

# William Shrewsbury Primary School

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## Newsletter No 12 July 2017

Dear Parents,

We are now at the end of another successful year at William Shrewsbury Primary and the last term seems to have flown by so quickly! We hope you have enjoyed our events this term - the concerts, sports activities, Summer Production and Open Afternoon. We were delighted to see so many of you at these and we thank you for all your support.

This week we will be saying goodbye to all our Year 6 pupils as they move to their new schools. They presented a lovely Leavers' Assembly for their parents on Wednesday. We wish them every success for the future. They have been a hardworking and sensible Year 6 and we are sure they will continue to do well at the next stage of their education. We will also be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Fox who is retiring after 35 years at the school in various different roles. What a fantastic record! We wish her a very long and happy retirement.



Thank you for all the support you have given to the school throughout this year and all you do to help your children with their learning. We really value your involvement with the school and in making sure your children attend regularly, arrive on time and have positive attitudes towards learning and behaviour. This really helps them to succeed as good learners.

Finally, best wishes for a happy and restful holiday with your children. The next monthly newsletter will be sent out on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September and will contain a full list of dates.

School re-opens for pupils on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** - we look forward to seeing you all then.

Enjoy a lovely relaxing break with your family.

**Bernadette Hunter**  
Headteacher



### 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Next term we will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school opening on Church Road and 175 years of education in Stretton. If you have any photos, artefacts, toys or games that you could lend us to show to the children and put in our exhibition we would be very grateful. Also, if you came to this school or know someone who did and you would like to share your memories with the children please get in touch. We desperately need more volunteers for this.

## Diary Dates - September

05/09/17	Tuesday	School re-opens for pupils
05/09/17	Tuesday	9.15am Tea and Tissues coffee morning for new Reception parents
11/09/17	Monday	2.15pm Y2 Meet the teacher meeting
11/09/17	Monday	2.45pm Y3 Meet the teacher meeting
14/09/17	Thursday	2.45pm Y6 Meet the teacher meeting
15/09/17	Friday	Monthly newsletter and diary dates out
19/09/17	Tuesday	2.15pm Y1 Meet the teacher meeting
21/09/17	Thursday	First swimming - All of Y4 & 3R
22/09/17	Friday	Department newsletters out
26/09/17	Tuesday	2.45pm Y4 Meet the teacher meeting
27/09/17	Wednesday	2.45pm Y5 Meet the teacher meeting
27/09/17	Wednesday	7.00pm AFWS AGM - All welcome!
29/09/17	Friday	9.00am MacMillan Coffee Morning



### 'Waiter, Waiter'

The school hall was packed last week as 84 of our Year 5 and 6 pupils performed in an amazing new show, 'Waiter, Waiter'. Over 400 people were entertained in four performances by the very talented cast.

The standard of performance was extremely high and it was a very professional production with wonderful singing, acting, dancing and comic timing!

Well done to everyone involved in this very funny and clever show, particularly the fantastic cast, all the staff who helped to make it such a success and the brilliant Writers and Directors, Mrs Godfrey and Mrs Hawthorn.

### Year 2 Concert

Year 2 performed a wonderful concert for their families on Tuesday afternoon with super singing and lovely, happy smiles! Everyone really enjoyed it.

Well done and thank you Year 2!



### Headlice

Please check your child's hair for headlice during the holidays and just before we return to school - let's see if we can make next term 'nit free'!!

### Thank you to Sainsbury's

We would like to say a very big thank you to Sandra and Sainsbury's for donating three huge boxes of lego cards to the school. Your children will be bringing this free gift home today so that they can enjoy playing with them in the holidays.



### Thank you for the RSPCA donation!



#### **A message from Year 3 pupils:**

After our visit to the RSPCA on Hillfield Lane, we decided to donate to the RSPCA who help sick animals and who are a charity. We made posters to advertise and collected things for them. We got lots of toys, blankets and food for all the poor animals and there were so many we covered a whole table! We have taken these to the RSPCA. Thank you so much for bringing all your lovely donations in. Everything counts!

### Costa Reading Week

The local Costa store will be holding a Costa Reading Week between 11th & 17th September 2017 and all pupils, parents and staff will be invited to take part in reading activities and enjoy a free beverage.

### Thank you AFWS

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Gala and many congratulations to the hard working AFWS Committee. We were very fortunate with the weather again and it was lovely to see so many members of the school community enjoying the occasion. The day raised a magnificent £6526.90! This money is being used to buy learning resources across the school. The **AFWS AGM** will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm - all parents are very welcome to attend.

### Keeping children safe at holiday activities

Please see the attached letter 'Be Activity Wise' from the Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board about how to keep your children safe if they are taking part in holiday clubs and activities.

### Summer Reading Challenge

Do your children need some purposeful activity to keep them occupied in the Summer holidays? Get along to Burton Library and take part in their annual Reading Challenge on the theme of Animal Agents. Further information is available from the library.

