



# William Shrewsbury Primary School

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## Newsletter No 4 December 2018



Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to see so many of you at our twelve Christmas concerts this year. I hope that you have enjoyed all of the beautiful singing and acting - the children and teachers have worked so hard and having such good audiences brings their shows to life.

Thank you also for your amazing generosity in supporting our Christmas charities. We have raised the following amounts:

	Early Years	NSPCC	£209.33	
	Years 1/2	The Footprints Orphanage	£443.11	
	Years 3/4	Me and Dee	£244.78	
	Years 5/6	Age UK	£185.02	

This is a fantastic amount of money to raise for very worthwhile causes, **£1082.24** in total. Thank you on behalf of all these charities.

Thank you also to the kitchen staff and the team from Mellors for cooking over 630 delicious Christmas dinners and a Christmas party meal for all the children in the school. This involves a great deal of hard work but it is very enjoyable for the children (and staff!)

Thank you on behalf of the staff for all your Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes. We wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. **We look forward to seeing you all again when school reopens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

Please look out for the dates for next term, along with this newsletter.

Elaine Curtis  
Headteacher



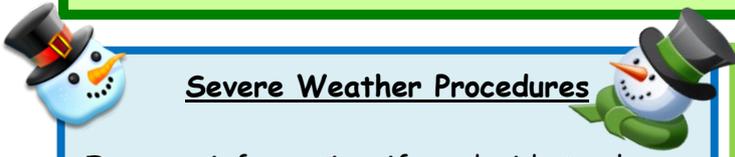
### Jack and the Pantomime Trip

Thanks to all the parent helpers who helped create a truly memorable visit for our KS1 children. The pantomime was great fun! Every single child behaved really well and was a credit to the school.

## Good news and thank you from AFWS

A very big thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair on 24<sup>th</sup> November. It raised £6336! That's a fantastic result and we thank you for your generosity and support. We are very fortunate to have such great support from our parents and community at William Shrewsbury. The children will benefit from the money which will be used to buy interactive whiteboards and more books for our story book projects. These are things which bring learning to life for our children.

A big thank you to the hard working AFWS committee for all their support for the school, including supplying the Selection boxes for the Christmas parties.



### Severe Weather Procedures

For your information, if we decide to close the school due to severe weather in the coming winter months, a message will be published on our website and a text message sent out to parents. Staffordshire County Council also has a designated Emergency School Closures area on their website:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist/schoolclosurelist.aspx>

### Learning Meeting for Year 6 Parents

We will be holding two meetings for Year 6 parents on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00 pm and 6.00pm**, to explain ways that parents can help with their children's learning in the final important months of their primary education, including how to support with homework and how to prepare for assessments.



### Staffing news

Sadly, Mrs Bailey in Year 1 will be leaving us this week to spend more time with her family. We would like to thank her for all of her dedication to the children in her classes over the last few years. She will be greatly missed.

Fortunately, to take her place, we are able to welcome back Mrs Hannah Love. Mrs Love has taught here for a number of years in Years 1, 2 and 3. She is very much looking forward to working with you and your children for the rest of this school year.



### CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Would you like to spend a few hours helping the children in school? We always need more helpers, especially in Year 6. Please contact Mrs Russell in school if you can help.

### Diary Dates

Your child will be bringing home the diary dates today. Please read them carefully and make a note of any dates relevant to your family. For some of the events this will be the only notification sent out so please keep them in a safe place.

You can also check out our website [www.williamshrewsbury.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.williamshrewsbury.staffs.sch.uk) to see what is coming up in the new year. Thank you



### Test Results 2018

The national tests results for 2018 were published recently.

Here are the KS1 and KS2 results for last year. National results are in red and our school in black. You can see that these are very good results - congratulations to all the pupils and staff.

#### **Key Stage 1 At Expected:**

Subject	School	National
English - Reading	83%	75%
English – Writing	82%	70%
Mathematics	84%	76%
Science	84%	83%
RWM	77%	65%

#### **Key Stage 2 Test results At Expected:**

Subject	School	National
English - Reading	90%	75%
English - Writing	89%	78%
GPS	82%	78%
Mathematics	89%	76%
Science	90%	82%
RWM combined exp	83%	64%

### What do we want for our children's future?

In the last few newsletters we have been thinking about what our children will need to be happy as adults. In my last newsletter, I talked about children learning how to keep themselves and their families safe. Today I want to share some of the things we do to ensure that they can work towards becoming financially independent:

- Ensure that they achieve well in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science
- Have a good understanding of Computer Technology
- Develop skills and knowledge in areas that interests them so that they can make money doing something they enjoy eg arts, crafts, sports
- Learn how to behave well so that they can behave appropriately in their future workplace
- Develop people skills
- Develop adaptability to change, resilience, creative and critical thinking skills
- Build independence
- Each year group carries out an enterprise activity each year to devise a way to make money.

### **Lost Property**

Over the Christmas break, please can we ask that you check that all items of school uniform and PE kits are named. We have a lot of unnamed items, worth a total of hundreds of pounds, that we dispose of at the end of each term.

Thank you.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE -  
THANK YOU FOR ALL  
YOUR SUPPORT IN 2018!**

