



Shorne C of E Primary School

Term 2 newsletter

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*Shorne pupil stars
in this year's
Pantomime!*



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Growing Together in Learning and in Faith



Our very own Year 5 pupil, Emily Clutterbuck, is starring in this year's Pantomime at The Woodville and we are extremely excited for her.

KS1 were lucky enough to see Emily perform when they visited the Pantomime on the 6th December, to watch this year's production - Snow White.

The children thought the show was absolutely brilliant and it was made even more special having Emily in it. Good luck with the rest of your shows Emily, we are all so proud of you!

Staffing update

We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs. Peeke and Mrs. Reason at the end of this term. Mrs Peeke, who has been with the school for over seven years, and Mrs Reason – just over two – will both be missed. We cannot thank them enough for their work with and contributions to the Shorne community.

They have formed great relationships with many children and families at the school, and I am sure you will join us in wishing them both Godspeed, success and enjoyment in their life beyond Shorne Primary.



Mrs D Peeke
HIGHER LEVEL TEACHING ASSISTANT



Mrs C Reason
FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER

The end of Term 2 also sees Miss Weedon start her maternity leave – subject to no unexpected early arrivals! We send Miss Weedon all our love and support and wish her all the best at this exciting time.



Baby News

We are delighted to share the good news that Miss Goodger gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, named Aria Rae, born on 6th December, weighing 6lb 14oz. Both Mum and baby are doing well.

Welcome

Finally, we are very pleased to be welcoming Mrs Page who is joining Shorne in the New Year as a full-time Teaching Assistant.



Message from Miss Hewett

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you all for your continued support this term. It's been one of our busiest terms but also one of the most enjoyable, with lots of festive fun! The staff and children have worked incredibly hard and I want to thank you all for your efforts. A big thank you to all the staff in KS1 who worked hard to produce a successful Nativity and thank you for attending - the children were lovely to watch. Year 2 and Year 5 also did a great job leading the Christmas Church Service. We finished off the term by taking our school choir to sing carols in the community and they thoroughly enjoyed singing to the residents of Dale Lodge Care Home. Well done to everyone involved.

Attendance continues to be a key area of focus and we are striving for all classes to be 96% or above. This is an Ofsted requirement and as a school we are judged against this. Thank you for all you do to ensure your children are on time for school and they attend regularly. It probably comes as no surprise that children who are not in school regularly fall behind and miss out on big chunks of learning.

All that is left to say is have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th January.



Christmas is for everyone regardless of who they are,
Christmas is a celebration of everyone both near and far,
Turn to the person next to you, look into their face,
Knowing Christmas is a celebration regardless of creed or faith,
It's a time for rejoicing,
It's a time for peace and charm,
Reach out, smile at your neighbour, touch them on the arm,
Tell them that you value them, tell them they are good,
Always treating them with respect like you know you should,
Wish them a happy Christmas, wish them all the best,

Happy Christmas!



SHORNE news

★ We raised £648.40 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal!



★ Our Sponsored Read was a brilliant success and raised a phenomenal £1,527! With the additional funding we received from Usborne Books we were able to spend a grand total of £2,443 on new books!



★ Through recycling our old clothes, we also raised £70 for Bag 2 School.

A huge well done to Harry, Sara, Ben, Oliver and Jessica for earning their Blue Peter Book Badge



by sharing their love of books. The new and exciting Blue Peter badge was designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake!



FRENCH CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

You may leave out a stocking for Father Christmas to fill, but French children put their shoes out! They place them near the fireplace so that Père Noël can fill them with small presents and treats. I hope they clean their shoes first!



Many British families feast on turkey, stuffing, pigs in a blanket and roast vegetables on Christmas Day, but French traditions are a little bit different. While they tend to have roast turkey or goose, they may also have oysters, foie gras (duck liver pate), lobster, venison (deer) and cheese. For dessert, they indulge in a bûche de Noël, which is a chocolate sponge cake log. Sounds yummy!



Thank you

Our Gardening Club planted daffodil bulbs thanks to a generous donation of spring bulbs from Millbrook Garden Centre.



Festive Fun in Term 2!



Elf Day!



We three Kings...



Year 6 elves!



Nativity



Year 5 elves!



Breakfast with Santa!



Decorating the tree






Choir Visit



Christmas Church Service

Shorne's STAR Awards

Our STAR Award winners!

	RESILIENCE 	COMMUNITY 	RESPECT 
Year R	Ellis	Alex D	Frankie
Year 1	Frank	Fraser	Henry
Year 2	Freddie	Thomas	Oliver
Year 3	Jude	Amber	Drew
Year 4	Hooper	Charlie	Ivy
Year 5	Cobie	Harry RV	Rosie
Year 6	Teyte	Charlotte	Abigail



Resilience



Community



Respect

House winners (Term 2) are: Haversham

Class with the best attendance is: Year 4 - 96.8%

This academic year, we have read a grand total of:

9,146,137 words!

Accelerated Reader Achievements:

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

- Y2 Finley 97%
- Y3 Drew 97%
- Y4 THooper 100%
- Y5 Edith 100%
- Y6 Isaac 100%



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

- Y2 Ben - 26,287
- Y3 Ari - 66,395
- Y4 Matthew - 251,783
- Y5 Sebastian - 251,783
- Y6 Isaac - 331,845

Rabbit Class



Rabbits have been learning about traditional tales this term. They've had lots of fun role playing and retelling the stories. We have also been planting magic beans that have grown into beanstalks, tasting porridge, baking gingerbread men and building homes for the three little pigs.



