kept going to the end! Hopefully, they enjoyed the panto this week and Christmas dinner, complete with sprouts!

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to the theatre this week to see One Snowy Night. They reduced us all to tears with their laughter and sense of awe - it was goose bumpy!

Thank you to those who attended the Christmas Fayre. I don't think I will quite forget the sight of the goats in jumpers scampering across the playground! Thank you to FOSSA for organising such a brilliant event (again!) and a big thank you to Father Christmas, who checked in with 180 children!

I truly wish all our families a peaceful and happy break. On behalf of staff, and myself can I thank you for your amazing generosity in terms of the Christmas gifts we have received.

Instead of sending Christmas cards to the children, this year Mrs Mohamed and I have bought for the children of Shamblehurst a gift of sending a girl to school in Africa and an Equality for All gift from Oxfam.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Jones



Rewards



Learner of the Week - Friday 3rd December 2021

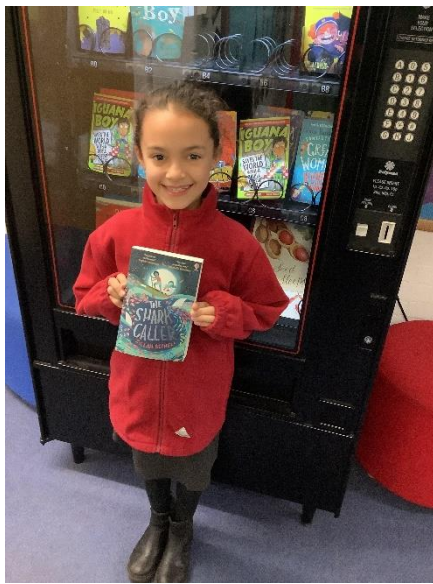
- Lemur Class: Maisy Parker for flexing her creativity muscle.
- Giraffe Class: Axel for flexing his perseverance muscle.
- Flamingo Class: Kiera Hutton for flexing her listening muscle.
- Elephant Class: Marcie Spratley for flexing her absorption muscle.
- Raccoon Class: Archie Dikyar for flexing his resilience muscle.
- Seahorse Class: Imogen Bonwick for flexing her engaging muscle.
- Koala Class: Katie Fielder for flexing her engagement muscle.
- Polar Bear Class: Nathan Long for flexing his creativity muscle.
- Panther Class: Lucy Evans for flexing her absorption muscle.
- Wolf Class: Olivia Smith for flexing her engagement muscle.
- Otter Class: Ksawery Malek-Tomczyk for flexing his listening muscle.
- Orangutan Class: Kylian Gomis Lebel for flexing his listening muscle.
- Bushbaby Class: Olivia Perry for flexing her imitation muscle.

Learner of the Week - Friday 12th December 2021

- Lemur Class: Bella Stamp for flexing her listening muscle.
- Toucan Class: Liam Firth for flexing his listening muscle.
- Elephant Class: Keegan Currie for flexing his perseverance muscle.
- Raccoon Class: Mavey-Rose Bishop for flexing her resilience and perseverance muscles.
- Seahorse Class: Charlotte Holborow for flexing her engagement muscle.
- Koala Class: Mya Whymark for flexing her perseverance muscle.
- Polar Bear Class: Blake Wright for flexing his creativity muscle.
- Panther Class: Jack Herridge for flexing his engagement muscle.

We would like to say a big well done to Michael Levy, Eleanor Kinloch and Bella Fulford who have been awarded their bronze reading badges and Evie Dhatrika who has been awarded her gold reading badge.

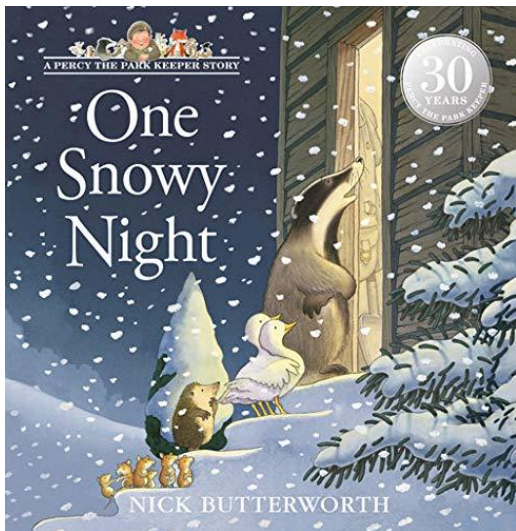




A huge well done to Nimmi Sherin and Maddie Cooper as they have both earned their bronze, silver and gold reading challenge badges (which means they've read 18 books) and have now also read another 12 books, therefore earned themselves a book from the vending machine.

A massive well done!

