

# William Shrewsbury Primary School

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## Newsletter No 6 February

Dear Parents,

We have had a very good first half term of the year with plenty of exciting learning activities, events, visits and visitors as you can see from the photographs in today's newsletter.

The next half term is going to be another busy one. We will be holding our Spring Term Parent Consultation Evenings on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March. Please remember to book your appointment [www.williamshrewsbury.parentseveningsystem.co.uk](http://www.williamshrewsbury.parentseveningsystem.co.uk) if you haven't already done so. We will also be asking you to complete our annual Parents' Survey and we ask you to please fill this in as we really value your feedback.

Thank you for your contributions to the Science non-uniform day today. This raised £377.91 to go towards supporting Science activities.

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to two members of staff this week. Mrs Mee, who has worked as a teaching assistant here for 22 years retired on Wednesday and Mr Doherty is leaving us today after 15 years as a class teacher. We wish them every happiness for the future and thank them for everything that they have done for the school community. We will miss them both very much.

Have a good half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** as school will be closed to pupils on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February for teacher training.

**Elaine Curtis**  
Headteacher

### Science Week

To help kick-start Science Week this year, a Science Boffin came to William Shrewsbury to show off some super science! During the show, there were many exciting things to see and experience which made us wonder and question. Lots of exciting things were seen including: dragon fire-breath, an egg in vacuum, exothermic reactions, acids and alkalis, universal indicator and much more! Each year group had an off-timetable day of science activities linked to the national theme of 'journeys'. During the week, teachers were keeping their eyes peeled for any super scientists who need to be recognised and rewarded!



### Celebrating Diversity in Burton on Trent

This term we are taking part in an exciting cultural and arts project with the Central Co-operative Learning Trust MAT schools and other local schools. Each year group will be taking part in a different arts activity including dance, music, film, drama and visual arts.

We are hoping to have a final exhibition at The Town Hall at the end of term to showcase some of the children's work.

## E-safety Update

Last Tuesday was National E-Safety Day - you may have seen items on the national news relating to this. In school we have marked this by having a whole school E-Safety Week. Children have had assemblies and ICT lessons on this theme. The theme this year has been around consent and asking permission before sharing information and images of others on line.

We are increasingly concerned about issues arising from children using social media (including WhatsApp which has a lower age limit of 16) before they fully understand the consequences of their actions.

An information leaflet was sent out last week, giving parents ideas for conversation starters with their children about using the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

**Do you know which apps your child uses and what they are seeing and posting??**



## Nursery Admission September 2019

If you, or someone you know, has a child who will be 4 years old between September 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 and August 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, applications are now open for our Nursery.

Please follow the link on the school website <https://www.williamshrewsbury.staffs.sch.uk> to print an application form. Alternatively, please contact the office who will provide you with an application pack.

**The closing date for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

### Crossing patrol

Please could Infant parents ensure they cross the road with the crossing patrol rather than trying to nip between cars opposite St Mary's Drive and the Infant gate? It is a bit further to walk for some families but it keeps the children safe - a priority for us all. Also, we need to show that we use our patrol if we are to keep it in the face of future budget cuts.



### Parent Governor Elections

Thank you to the parents who put their names forward for the recent election. We would like to welcome Mrs Katy Bradshaw as our new Parent Governor. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote.

### Head Lice

We would be grateful if you could check your children for these unwanted visitors!

Holiday times, when children have less contact with one another, are a good time to check and treat your child if necessary.



### Car safety around the school

Once again, I am writing to ask parents to be very careful about driving on Church Road. I have had a number of reports about parents dropping children off from vehicles that are not parked safely or legally (or have stopped in front of the crossing patrol). Parents are also reminded that they should not be coming into the car park to drop off children or pick them up at the beginning and end of the school day.

Some parents are continuing to park without any consideration for our neighbours or other road users. This behaviour reflects badly on the school and more importantly is potentially very dangerous.

### Attendance Letters

Attendance letters will be sent out after half term to keep you up to date about your child's attendance and punctuality.

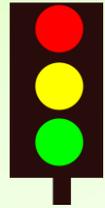
Your child's attendance will be coded as one of the following:

Green (96-100%) Excellent

Yellow (91-95%) Good but be careful

Red (below 90 %) Persistent Absence

Attendance across the school is very good and we thank you for your support with this important part of your child's education. We appreciate that there are a small minority of pupils who will have a high absence rate for genuine reasons, mainly medical.



### Young Voices 2019

On 24th January, thirty three children from Y3-Y6 attended the amazing Young Voices 2019 event in Birmingham. It was a fantastic experience for all involved and the children performed alongside 6500 others to form one of the largest choirs in the world. They also performed with Tony Hadley, Beau Dermott and Sharlene Hector throughout the evening, singing a brilliant selection of hits together.



### INSET DAY DISCOUNT

The Children's Farm and Big Play Barn, Ash End Farm are offering a 30% discount for a parent and child visiting on our forthcoming INSET day (Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February). To gain a discount of £3 per child and £3 per adult against their combi-ticket price, you can book online at <https://childrensfarm.co.uk>. If you prefer to turn up and pay on the day, there's a £2 discount if you give the password "Rabbit". For each visitor from our school the farm will credit us £1 towards a future trip or raffle prize so please remember to give our school name when you check in.

### Year 5 visit to Standon Bowers

Our year 5 pupils had a wonderful time at the OEC in January.

