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Dear Parents/Carers,

The first newsletter of the new year is always packed with exciting events and dates for your diary but I don't normally have so many things to tell you that we have already done in the first week back! Although a short term it will be busy one and an exciting time as the children start their new topics - look out for topic webs that will be out on Monday.

This newsletter contains lots of information so please take time to write it all in to your new Christmas diaries.

Many thanks

Mrs Welsby
Headteacher

Sporting Achievements

Coming up

Cross Country at Stratford Recreation Ground

Tchoukball for Year 5/6 at Shipston High

Dodgeball for Year 3/4 at Shipston High

Indoor Athletics for Year 5/6 at Shipston High

Swimming Gala for Year 4-6 at Shipston Pool

More Cross country at Stratford Recreation Ground

All before half term!!!!

Winner of the Ready Set Read was



Evie

Well done everyone who took part.

Remember this is a short half term so get reading to win the prize

Golden Ticket

Jacob G

Evie

Money and Letters returned to school

Please can I remind you that money and letters need to be returned with your child to their classroom in the morning. We are encouraging the children to be more independent and remind them on a daily basis to check their bags for money and slips. In each classroom they have a big tray to put all information for the office. Please can you avoid going to the office with monies and slips. Correct change is always appreciated as bank clerk is just one of Mrs Baker's various roles.

PTFA NEWS

Next meeting: 13th February at The Fuzzy Duck, Armscote 8pm
(Second Tuesday of every month)

Young Voices at Genting Arena

It was an absolute pleasure to take Year 5 and 6 (and a couple of Year 4s) to Genting Arena to take part in the Young Voices Choir. The children were superbly behaved and a credit to the school.

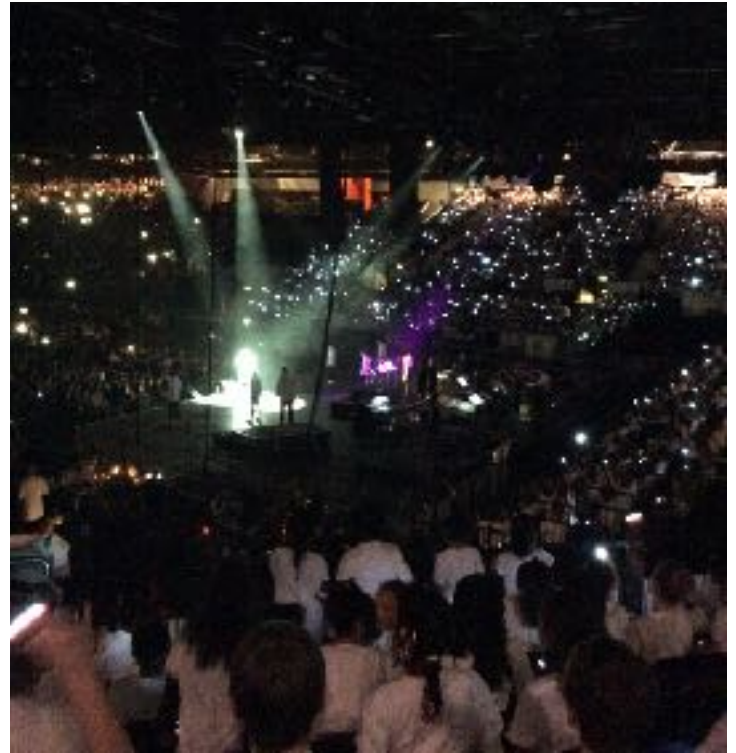
We left school after an early lunch and headed to Birmingham for a rehearsal. The rehearsal lasted for just over three hours and we were ready for a drink and some tea by then.

After a quick change into our t-shirts and lights at the ready, we headed off to the stage again ready to start the concert.

Parents arrived ready for the start at 7pm and we sang our hearts out for two hours. It was an amazing experience and I think the children (and parents) got a great deal from it.



Arrived and ready to rehearse!



In our t-shirts ready to perform.



"When we started our real performance we were all quite nervous and when we started Thomas was dancing his heart out. There were lots of guests such as The Magnets, Urban Strides, Natalie Williams and Alfie Sheers. Overall, we had an amazing time and would love to come again."

Evie, Charlie, Thomas, Amelia and Seb



Staff Training Day 5th January.

You will be pleased to know that the staff worked really hard on their training day finding out about developing maths within school using apparatus. We discovered different ways of setting challenging problems that could be solved using the maths equipment in the classrooms and most importantly that regardless of your ability, equipment can really aid the understanding of maths!

What fraction can you see in all of these shapes?



LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service of Warwickshire County Council

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Medicines in school

We have recently reviewed the Medical Needs policy and I would like to remind you that members of staff are not required to administer unprescribed medication such as Calpol, paracetamol to the children. Prescribed medicines such as antibiotics can only be administered if they are required 4x a day. Children must not bring in medication to self administer.

The latest policy is on the school's website and if your child does need medicines please see Mrs Baker or Mrs Welsby to complete an administration form before we can give your child any medication.

Governor Update

The Governors work closely with the Head teacher and Senior Management Team to ensure that pupils enjoy a positive, high quality educational experience during their time at Newbold and Tredington C of E Primary School.

Governors bring many skills and experiences to their role in supporting, promoting and protecting the interests of the school, its pupils and its staff and are an important link between the school and its local community. Decisions taken by the Governors are based upon the advice of committees who deal with specific issues and then report back to the full Board with their recommendations.

The Governing Board play an active role in the running of the school, from monitoring the progress and achievement of the children, the financial aspects of the budget and working with the staff and children to drive the school forward.

We meet formally at least once per term and minutes of Full GB meetings are available on the website. All meetings are available from the school office for parents to access.

