



# Shorne C of E Primary School

Term 5 newsletter

May 2023



## Our school remains a **Good** school as graded by Ofsted

Back in March, Shorne received a visit from OFSTED to ensure the education that we provide remains at a high standard. We are pleased to let you know that following our recent inspection, Shorne Church of England Primary School continues to be a **good** school. We are very proud of the report, and of our Shorne community of children and families, staff and governors.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. We know how fortunate we are to work with families that engage so wholeheartedly with their children's learning - academically, socially and emotionally - and also with school life. We wouldn't be the strong community that we are without you all, and the difference this makes to your children is immeasurable. We would also like to acknowledge the dedication of our team at Shorne who work so hard every day to support our children and provide such a range of wonderful opportunities for pupil development and academic achievements. The full report is available to view via the website.

*Thank you everyone*

**"Pupils flourish in this nurturing and inclusive school."**

**"Overall, parents are very happy with the quality of education and experiences their children receive.**

**They describe the school as 'a wonderful community and learning environment' in which their children thrive."**



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**Growing Together in Learning and in Faith**

# Our Coronation Celebrations





# Staffing update

We will be sad to be saying goodbye to both Mrs Thornley and Mr Woodcock at the end of the academic year. Both of these excellent teachers will be taking their passion for teaching and learning to new schools. Mrs Thornley will be staying within the Trust and bringing her expertise in Early Years to the new Reception class at Saint George's C of E Primary School, and Mr Woodcock is taking on a role of Assistant Head at a school in Medway.



Mrs D Thornley

CLASS TEACHER



Mr B Woodcock

CLASS TEACHER

We are pleased to be welcoming Mrs Nolan as our new Key Stage 2 Phase Leader in September, and also Mrs Swift to our Early Years classroom. Both are experienced teachers who are very excited to be joining the team at Shorne - we can't wait to welcome them!

## We have made some new changes



Our new pedestrian access is ready! If you use the Cob Drive entrance, you will have seen that we have some new fencing that enables us to allow pedestrian visitors to enter the school site from the path, which now has access to the office as well as the playground.



When accessing the school office before, during or after the school day via Cob Drive when the gates are locked, you will need to buzz the office using the right-hand intercom on the pedestrian gate (on the path). When a member of the team answers, please let us know who you are and why you are visiting and then the pedestrian gate will be released. You will need to push the gate, walk down the path and turn left. Continue through the low wooden gate and head to the office door (press the intercom if the door has not been released).

This access has been put in to improve the safety of our school community and visitors, whilst maintaining children's safety during break and lunchtimes. We will be continuing to make improvements to our school site for the benefit of all.





# Rabbit Class update



Rabbit Class have been looking at the story of Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat as part of their RE lesson. The children worked in teams to create their own group dreamcoat and we think they look pretty good.

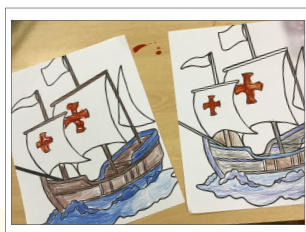


Year R also went on an exciting trip to enjoy a Nature Day at Horton Kirby! During our visit the children had the opportunity to go bug hunting and pond dipping and found out lots of interesting facts about nature and wildlife.



## Update from Hedgehog Class

Hedgehog Class have engaged brilliantly with our history learning about Christopher Columbus. The children have retained so much information - we are sure they will be able to teach other children amazing facts about Christopher Columbus as well as other modern explorers. Everyone had lots of fun learning about the different foods and spices explorers wanted to bring back to Europe. We decided to mix Paprika with PVA glue and used this mixture to paint the red cross found on the sail of Christopher Columbus' ship - the Santa Maria.



Hedgehog Class have been inspired by their class book this term, **Wanted: The Perfect Pet** by Fiona Robertson.

The story has promoted wonderful conversations about pets as well as lots of discussion around how to care for Harley, our school dog. The children have been working so hard on their creative writing skills this term and learning how to plan by using a story map and turning their plan into a final piece of writing. The children put all their skills into practice and wrote excellent 'Just So...' stories about 'How Harley Got His Bark'.

*Harry's story: How Harley Got His Bark*

"One spring day Harley went to the beach. He was curious about seaweed. He got a little bit closer and got caught on the seaweed! Then he tried and tried to escape. Then he got out of the seaweed and he went up to the surface. All of a sudden he found a bone on the surface. He took the bone to the beach to hide it. He dug and he dug and found lots of bones. He was so excited a bark came out. After that, he ate one at a time and decided when he was done he would go home."



