

NEWSLETTER

News updates from Sheringham Community Primary School & Nursery

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DATES TO REMEMBER

1st May - Bank Holiday
8th May - Extra Bank Holiday

9th May - 12th May
KS2 SATS

29th May - 2nd June
Half Term Holiday

5th June - Return to School

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

The school year seems to be simply flying by and here we are 2/3 of the way through already. We are now in full swing, preparing for a busy term of statutory testing, lots of trips and visits as well as transition activities to look forward to. I hope that you all managed to have a parent consultation with your child's teacher at the end of last term and had a chance to look through the fantastic work that your child has been working hard with over the year so far. When I look through books, which I do regularly, I delight in seeing the progress the children have made from the start of the year to the present.

We have a busy term coming up so please look out for any Parent Mails containing important information.

As always, communication is important to me and all of the team here at SCPS&N. In terms of any issues or queries that you have please do feel free to contact your class teacher or email the school at any point.

STATUTORY TESTING

A reminder that all of our Year 1 children and selected Year 2s will be undergoing phonics screening checks, all of our Year 2 children will be completing their end of Key Stage 1 SATS tests, Year 4 will be taking the multiplication tables check and Year 6, the end of Key Stage 2 SATS over the coming weeks.

This season of testing begins with the Year 2 and Year 6 SATS in May. All the other tests happen in June.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or the office or look at the useful links below:

Year 1 parents: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/year-1-phonics-screening-check/>

Year 2 parents: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/changes-ks1-sats-2023-what-parents-need-know>

Year 4 parents: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1116420/2023_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_Nov_22_PDF.pdf

Year 6 parents: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/sats/sats-year-6>

It's important to mention that whilst these are formal statutory tests, the younger the children are, the more low-key the assessment methods. Teachers will not make a 'big deal' of these tests and parents have always commented historically that their children didn't even realise that they had completed them!



PARKING / DROP OFF

We are a large school at the end of a cul de sac with lots of good neighbours. Please can we remind you all to park considerately and safely at drop off / collection times.

Also, please remember that you should never park or drop off on the zig-zags at the front of school, this is for everyone's safety.

WHY READING MATTERS

A reading mind-set matters! It is human nature to love doing the things we are good at. If we want all our children to love reading and become fluent, comprehending readers, then, as teachers and parents, we need to love reading. We must also love reading stories aloud to children. Reading, once in motion, feeds on itself and grows. The more children read, the more they know. The more they know, the more they read.

So, once children can read independently, we must give them books about what they are learning and about their interests – about history, geography, science, art and music. We want all our children to feel: 'I read well. I choose to read. I am a reader.'

We talk about Windows and Mirrors books. Window books are those that open the horizon to a new concept, life, imagination, world etc. Mirror books are those that children can relate to and might be able to see themselves in.

TOP WHIZZERS

There has been some super whizzing going on. Please remember that we strongly encourage all children from Y1 upwards to complete at least 30 minutes of Maths Whizz at home, striving for at least 2 progressions per week.

March Top Whizzers

Lower School Pupil: Charlie R 1T
Lower School Class: 2B
Upper School Pupil: Harry S 4H
Upper School Class: 5W

Top April Whizzers

Vanessa C 1S
1S
Misha I 6R
6P

FLOURISHING FAMILIES

The Flourishing Families tool has been designed for families who might want a little extra help meeting their child's needs. We know that parenting can sometimes feel overwhelming but we all share the common goal to give our children the best start in life. There are all sorts of things that you can get help with, whether it's healthy eating, fun activities or financial management, and this tool was developed to help you work out what you're already doing well and help you find support when and if you need it.

The tool is available at www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/flourishingfamilies and in just five minutes you can find out about the support that available for you and your family to help you thrive together.



CLUB NEWS

On Tuesday 18th April, we were excited to launch our new after school club - Boogie Bounce! So far the children have loved their first two weeks bouncing, jumping and dancing along to music on their trampolines! It has been lovely to see some different faces attend the sports club having fun and working really hard.

Sewing club started in September and we have made skirts, scrunchies and stockings! This week we made 'infinity' scarves.

'We think sewing club is amazing and we have learned how to use sewing machines.'



CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Please remember that the school will be closed on Monday 8th May due to the additional bank holiday. On Friday 5th May we will be having a red, white and blue themed mufti day to get us in the party spirit! A suggested donation of £1 will go towards getting our cookery classroom finished and ready to go.