Parents and carers also joined us for a Christmas craft afternoon with a special treat of hot chocolate, which was very tasty and fun!

Hedgehogs



Otters



This term Year 2 been looking at the story of the Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry. We have researched lots of different animals that rely on the Kapok tree and we watched part of an episode of Planet Earth 3 to learn about the importance of the Kapok Tree and the damaged that is

caused to the environment when kapok trees are cut down. We wrote letters to the humans who are cutting down the trees to encourage them to stop and make better choices.

Our class elf wrote us a letter as they were so impressed with our behaviour at the pantomime and how amazing we were during our nativity performances and they had a special request, we needed to write a second copy of our letters to Father Christmas for Mrs Claus, just in case Rudolph nibbled them! After writing our letters, we walked with Year 1 to the post box to send out letters all the way to the North Pole.



This term, Year 1 performed a magical nativity. The children all worked hard to perfect their performance and we are so proud of them.

The children have also been working hard in the classroom too. They have written wonderful letters to Santa and made sure to tell Santa about new things they have learnt and their achievements so far. Then, we took a walk to the Shorne Village post box and sent our letters off to the North Pole!





Foxes

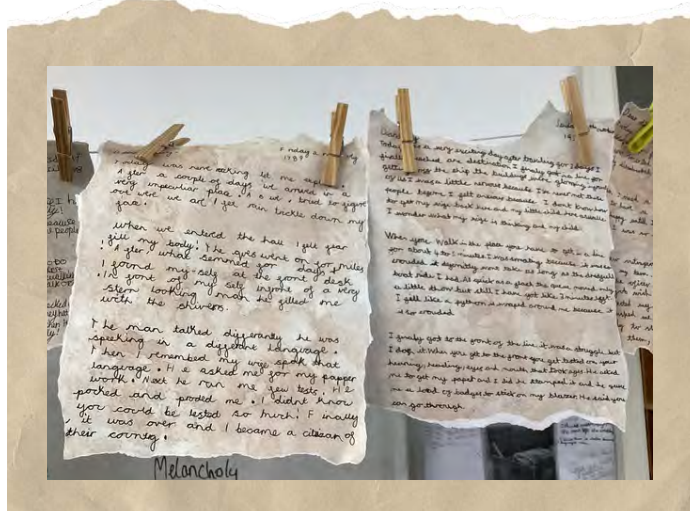
Year 3 have had a wonderful term! A highlight this term has been our learning in English. We have been looking at the book Journey by Aaron Becker. It is a beautifully illustrated wordless book which the children have loved exploring. We have worked towards writing the story in our own words, writing our plans, learning how to correctly use speech marks and

writing setting descriptions before then independently writing our own narrative. After, we turned our writing into our very own books, illustrating the pictures and front cover ourselves!

Dolphin Class



It has been a busy time in year 4 during term 2. We have thoroughly enjoyed our classbook The Arrival. We have used this to create some different pieces of writing, including an emotive letter.



In computing we have explored the website Turtle Academy, where we have learnt to write a set of algorithms to create some different repeating patterns.



During PE this term we focused on gymnastics, where we learnt a variety of different bridges and used these to perform a routine.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Science - we have had the best time experimenting with air resistance! Children dropped parachutes of different sizes and timed how long it took them to reach the ground, discovering that the larger the parachute, the more slowly it travelled.



Year 5 Pandas



Where to start – what a busy term for Year 5.

We enjoyed another reading afternoon with the younger children in Year 1 and R.

Agents for Change



Some of our class attended an event hosted by Equaliteach as part of an anti-bullying Equally Safe Project. They were invested as Agents for Change and will be working with Mr Mallinson to do just that – watch this space!



French – music is a great way to aid memory, so it was great to see the children really get in to some French songs. Perhaps maybe a little too much?!

Year 5 also did their bit in the sponsored read fundraiser, receiving a great selection of new books for the class library – awesome work team!

Tiger Class



It's been a busy term for Year 6. We went outdoors and had great fun taking part in the Bikeability course. In English we wrote our very own estate agent adverts using our persuasive writing skills.



We ended the term in Science by competing in an egg drop challenge! Children put their knowledge of gravity and air resistance to use by building a contraption that would protect an egg from a drop off the roof.

Congratulations to our winner Charlie Mack, who produced the lightest weight contraption that successfully protected an egg!



Good Job!



Diary Dates

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with our news and
events on our
Facebook page!



Key Dates - Term 2

Monday 8th January - First day of Term 3

Thursday 18th January - Superhero-themed lunch day

Friday 19th January - Young Voices

Monday 29th Jan to Friday 2nd Feb - Whizz Kidz Fundraising Week

5th - 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 5th February - PJ day!

Term Dates 2024 - 2025

Term	Start Date	End Date	Staff Development Dates	Bank Holidays that fall within the Term
1	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Tuesday 22 nd October 2024	Monday 2 nd September 2024 Wednesday 23 rd October 2024	
2	Monday 4 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024		
3	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025	Monday 6 th January 2025	
4	Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025	Friday 14 th March 2025 (Trust Day)	
5	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025		Monday 5 th May 2025
6	Monday 2 nd June 2025	Wednesday 23 rd July 2025	Monday 7 th July 2025	