# What have Otters Class been up to?



Year 2 recently visited Chatham Dockyard and completed three exciting workshops - Pirates Ahoy!, Ready, Aim, Fire and Full speed ahead! They also got the opportunity to walk through HMS Ocelot - a wartime submarine!



## Fox Class fun!

On Thursday 18th May, Year 3 had a fantastic time visiting the Gurdwara in Gravesend as part of our Religious Education curriculum. They had a guided tour and were able to try some food the Gurdwara usually shares with the local community.





## Update from Dolphins



During term 5 in Year 4 we have been looking at the Renaissance period of art. We have focused on Leonardo Da Vinci and his famous Mona Lisa painting. We applied a variety of artistic skills to create our own version of Da Vinci's masterpiece, ensuring that we made the painting realistic. We then used these skills to draw ourselves in the same style, using different mediums.



## Panda Class



Linked to the history and geography topics the children have been studying so far this year, Year 5 had a recent visit from two architects. The children were quizzed on their knowledge of Roman, Greek and Aztec building styles (with some interesting choices for team buzzer noises!) and then had to rise to the challenge of making a building in the style of one of the above (oh, and it had to be able to hold a certain weight too!). The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, which is going to be followed up by a day-long challenge next term. Many thanks to our architects, Frances and Sam, for their time and enthusiasm.



## Tiger Class update



well done!

Well done to all of our year 6 children for completing their SATs this term! They have all worked extremely hard this year and showed real resilience, even in the face of some tricky tests! The whole school are so proud of you and your achievements.

Year 6 now turn their attention to our end of year production! This year we will be performing "Pirates of the Curry Bean". We can't wait to bring this swashbuckling adventure to life for you!





# Shorne's StAR Awards

**RESILIENCE** – **COMMUNITY** – **RESPECT**



<b>Year R</b>	Scarlett	Jenson	Reggie
<b>Year 1</b>	Charlotte	Jude S	Arabella
<b>Year 2</b>	Benjamin	Isabelle	Georgie
<b>Year 3</b>	Jacob	Jude H	Esmee
<b>Year 4</b>	Cobie	Charles	Evelyn
<b>Year 5</b>	Isla H	Bella	Sienna Dab.
<b>Year 6</b>	Rhiann	Remy	Riley

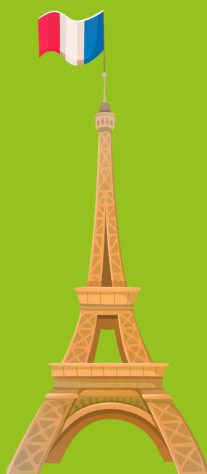
## Hall for Hire!

If you are interested in letting our school hall in the evenings or at weekends then please get in touch. We offer very reasonable rates for local clubs/groups and also social events and have lots of space to offer. Contact the school office for more information.

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## FRENCH COLOURS

Red: rouge (roozh)  
 Orange: orange (oh-rahnh)  
 Yellow: jaune (zhawn)  
 Green: vert (vehr)  
 Blue: bleu (bluh)  
 Purple: violet (vee-oh-lay)  
 Pink: rose (rose)  
 Brown: marron (mah-rohn)  
 Black: noir (nwahr)  
 White: blanc (blahn)  
 Grey: gris (gree)



See if your child can recall any of these colour words!

## Term 5 pics



*Crazy Hair Day - 21st April*



*Year R School Trip - 25th April*



*Gardening Club*



*Pokemon Club*

# A note from our Chair of Governors



This is just a quick note to introduce myself. My name is Keith Syrett, and I am Chair of Governors for Shorne. I am but one of a number of governors, all volunteers offering our time and skills ultimately to the children. As a Local Governing Body (LGB) we aim to provide strategic leadership that sets and champions vision, ethos and strategy. We do this by holding the school to account, driving educational standards to ensure that each child has the best opportunities to meet their full potential whilst having the best of experiences during their time with us. I say 'us' as we are dedicated to working with the school at all levels. It is my hope and intention to expand upon the roles and responsibilities of governors over the next few newsletters so as to give you an insight into the workings of the LGB.

