



SHP Newsletter

January 2019

Dear Families,

We hope you find the following information useful. As always, if you have any questions or queries at any time, please pop into the Main Reception, call the school or speak to one of our members of staff on the playground.

Uniform

Last term, we sent out a link to an online survey about school uniform. Thank you to everyone who completed it. As a result of parent feedback, we are going to begin selling SHP branded uniform (jumpers, PE t-shirts, book bags and PE kit bags). We will start this on Parents' Day (see below). Payments will be made via ParentPay, so please ensure your account is set up beforehand if you're interested in purchasing new uniform.

New Vice Principal

We are delighted to welcome Mr Norman as a new Vice Principal at SHP. Mr Norman was previously an Assistant Principal at our federated school, George Betts. Welcome to SHP, Mr Norman!



Pantomime

We hope your children are looking forward to next week's pantomime! As you will have seen from the tickets given out to every child as their Christmas present from school, we are delighted to have booked 'Beauty and the Beast' for Tuesday 22nd January. Every child will have the chance to see it. Both performances are in the morning. Afternoon Nursery children are welcome to come and see it with a parent - please see Nursery staff for more information.

Parking

We have received complaints from local residents regarding parent parking at drop off and collection times. Please can all parents who drive to school please be considerate of residents when parking, avoiding blocking driveways in particular. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sandwell Council: action!

Following an issue raised by a parent, we wrote to the council to request a change of the bin collection times on Montague Road. This was successful and now bin collections do not clash with our morning drop off times. We are currently awaiting a response regarding our request for a pedestrian crossing on Portland Road/Shireland Road.

Autumn term charity support

In November, we raised £389.35 for the BBC Children in Need appeal. Thank you to the families who contributed on our non-uniform day on 16th November. We were also overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and staff who donated to our 'Gift a Gift' campaign. Over 200 gifts were donated in December and the charities we passed these onto were extremely appreciative. Thank you!

Spring 1 fundraising

This half term, SHP's Junior Leadership Team (JLT) have decided to carry out some fundraising for the 'I AM GIRL' project. Our Year 1 Lead Teacher and Acting SENCO, Miss Parkinson, is visiting Uganda during the summer holidays through Girls Brigade Europe. The goal of 'I AM GIRL' is to create and foster girl-friendly school environments and see 25,000 girls and young women supported, nurtured and developed within the Fields of Life school network by 2020. The 'I AM GIRL' initiative is committed to ensuring girls are empowered to complete their education so they can grow into strong, healthy young women. And that, in time, their children will have the same opportunities. 'I AM GIRL' is a health education initiative, passionate about educating both boys and girls, men and women, within school networks in East Africa to address the challenges faced by young girls today. Miss Parkinson has volunteered to support this project.

Our JLT have organised a fundraising day on Friday 8th February. We will be having a non-uniform day (50p) as well as a cake sale at breaktime (50p per cake). We hope that you will support us in raising funds for this worthy cause.

Families and Schools Together (FaST)

As part of our ongoing commitment to working with parents in order to support children's learning and development, we are replacing Year 1-6 FLiP workshops with 'Masterclasses'. These are open to all parents. The first one this term is on Maths on 6th February (see in 'Upcoming dates' below). We hope you can make it.

Curriculum information

Parents should have received 'curriculum letters' outlining what children are learning this half term. Copies of these letters, as well as other curriculum information, is available on the 'Curriculum Provision' section of our website.

Parents' Day

Our next Parents' Day is on Friday 15th February. This is an invaluable opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher as well as time to look through your child's books. We will text parents when appointment slots are open for booking. Please note that school is closed to children that day.

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 22nd January - pantomime performances at 9am and 10:15am

Friday 25th January and **Wednesday 30th January** - Aston University workshops in Year 5

Monday 28th January - firefighters visiting Year 4

Wednesday 30th January - SATs information session for Year 6 parents at 2:30pm

Wednesday 6th February - FaST Masterclass on Maths (open to all parents) at 2:30pm

Friday 8th February - fundraising day (non-uniform day and cake sale) for 'I AM GIRL'

Thursday 14th February - FaST Masterclass (for SEND parents only) at 9:00am

Friday 15th February - Parents' Day (school closed to children)

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February - half term holiday (school closed to children)

We hope you have an enjoyable start to 2019.