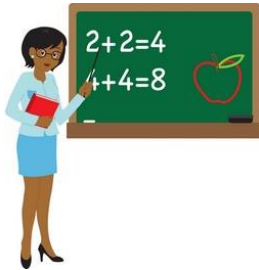


Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Welcome to the latest newsletter from Shinewater Primary school. Please remember this newsletter can also be located on the school website. I am sure the children won't let you forget that school finishes on 21<sup>st</sup> December and the boys and girls return on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January (as Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> is a training day). I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Staff Update



I am very sad to announce that Mrs Sulway will be leaving Shinewater at Christmas so she can enjoy a well-earned retirement. Mrs Sulway has been with us for a very impressive 25 years and she has made such a big contribution for so long.

Another experienced and much loved member of staff is also leaving us and that is Miss Cox. She has made a big difference to relations with our community and moves on to a similar role, but working with East Sussex County Council She has been here for 17 years and we are all very grateful for the contribution she has made. Mrs Naylor is also leaving us at the end of the year, she will be working at another local school's Nursery. She too is much respected at Shinewater and we wish her all the best for the future.

It is sad that we are losing such experienced staff, but am very grateful for their sustained contributions to the school.

## Meeting for Parents

Many of you may have attended a meeting that was organised for parent and carers back in October. At the time, Ms Gaunt, head of the school's Interim Executive Board (IEB) said there would be another meeting for parents so that we could update you on progress. I can confirm this will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm There will also be a chance to meet the new interim deputy, Mrs Burbidge and to ask questions. I hope to see you there.

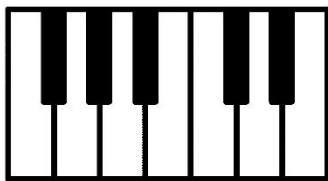
## Christmas Shows

There have been some fantastic Christmas Shows this week. The Nursery children did a fabulous Nativity. The Children in Reception told us of *The Very Hopeless Camel* and looked and sang to a high standard. The children in Year 1 and 2 were also amazing and produced wonderful concerts. The staff have worked very hard to help the children achieve such a high standard I am so grateful that so many parents and carers were able to come to the event.



We look forward to Key Stage 2 taking the stage next week.

## A Wonderful Donation



Some of the Christmas Shows were accompanied by a piano. The piano didn't come to us from Santa, but was given to the school by Bonners. We are extremely grateful for their generosity and the piano will be enjoyed by our community for many years to come.



## Some Exciting Days

A big thank you to all the children who supported pink, red and purple mufti day to support Victor from Maple Class. Today we enjoyed Christmas dinner and also had a Christmas jumper day, so there was certainly excitement in the air. All donations will go to Save the Children.

## End of Term Awards

Each term there will be awards for each class for Mathematics, Writing and GTBG Citizenship Award. There will also be certificates for good attendance. This is the first time we have done this and, on this occasion, we will not invite parents so the children can be genuinely surprised. These will occur on the last day of term.

## No After School Club on Wednesday

Please note there is no After School Club on this coming Wednesday – the last day of term. The last day for the club, for this term, will on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

## Attendance

It is vital that children come to school on time and every day. This is such an important life skill and will help children be successful adults. A big thank you to all the parents who send their children to school every day and ensure they are on time. do this. There will be termly certificates given to children who have had good Attendance.

Here are this week's winners for the attendance competition:

Position	Class	Percentage Score
1.	Beech 5SD	98.2%
2.	Foxes 2JM	98.1%
3.	Owls 2DS	98.0%
4.	Rowan 3KD	96.6%

Congratulations to Beech class for coming top of the leader board this week.

## Important School Dates (this is updated regularly)...

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – KS 2 Winter Concert: Year 3 & 4 - 10.00am and Year 5 & 6 - 2.00pm

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – KS 2 Winter Concert: Year 5 & 6 - 10.00am and Year 3 & 4 - 2.00pm

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January** - Christmas Break

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January** – Staff Training Day

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – School returns

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January** – IEB Parent Meeting

