

KEY DIARY DATES

- 20th November:** Children In Need Muffin Day (Rescheduled)
- 24th November:** Flu Immunisations (Whole School)
- 1st December:** Year 6 Height & Weight Check
- 11th December:** Christmas Jumper Day
- 15th December:** Year R, 1 & 2 Christmas Lunch
- 16th December:** Year 3 & 4 Christmas Lunch
- 17th December:** Year 5 & 6 Christmas Lunch
- 21st December:** Christmas Holidays (Last day in school 18th December)
- 4th January 2021:** Return to School

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to our November newsletter. The time since we returned in September seems to be flying by; it is so lovely having all of the children back in school and they are doing some fantastic work which you can read about late in the newsletter. Thank you to everyone for adhering to the adaptations that have had to be made in the current COVID-19 situation, we know it is not always easy but we are doing everything we can to ensure the school is as safe as it can be in these times for everyone. As the weather turns colder please can we remind you to send the children in with warm clothes, ideally layers which can be added to / removed as necessary. We are having to keep the windows open to ensure good ventilation and so the rooms are not always as warm as we would usually have them. Please remember that if you have any queries over anything then please just ask, either myself or Mr Amies are about at the beginning / end of the school day.

Take care of yourselves and each other and stay safe!

ATTENDANCE

Thank you all so much for ensuring the continued good attendance at school. We have struggled in the past to reach our whole school target of 96% but we are delighted that this currently sits at 97.44% - brilliant! Last half term's top attending classes were 2HC with 99.39% and 3M with 99.02% - who is going to get the end of term prize?

MATHS WHIZZ

There continues to be some great whizzing going on and we are going to reinstate our weekly whizzers list soon. Top whizzers from last half term were Effie B (3W), Ben G (3M) and Daniel D (5T). Well done all and keep it up!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our social media platforms continue to be busy with updates and sharing our learning and news from the year groups. We have now created 'albums' on Facebook for each year group so you follow their learning journey throughout the year. Over on Twitter we have had some wonderful tweets from The Literacy Tree regarding our display boards your children have created.



NEWS FROM YEAR 2

Year 2 have been learning all about the different methods of adding and subtraction recently. Look on Google Classroom and watch the maths videos!

We had a lovely fireworks display on the 5th, using rockets we had made and creating all the sounds and oo and arhs ourselves! We also learnt about Guy Fawkes and where the tradition of bonfire night comes from.

In English we have been having fun pretending to be bears and thinking about how we feel towards Goldilocks. We have actually become her friend!

We also learned why we respect Remembrance Day and made our own poppies.

We have started our lunchtimes clubs and the construction group have already built the Great Wall of China and Petra! We are working our way through the seven wonders of the world with a bit of geography thrown in!

NEWS FROM YEAR 3

The children in Year 3 have been remembering Armistice Day by making a poppy wreath which Mrs McCaig and Miss West proudly placed onto the Town War Memorial. We wanted to mark the occasion in a special way this year as many of us would usually have taken part in the annual Remembrance Parade on Remembrance Sunday, as members of Guiding and Scouting, but were unable to do so this year.



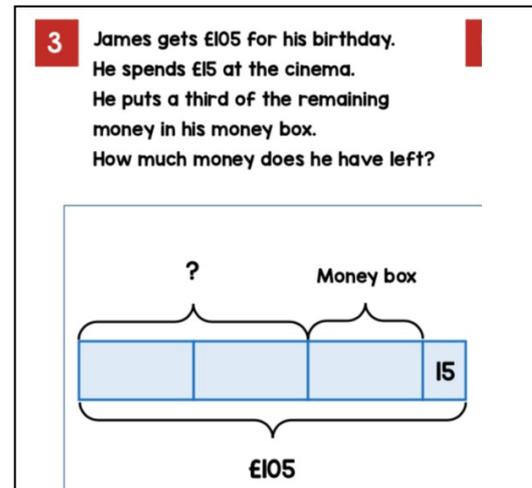
*They shall grow not old, as we
that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor
the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.*

*When you go home, tell them
of us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave
our today.*



MATHS WEEK

Sheringham Primary have this year taken part in Maths Week England which has provided the children with a wealth of fun challenges to take part in throughout the week. In particular the Barvember challenges set by White Rose Maths has really got the children thinking about how they could use the bar model to help them understand a mathematical problem. For example,



We have been given the opportunity to share with parents a free webinar to help provide strategies to tackle any anxieties your child might have with maths at home with homework or in general. Please find the link attached:

<https://my.demio.com/ref/TVNwAWogaKUw7jRt>

The Maths Team

FILM CLUB

Film club have completed their first screening!