We are involved in all aspects of school life and regularly visit the school to observe the school and children at work.

The Governing body comprises 11 Governors, including the Head teacher. An individual's term of office comprises 4 years, after which time they must seek re-appointment. Current governors are listed together with the expiry of their term of office on the school website

Currently the Governing Board is:

Chair of Governors	Mr Dave Mc Whirter (Local Authority Governor)
Vice Chair	Mrs Alex Balzaretta (Co-opted Governor/P&S chair)
Parent Governor	Ms Natalie Hufton (Resources chair) Charlie Year 5 and Poppy Year 1 Mrs Yvette McEwan Francesca Year 6 Mr Darren Putt Lucia Year 1
Foundation Governor	Rev Chris Goble Rev John Horton (in the process of formalising)
Co-opted Governor	Mr Barnaby Hatch
Staff Governor	Ms Natalie Walsh
Clerk to Governors	Mrs Katy Robbins
Headteacher	Mrs Sam Welsby

There is currently a vacancy on the Board of Governors for a Parent Governor. The role of Parent Governor is fairly hands on and you will need to attend different meetings covering various topics, and typically you'll need to attend two governing body meetings each term, which are held in the evening. If you are interested, please speak to one of the existing Parent Governors or Mrs Welsby who will be happy to talk to you through the role in more detail. You do not need to have had previous experience, just a real desire to want to make a difference and contribute to shaping the best future for our school...it may seem a little daunting and you may think you have little to contribute...but if you are interested then we would be happy to tell you a little more about what the experience is like and where you maybe able to help.

Full Governor induction training is available through the Warwickshire governor training scheme once an appointment has been made.

Election forms will come home with your children next week - so look out for them!

R/1/2 Universal Free School Meals—
Census Day

School funding for the universal free meals for YR/1/2 is based on the average take up on the Autumn and Spring census days this academic year. The first census day was in October and the second is on **18th January 2018**. Once again I would urge as many children from YR/1/2 to have a school meal on this day so that we are given adequate funding for the year.

EVERY LUNCH COUNTS



**Shining Stars for
Celebration Assembly
8.12.17**

Poppy
Jessica
Charlotte
Nancy
Dyllan
Freddie
Joseph
Hannah
Bethany
Francesca
Henry
Jack E

DIARY DATES:	
Tuesday 16th January	IMPACT Maths - Year 1 9am
Tuesday 23rd January	IMPACT Maths - Sapphire 9am
Wednesday 24th January	Tchoukball Year 5/6
Thursday 25th January	Dodgeball Year 3/4
Friday 26th January	Emerald Family Assembly
Tuesday 30th January	IMPACT Maths - Amber 9am
Wednesday 31st January	Primary Indoor athletics 9-12
Friday 2nd February	Shining Stars Celebration Assembly 3pm
Saturday 13th January	Cross Country at Stratford Recreation Ground 11am
Monday 5th February	Year 6 to see Spamalot at Sibford School
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 8th February	Swimming Gala Year 4-6
Saturday 10th February	Cross Country at Stratford Recreation Ground 11am
Tuesday 13th February	IMPACT Maths - Emerald 9am PTFA Meeting
Thursday 15th February	Friday afternoon arrangements today Sapphire Class Assembly
Friday 16th February 2018	Staff Training Day - school and nursery closed
Monday 19th February	Half term
Tuesday 27th February	SATs Meeting 6pm
Thursday 1st March	World Book Day Archery Year 5/6
Saturday 3rd March	Cross Country at The Croft 10am
Monday 5th March	Parents' Evening 4-6pm
Tuesday 6th March	Parents' Evening 4-6pm
Friday 9th March	Mothers' Day Tea Party
Tuesday 13th March	PTFA Meeting
Thursday 15th March	Swimming Gala SHS Quiksticks hockey 4-5.30pm SHS
Friday 16th March	Amber Class Assembly
Friday 23rd March	Shining Stars Celebration Assembly 3pm
Saturday 24th March	County Championships for cross country (selected children only)
Tuesday 27th March	Easter Service at St David's Newbold 2pm
Thursday 29th March	End of term
Monday 16th April	Back to school
Tuesday 17th April	PTFA Meeting

Wednesday 25th April	Primary Cross Country Year 1 to 6 (2-3pm)
Wednesday 2nd May	Quad kids 4-5.30pm SHS
Friday 4th May	Shining Stars Celebration Assembly 3pm
Tuesday 8th May	PTFA Meeting
Monday 14th May	SATs week
Tuesday 15th May	Football Year 3/4 4-5.30pm SHS
Wednesday 16th May	Football Year 5/6 4-5.30pm SHS
Friday 18th May	Emerald Class Assembly
Monday 21st May	Enterprise week
Friday 25th May 2018	Staff training
Thursday 7th June	High 5 netball
Friday 8th June	Shining Stars Celebration Assembly 3pm
Monday 11th June	Croft Farm Week
Tuesday 12th June	PTFA Meeting
Wednesday 13th June	Cross of Nails Pilgrimage
Friday 15th June	Fathers' Day BBQ 5.30-7.30pm
Thursday 21st June	Rounders 4-5.30pm SHS
Friday 22nd June	Sports Day Link Day
Monday 25th June	Retreat for Year 6
Friday 29th June	Ruby Class Assembly
Monday 2nd July	Spring Fever Week
Wednesday 4th July	Kwik Cricket 12-2.30pm SHS Y5/6
Wednesday 11th July	Tredington Production
Thursday 12th July	Tredington Production
Thursday 19th July	Leavers' Service 2pm Picnic on the Field
Friday 20th July	Last day of term