Year 1 - Berry Theatre



On Wednesday 15th December, Year 1 went to the Berry Theatre to see the live performance of 'One Snowy Night'. The lovely story written by the author Nick Butterworth. All the children were so excited to go in the lead up to the visit. They all represented our school out in the community so wonderfully. They sat and listened respectfully and their faces were an absolute picture throughout. Big beaming smiles and lots of laughter. What a lovely way to end a very busy term in school!

Mrs Hillman and Mrs Wright

Please like and follow our Facebook page - <https://facebook.com/shamblehurstprimary/>



Skoolkit

Christmas and New Year shop opening hours

Our six shops will be closed for Christmas from Friday 24th December and re-open on Wednesday 29th December through to Friday 31st December (closing at 4pm)

We will then be closed for New Year from Saturday 1st January and re-open on Tuesday 4th January.

Online ordering opening hours

Our online ordering department will process and post orders that are in stock up until Thursday 23rd December but due to the Christmas weekend and additional bank holidays please allow 14 days for orders placed over the festive period.

We will then be closed on Friday 24th December through to Tuesday 28th December.

We will be back processing and posting orders on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th December but again due to the weekend and an additional bank holiday day please allow 14 days for orders placed over the festive period.

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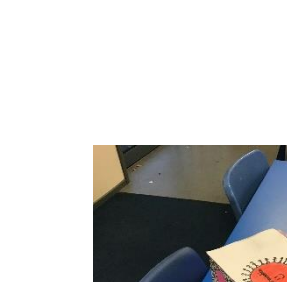
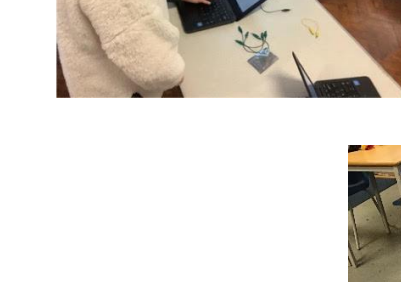


Year 5 - Mars Rovers

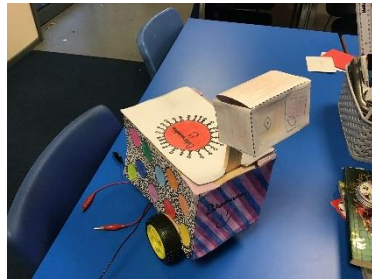
Over the last few weeks, Year 5 have been working hard on designing and making their own Mars' Rovers. They have learned to use perspective to create 3D drawings and turn these into actual structures in our DT lessons. The most exciting part though has been connecting these to Crumble Boards and using computer programming to make their Rovers complete a series of different missions. You can see some videos of the children's Rovers working on the school website.

Mr Hill





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Christmas Top Tips!

For most families, Christmas is a joyful occasion, an opportunity to spend time together and enjoy a bit of overindulgence. But for families of children on the autistic spectrum, it can be a different story.

The festive season can be bewildering for many children with autism. The house is full of noise and people, the normal routines have been abandoned, and outings mean coping with crowds, lights, and unfamiliar sights and smells.

If your child has autism, the temptation may be to veto Christmas altogether, but when there are other children to think about, it's not always that simple. Many parents talk about the pressures of juggling everyone's needs, and trying to keep the whole family happy. Parents of children with special educational needs have been sharing their tips for surviving the festive season on [Scope's online community](#).

Prepare ahead

Prepare your child for the changes coming up. Start early, talking to them about what to expect.

Create a plan

Print off a week-to-view calendar page and add a picture of your planned activities during the Christmas holidays (divide into morning, lunch, afternoon, etc.) to help put your child at ease about the plans for the week.

Make special time for your kids

It's easy to get overloaded with Christmas preparations at this time of year, so make some special time for your kids, giving them 5 to 10 mins of undivided attention every day. Let your child take the lead, tune into their world and see it through their eyes.

Use the festive season as a teaching opportunity

Help and encourage your child to give gifts. This provides an excellent opportunity to work on social skills, like thinking of other people's needs and interests, and being kind and helpful. I support my daughter to make gifts for her family and friends. She also looks forward to actually giving out the presents as well.

Decorate gradually

Don't put up the decorations when your child is sleeping – if possible, get them involved. Try to introduce changes into their environment gradually, starting with the Christmas lights for (supervised) sensory play.

Create a Christmas-free zone

Leave one room in the house, perhaps your child's room, free from anything to do with Christmas, so they can come back to the room as a 'safe place' when necessary.



Spice up the playdough

Add cinnamon to your child's playdough to gradually introduce the new smells.

Gift ideas

If family and friends are struggling for ideas for Christmas presents, email them a link to a website of sensory toys or ask for cash which you can put together to buy that (probably) expensive toy!

Prep your extended family

Talk to family members ahead of time. Discuss your child's specific needs, and gently but firmly tell them what your plans are. Be sure to let them know that this will make the whole experience better for everyone. Ask for their support.

Pack a comfort objects backpack

Fill a backpack with things your child finds comforting or enjoys playing with – toy cars, a stuffed animal, a CD and CD player, or a few books. If they get overstimulated, find a quiet corner or a back room and pull out the backpack.