As we are studying the history of animation, the first film we watched was 'The Adventures of Prince Achmed', the oldest surviving animated film which was created in 1926!

The story is based on the Indian folktale 'One Thousand and One Nights', which has also inspired other stories and films such as Disney's Aladdin.

After our first 20 minutes, the club were giving mixed reviews, as the silhouette animation technique is very different to modern animation! However, by the end of the film, we were mesmerised, even applauding at the end!

We can't wait to continue our exploration through the history of animation!

YEAR 6 MATHS CLUB

This half term we are exploring the theme 'shape' in maths club. We created a dissection puzzle, Tangrams, consisting of seven flat polygons and had a go at replicating patterns and shapes without any overlap. We have also explored the wonders of Tessellation and discovered where we can find this pattern in real life. The group then created a large tessellated pattern using flat polygons making sure there were no gaps or overlaps ... we wondered if it was the case if polygons can tessellate?

RECEPTION NEWS

In Reception we discovered some mystery footprints in our classrooms. We became detectives and looked for clues to see if we could work out who had left them. We drew pictures of the things we found and of what we thought it may look like. Later in the week we started our new Literacy Tree book, Where the Wild Things are.

We also learnt about Remembrance day, we made poppies and painted them too.

CHILDREN HOOKED INTO THEIR ENGLISH LEARNING

What an incredible term we have had at Sheringham Primary School for hooking the children into their Literacy Tree books. We have had visits to NASA, visits from aliens, Stone Age footprints, trips to the circus, unforgotten coats, trips to Narnia, travelling back in time to read special diaries and the discovery of wild footprints all from the comfort of our desks. Each Year group has loved their books and we have really enjoyed children telling us about their English learning in class. We are so proud with how quickly the children have got back into their learning and are progressing with their independent writing. The displays around school have shown some amazing writing talents and have been shared by The Literacy Tree team in London. (See below.)

The teachers all had some remote training via Zoom from the Literacy Tree during the October Half Term which was fantastic and gave us some great teaching

ideas. It was lovely to show the children's work and showcase all we have been doing to bring the English learning to life for our children. It has been lovely to also stock these books in our school library as well as other books by the same authors to continue our reading for pleasure journey. A wonderful effort by all involved and the English Team could not be more proud to be a flagship school.



NEWS FROM YEAR 4

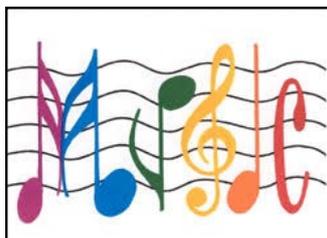
Year 4 in art this half term are studying the work of local artist Kieron Williamson. We have been inspired and amazed by his paintings. We have been exploring and experimenting with water colour paints. Next we will be trying to sketch some landscapes in his style. Will we discover a new mini Monet?



IN THE MUSIC ROOM

All the children have been busy musicians learning about rhythm, pulse and standard notation. Reception have been performing simple 'Call and Response' rhythms using untuned percussion. Year 1 have been creating rhythmic patterns using the names of the children in their class and Year 2 have been creating, teaching and performing rhythms based on 'Materials'.

The children in Year 3 and Year 4 have been learning about standard notation and creating rhythmic patterns in 4/4 time. Year 5 and Year 6 have been creating a wide range of rhythmic patterns based on themes of their own choosing. As well as writing their own rhythms they have been set the challenge of writing the music to accompany them.



We have been listening and responding to music through the ages including Gregorian Chants from the 14th Century, 16th Century music performed on a Medieval harp, music for the lute composed by John Dowland from the late Tudor period, as well as Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor.

Check the school website over the next few weeks to see and hear exactly what the children have been up to. It's been a very busy and productive time in the music room over the last few weeks.

Mr. Cooper

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Following guidance released by the government in July, underlining the need for schools to provide online home learning for children who need to isolate, we made the decision to hold off the launch of our new curriculum, which was due to start at the beginning of September.

For the time being, children will be following an 'interim curriculum' that aligns the objectives from Oak Academy with our own school curriculum; this allows us to provide the children with online home learning very quickly.

We are all excited about the new curriculum that we have designed for the school community and it is all ready to go.