I cannot close this first article without thanking my governors for their dedicated hard work and say a huge thanks to Mrs Sarah Prest (Acting Head of School), Mr Steve Mallinson (Deputy Head & Acting Head of School) and Mr Tim Muggridge, our Executive Head, all of whom have worked tirelessly in the promotion of our school during Miss Hewett's absence. We must not forget though that none of the successes would be possible without the staff - a band of hard-working, devoted people living their lives for the learning and improvement of your children's lives and well-being. Until the next time.

Keith Syrett  
Chair of Governors  
LGB to Shorne CE Primary School

## Medical reminder



Please ensure any inhalers and Epipens which are held in school are in date. These are kept within each class's First Aid box. This is for consistency, so all staff know where to find them when needed. Children are only expected to carry them when off the school grounds e.g. on a trip, sports events etc.

Please remember that we are unable to administer medication, including eye drops, hayfever medication etc, unless prescribed by a GP and four doses or more per day are required. A medical form will need to be completed beforehand.

With the hotter weather coming soon, please remember to provide your child with a hat, a water bottle and ensure they have sunscreen on before they come to school. We are unable to apply sunscreen on the children, so please do not send bottles into school.

## Accelerated Reader Word Count: **UPDATE**

Our readers with the highest average % correct in their quizzes who have read on average 25 or more minutes per day are:

Lenny in Y2 – 93.8%  
Ivy in Y3 – 100%  
Jack in Y4 – 96%  
Sienna in Y5 – 100%  
Mia in Y6 – 100%



So far this academic year, we have read a grand total of:

**21,382,036**  
**words!**

Our readers who have read the most words per class this term are:

Foley in Y2 – 37,920  
Hooper in Y3 – 190,858  
Harry in Y4 – 320,513  
Gabriella in Y5 – 214,606  
Lily in Y6 – 208,973





## Whitsun Prayers



# Pentecost Prayer

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit  
that my thoughts may all be holy;  
Act in me O Holy Spirit  
that my works, too, may be holy;  
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit  
that I love but what is holy;  
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit  
to defend that is holy;  
Guard me then O Holy Spirit  
that I always may be holy.

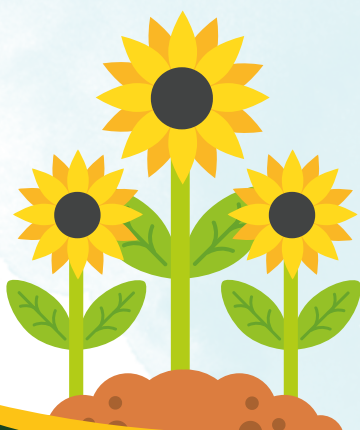
- St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)



## Gardening Club

A huge thank you to Wickes in Gravesend for their fantastic support towards our peace garden. Thanks to their Community Partnership initiative, we entered a draw and won £100 to spend on what we wanted!

Needless to say we bought many plants and bags of compost. Our Gardening Club were delighted with the new supplies.



# Diary Dates

## Key Dates - Term 6

Keep up-to-date  
with our news and  
events on our  
Facebook page!



**Monday 5th June - First day of Term 6**

**Tuesday 6th June - Yr 5 architecture day**

**15th - 17th June - Year 5 Glamping Experience**

**Thursday 15th June - FOSS Father's Day Brunch, session 1**

**Friday 16th June - FOSS Father's Day Brunch, session 2**

**Tuesday 20th June - Bag to School collection**

**19th - 23rd June - Year 6 Residential Trip to Avon Tyrrell**

**Friday 23rd June - Non uniform day**

(donations for the fete to be brought in in the afternoon)

**Thursday 29th June - Forensic Science Workshop**

**Saturday 1st July - Summer Fete, 12pm - 3pm**

**Monday 3rd July - Staff Development Day**

**Thursday 13th July - Sports day and family picnic**

**Friday 21st July - Last day of Term, finish at 1.30pm**

## Clubs for Term 6



**Monday:**

**Netball (KS2)**

After school until 4.15pm

**Tuesday:**

**Movie/Story Club (KS1)**

After school until 4.15pm

**Basketball (KS2)**

After school until 4.15pm

**Gardening Club (KS2)**

After school until 4.15pm

**Wednesday:**

**Cheerleading Club (all - external)**

After school until 4.30pm

**Thursday:**

**Dance with Berenice (all - external)**

After school until 4.15pm

**Friday:**

**Pokemon Club (all - no sign up required)**

At lunch time, 12.15pm-12.40pm  
in Year 5 classroom

Booking opens on Monday 29th May at 6:00pm