George Handel, Amadeus Mozart, Robert Johnson, Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday finishing off with music from the modern era.

Finally, I'd like to say a big thank you to all those who came to my music cafes last term. I hope you enjoyed them as much as I did.

Mr Cooper

NURSERY PLACES

Don't forget that if your child is three before the end of August they can join us at the Nursery in September. We have morning, afternoon and a limited number of full day sessions available.

If you would like to receive further information or arrange a visit to the Nursery, please get in touch.

Email: office@sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk

Telephone: 01263 823848

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

It's going to be another busy term in the music room! As well as all the work taking place in class, some of the children will be busy rehearsing for musical events coming up later in the term.

After school choir and the handbells have been invited back to Sidstrand School for their annual summer festival, Strandfest, which takes place on Friday 14th July. Both groups will be perform a short repertoire as part of the festivities.

We will also be holding our Summer Music Concert, on Wednesday 19th July. This will include performances from some of Jane Bussey's, Kate Munro's and Keith Hobday's students, Mr Cooper's guitar and ukulele clubs, choir, and handbells. More details to follow nearer both dates.

In class the children are working on a variety of songs using a range instruments.

- Year 1 and Year 2 are learning how to pick and strum on the ukulele.
- Year 3 are learning to play the song 'Kookaburra' on tuned percussion.
- Year 4 are learning to play The Beatles' 'Octopus's Garden' on ukulele and tuned percussion.
- Year 5 are also combining the ukulele and tuned percussion to perform, Dear Liza, (There's a Hole in My Bucket).
- Year 6 are learning to perform Gorillaz's, On Melancholy Hill, in three parts.

Finally, the theme for our music appreciation this term is, 'Music Through the Ages'. Each week the children will listen to and discuss a piece of high-quality recorded music. This week we were listening to a group perform Gregorian Chants dating back to the 12th Century. As the term progresses, we'll be listening to music written and performed by a variety of famous composers and performers, including John Dowland,

SCPS&N SCIENCE CHAMPIONS

On Tuesday 28th March the live final of CAST education's Top Class Science competition was held at the UEA and we are delighted to tell you that one of our Year 6 teams was victorious! Preliminary rounds were held online against other schools across Norfolk with both of our teams making it through to the semi-finals. Team 2 prevailed and found themselves matched in a live showdown with the second highest placed competition school from the heats - Trowse Primary. The composure and knowledge of the Sheringham scientists prevailed and they came away victorious with a final score of 71-45. We were / are so proud of them - well done all!



CAN YOU HELP?

Baby Basics is a volunteer-led project aiming to support new mothers and families who are struggling to meet the financial and practical burden of looking after a new baby. Baby Basics started in Sheffield but is now a local charity which I am supporting. There is an ever increasing network of Baby Basics centres across the country each staffed by a committed team of volunteers.

Baby Basics provides much needed essentials and equipment to mothers and families who are unable to provide these items for themselves; including but not limited to teenage mums, people seeking asylum and women fleeing domestic abuse and trafficking.

Baby Basics relies on donations so if you are able to help out by buying or passing on any of the items listed for the Moses basket starter packs we; and all the new mums; would be extremely grateful. A few extra items in your shopping basket each week can change someone's life.

Every item given away through Baby Basics is donated by someone in our local community and sorted by our team of volunteers. Our aim is for everything to be a gift showing care and love. Our most frequently requested items are Moses baskets, clothing, pushchairs, toys and toiletries. The full list of what we need is below:

(New items in unopened packets only from this category please)

- **Maternity pads**
- **Sanitary towels**
- **Hand soap**
- **Newborn nappies**
- **Baby soap**
- **Baby wipes**
- **Baby shampoo**
- **Mum shampoo**

(Good condition second hand items are great from this category)

- **Moses baskets**
- **Newborn clothing**
- **Bedding**
- **Towels**

If any of you lovely people can help please do not hesitate to drop your donations off at school for the attention of Suzanne McCaig and I will use them when making Moses baskets up for families that need them. All your donations will help a family in need. Thank you so much in advance.