From this half term, year groups will be trying out some lessons from our new curriculum so that we can launch it fully at the earliest opportunity.

The new curriculum is called the '**CARES** Curriculum', which will prioritise the development of the whole child, learning about **C**ommunity, **A**spiration, **R**esilience, **E**motional well-being alongside **S**kills and knowledge from the national curriculum.

FIRST ADMISSION TO SCHOOL SCHOOL YEAR 2021/22

Do you have a younger child who is due to start in Reception in September 21/22?

Please can we remind parents of the importance of making application to their home Local Authority by 15 January 2021.



Children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 are due to start school in Reception in the school year starting September 2021.

Parents need to make application, even if their child currently attends a nursery class at the same school.

The easiest way for parents to apply is on-line at www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk or they can request an application form from Customer Services Centre on 0344 800 8020.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please can we urge anyone who thinks they may qualify for this entitlement to apply. There has been a lot of press coverage of this particularly around Marcus Rashford's campaign for holiday support and we would hate it if people were eligible for this service and didn't receive it.

The easiest way to do so is via the online portal

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered universal free school meals. This is regardless of your household income.

You do not have to apply for universal free school meals. However, you can apply for your school to get extra funding from the government, if you receive one of the benefits list below. This extra funding is called Pupil Premium:

- Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

Children in Year 3 and above

Children in Year 3 and above only receive free school meals if you get one of the benefits listed above. You must apply for these free school meals.

SAFEGUARDING

At Sheringham Community Primary School & Nursery we take the safety of our children very seriously. If you ever have a concern about a child or adult please speak to any member of staff who will support you, alternatively you can speak with one of our designated safeguarding leads: Mr Amies, Mrs Carter or Mrs Tweedale.

For more information, visit the safeguarding section of our website:

<https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding/>

We will be updating this page on our website over the coming weeks to make it more helpful for parents.

We also have trained Domestic Violence Champions in school. If anyone would like advice or information on this very sensitive area please contact Mrs Carter or Debbie Bedford.

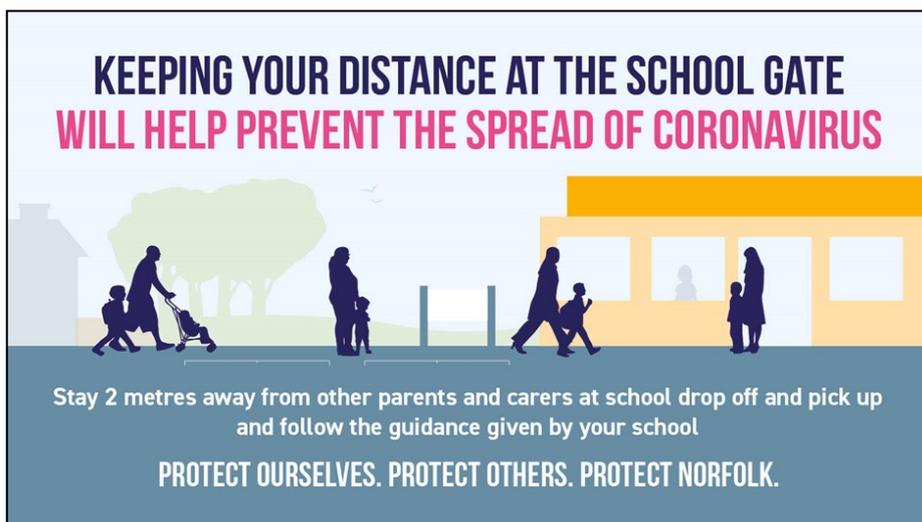
These are unusual times for families. No matter your age or circumstance, many of us are facing increased stress or maybe things are cropping up that we don't know how to deal with. Just One Norfolk has support and advice for families so if you need us, contact us. 0300 300 0123 www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk

STAYING SAFE DURING SCHOOL PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Keeping a 2-metre distance from other parents and carers at busy times during school pick and drop off will help prevent the spread of coronavirus in our community.

Please don't be tempted to chat and linger with other parents in groups. Please also stick to the advised staggered pick up and drop off times to help reduce crowding around the school gates.

Coronavirus cases in Norfolk continue to rise and it's even more important that these simple guidelines are followed.



**KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE AT THE SCHOOL GATE
WILL HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS**

Stay 2 metres away from other parents and carers at school drop off and pick up and follow the guidance given by your school

PROTECT OURSELVES. PROTECT OTHERS. PROTECT NORFOLK.

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