Don't hope for the best, make an action plan

I used to worry about my son's behaviour when spending time at family members' homes over the festive season. Basically, I'd take him and hope for the best! However, I've found that planning and preparation in advance hugely helps. I work with my family and we make sure we have a calm room or a space he can go to for when it all gets too much. I put his favourite blanket in there. Having some time alone, or just with me, keeps meltdowns to a minimum.



Hold off on the perfume

One thing that people with autism often complain about during Christmas is the many different perfume smells coming from visiting adults – ask your family and friends not to shower themselves in scent!

Wrap up something familiar

Luke can't really cope with opening presents, or will unwrap one or two then run away. So we wrap up his favourite big monkey which he always finds funny!

Give your child a job

I always give my sons, who both have ASD, 'jobs' to do at Christmas – they take coats, offer nibbles round and so on. Giving them something to do reduces their stress about having lots of people in the house.

Don't rise to criticism

Ignore well-meaning 'advice' from family members. Remember, it bothers you more than it does your child! You know best what your child needs, and providing it is your responsibility. Try to stay focused on your child's wellbeing and let everything else wash over you.

Create an itinerary

I give my son a programme of events so he understands, for example, that people stand around and chat a lot when they meet up at Christmas, and that is part of the occasion.

Don't stand on ceremony

Putting food onto large plates/ bowls and letting the family help themselves has saved my sanity during Christmas dinner. My adult son with ASD is very fussy about different foods being on the same plate. This way, he chooses what he wants to eat and will try one thing at a time.

Avoid marathon unwrapping sessions

Don't feel all the presents have to be opened on Christmas morning in the traditional way. Our son would get so overwhelmed he couldn't cope, so we find it much easier to give him a few gifts at a time over Christmas and Boxing Day. He opens them all in the end without any tantrums and is much calmer and happier, meaning we all have a far more enjoyable time!

Get gifts ready to go

When we give our daughter a gift, we make sure all packaging is removed, batteries are in, and it is set up ready to use as soon as she's unwrapped it. For someone with limited attention and suspicion of new things it can make the difference between acceptance and rejection.

And breathe...

If your child reacts badly to stress, staying relaxed and low-key over the Christmas period is one of the best things you can do to keep your child's behavior in line. Save the tantrum (yours!) for when you get home.

NATIVITY FESTIVAL

Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th December



Presentation of many different exhibits all telling the traditional story of Christmas including Nativities, Angels, Donkeys some made by Local people and Schools

*** admission free ***

open **outside** - any time daylight recommended don't forget the labyrinth!

open **inside** - see website or facebook for opening times



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CAROL SERVICE:
Sunday 19th December
at 4:00 p.m.
a mix of carols
and readings suitable
for all

**SUNDAY ADVENT
WORSHIP:**
at 10:30 a.m.
In the chapel or Zoom
on 28th November
5th, 12th, 19th December

Visitors are once again very welcome to freely visit without booking, but we are keeping the windows open so please dress warmly

We are pleased to see you at Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals; and throughout the year we have regular events concerts and fayres

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I am really pleased to tell you that the **Family Links Nurturing Programme** is coming back to Shamblehurst in the Summer Term. I will be running it in partnership with Sam from Barnardos. This is a great opportunity for myself and Shamblehurst to do some collaborative work with them.

The Family Links Nurturing Programme is an 11 week course that offers positive and practical advice for nurturing children so they learn how to handle both their feelings and behaviour. It is based on four building blocks:

- Self awareness and self esteem
 - Appropriate expectations
 - Empathy
- Positive behaviour management

These four areas provide the key elements for successful and confident parenting and happy and confident children!

Please contact me if you are interested, or you would like further details, as spaces will be limited. My email address is: sarah.curry@shamblehurst.co.uk or just pop in to the office, or catch me on the playground in the mornings. The sessions will be on a Tuesday morning after Easter starting on 26th April and run though until Tuesday 12th July (not including half term), they will be from 9:30 - 11:30am.

Sarah Curry
Family Support Worker

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Please click on the below link which contains an update from Hampshire Catering Service - <https://sway.office.com/8ZbOzBFqIe50vUiA?ref=email>



Reminder - as per previous email, if you would like your child to attend a club, please complete the permission slip attached and return strictly by lunchtime on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

We will confirm your child's place by text during Friday 7th January 2022. Places will be selected by being pulled out of a hat.

Year 5 - Science Dome

Year 5 have enjoyed learning all about Space this term. As part of their learning journey they got to take part in a live science event put on by the Explorer Dome, who brought their mobile dome to school. The children really engaged with the interactive, immersive experience and took part in sessions which brought their learning on forces and the planets to life. The children were fascinated by the close up images of the sun, planets and star constellations. Here are some images from inside the day.

Mrs Trinidad and Mr Hill