### Staying Safe in the Holidays

We have been reminding the children about keeping themselves safe when they are out and about this Summer including road safety, water safety, stranger safety and internet safety. Please reinforce these messages at home as well.

### ESBC and BCLT

As a member of Burton Co-operative Learning Trust your family have been eligible for certain discounts from ESBC leisure. Please be aware that unfortunately these are no longer available.

### End of year test results 2017

Congratulations to all our children and their teachers who have worked so hard this year in all aspects of school life. We are very proud of their achievements in all areas including sports, music, arts, performance and academic work.

Here are the overall results for this year:

#### **Year 6: % at expected level:**

	Our school	National
Maths	90%	76%
Reading	77%	71%
GaPS	84%	77%
Writing	85%	76%
RWM	74%	61%



#### **Year 2: % at expected level:**

Maths	89%
Reading	82%
Writing	83%

#### **Year 1 phonics check:**

93% pass

**WELL DONE EVERYONE - these are excellent results!**

### Design a Flag

As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, AFWS are organising a competition to design a new school flag. The winning entry will then be made up into a flag. Please see the attached template for the children to do their designs on during the holidays. Please return them to school by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you.

### Great Attendance!

Congratulations to all the children who managed to achieve 100% attendance this year - there were 63 in total across the school. A further 96 pupils managed 99%. Well done everyone!



# THANK YOU EVERYONE!

As we come to the end of another very successful year for William Shrewsbury Primary School we would like to say a very big 'thank you' to all the children, parents, local community, staff and helpers who do so much to make our school a happy, friendly and exciting place to learn and grow together. Happy Holidays!





# Association of Friends of William Shrewsbury Primary School

## 50<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary – Design the flag competition

We are starting to plan our 50 years of William Shrewsbury being on the Church Road site.

We would like to invite each pupil to design a flag to commemorate this event. Please draw a design in the box below. The winning entry will be made up into our new school flag.

**Please return all entries to the school office no later than Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**

**Name:** .....

**Class:** .....

# Thank you and good luck!





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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Keeping children and young people safe – Be Activity Wise and C.H.E.C.K. the details**

My purpose in writing is to inform you of the **Be Activities Wise** campaign that will run during the summer months of 2017 that has been developed through the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Safeguarding Children Boards.

As a parent or carer you will be aware of the arrangements for keeping children and young people safe whilst in school. However, school is not the only place where it is important to make sure that children are safe and well cared for.

At this time of year there are lots of activities being offered for children and young people to take part in. These are many and varied but include sports-based activities, performing arts, music, community- volunteering activities and several more. These activities are often a valuable way for our children and young people to explore new interests, learn new skills, learn to socialise and gain leadership abilities and you will want your child to have fun and get the very best from them.

However, whilst the vast majority of people leading these activities will have your child's best interest at heart, and give their time because they believe in how much young people can develop through activities held outside of school, there is a potential risk that you need to be aware of.

The reality is that it is not essential for community groups and all activity leaders to undergo safeguarding training to properly care for your child and keep them safe from harm. That means that there is a risk, however small, of some sort of child abuse taking place whether physical, sexual or emotional, but can just as often be about a lack of care and attention.

There is no reason to believe that this is more of a problem in either Staffordshire or Stoke-on-Trent than anywhere else - it can happen anywhere and in any activity. The fact that there are thousands of activity groups being held in hundreds of venues across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent has prompted the Safeguarding Children Boards to take preventative action.

As parents and carers there are some questions that you can ask of the people leading activities. It's okay to **C.H.E.C.K** the following with them:

- **C**- Are you **confident** they have the right qualifications to lead the activity?
- **H**-Do they have a **history** of delivering activities?
- **E**-Are they **experienced** in running activities for children and young people?
- **C**-Have they undergone any necessary police **checks**?
- **K**-Do they have a good **knowledge** of their safeguarding responsibilities?

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If you are at all unsure or have concerns you can ask to see proof of qualifications from the organisers.

If you want more information about the campaign and the warning signs of child abuse this is available online at:

- [www.bit.ly/CHECKstaffs](http://www.bit.ly/CHECKstaffs) for people living in Staffordshire
- [www.bit.ly/CHECKStoke](http://www.bit.ly/CHECKStoke) for people living in Stoke-on-Trent

I take this opportunity to remind you that if you are worried about the safety or welfare of a child or young person, you can either:

- report your concerns to the professional safeguarding teams, who will investigate:
  - Stoke-on-Trent City Council's Safeguarding Referral Team :
    - Day (8.30am to 5pm): 01782 235100
    - Night (5pm to 8.30am): 01782 234234
- Staffordshire County Council's First Response Service on 0800 1313 126
- Call the Police on 101
- If you believe that a child is in immediate danger call the Police on the emergency number 999.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter I hope that you will find it helpful in our joint efforts to keep your child safe during activities this summer.

Yours sincerely,

**John Wood  
Independent Chair,  
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