Suzanne McCaig



MEET THE GOVERNORS

Lauren Flannery

**Co-opted Governor Role with
Sheringham Community Primary
School & Nursery/SEND Link Governor**



As a Speech & Language Therapist, I am passionate about communication, ensuring that every child has a voice and is heard. I advocate for early and preventative interventions to support our most vulnerable children and young people. I strive to raise awareness of contemporary issues and recently presented at the Norwich Science Festival to talk about speech, language and communication needs and highlight the current evidence, for example, one in four children who struggled with language at age 5 did not reach the expected standard in English at the end of primary school, compared to one in 25 children who had good language skills.

After relocating to Norfolk in 2019, I took an academic teaching role at the University of East Anglia where I now contribute to teaching and assessment across pre and post registration programmes. I teach across developmental communication modules as well as leading advanced professional practice modules on clinical decision making and leadership. I continue to be active in clinical practice and retain a small independent caseload, providing specialist intervention for children and young people with a range of complex speech, language and communication needs.

I love the seaside lifestyle that Sheringham offers and enjoy heading down to the beach with my husband and three children.

CURRICULUM NEWS

Our CARES curriculum prioritises the development of the whole child, learning about Community, Aspiration, Resilience, Emotional well-being alongside Skills and knowledge from the national curriculum.

For further information on the curriculum, please take a moment to watch our launch video, which can be found here:

<https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/curriculum/cares-curriculum/>

We are also thrilled about our curriculum blog, which showcases all of our amazing curriculum work - please browse and comment on any of the posts:



<https://www.sheringhamcarescurriculum.blogspot.com/>

Since launching, the blog has received over 4500 hits. Thank you for all of your support with this!

A new addition to the curriculum pages, on our website, is the 'Our Curriculum Story' page. Here you can read a brief history of how the CARES curriculum was developed and access all of the most important links that you might need to fully understand our curriculum offer.

There is also a new section which tells you all about how your children are assessed across the curriculum and a section that shows how learning is adapted for those that find some aspects of learning tricky:

<https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/how-do-we-assess-our-children-across-the-cares-curriculum/>

<https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/ambition-for-all/>

SAFEGUARDING

At Sheringham Community Primary School & Nursery we take the safety of our children very seriously. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. 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 our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Amies.

On our website, there are some helpful links to organisations and services that might be able to provide support for you, should you require, with such things as bereavement, benefits, debt, legal issues and more.

For more information on this, visit the safeguarding section of our website: <https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding/>

Our safeguarding policy is available here:

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

We are able to offer support with many family issues, so please do contact Mr Amies, at the school, if you would like to discuss anything that we might be able to help with.

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

School Council have been working really hard to promote Anti-Bullying. Please take a moment to see what they have been doing:

<https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/anti-bullying/>

New to the safeguarding section of our website is support for parents whose children are demonstrating challenging behaviours:

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

May is also National Smile Month, ran by the Oral Health Foundation. A parent newsletter about this will be issued soon, but, for the moment, please visit:

<https://www.dentalhealth.org/national-smile-month>

ATTENDANCE

We place great importance on good attendance. We know that your child's attendance has a direct impact upon their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school do not achieve their full potential and do fall behind in class. Thank you for your support by ensuring that your child attends school regularly.

Our top attending classes for the year so far are:

1st: 1S with 96.51%

2nd: 6P with 96.05%

3rd: 4H with 95.53%

Well done everyone and keep up the hard work!



Supporting young people's mental health Parent/Carer workshops April – May 2023

These free virtual workshops (Zoom) are designed to provide up to date advice and guidance on how parents and carers can support the young people in their life. The workshops are live and 60 minutes long.

Supporting our Young People Manage Big Feelings

A workshop aimed at parents of young people aged up to 11 to help support our children manage difficult emotions

15th May 2023 – 13:00 [Book a place](#)

Supporting our Young People with Low Mood

For parents to understand low mood and how to support their child/teenager

15th May 2023 – 18:00 [Book a place](#)

Building Understanding and Supporting your Child with Tourette's/Tics

This workshop is delivered by clinicians experienced in working with young people with Tourette's/Tic Disorder

16th May 2023 – 18:00 [Book a place](#)

Social Media and Impact on Teenagers' Mental Health

The impact on our teenagers' mental health

16th May 2023 – 19:15 [Book a place](#)

Scan the QR code to find out more and book a place on a workshop or visit www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for Psychology in Schools Team - NSFT



Working together
for better mental health