



Shinewater News



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READ! READ! READ! READ!

Reading is a skill for life and the systems for teaching reading at Shinewater are well embedded with our Year 1 pupils for example exceeding national expectations for the second year in a row in phonics. However, you can never have enough reading and this is where we need your help to support your child. Firstly children should be reading on a regular basis at home, we would suggest a minimum of three times a week. It is also fabulous if children see parents as role models reading magazines, books, the internet, etc. The English Team are busy developing some new initiatives in school as follows:

BIG READ

We will be holding a series of BIG READ sessions in the main hall supported by teaching assistants. We are hoping as many parents, grandparents and carers will join us to hear as many children as possible to read books and to motivate them to enjoy their reading-further details to follow.

100 Reads Before Leaving Primary School

Shortly you will be issued with a list of 100 books children should read before they leave primary school. We have all of these books in school and the class teachers would be delighted to sign post you to them.

Best Books

There will also be a list of books children should read in each year group. This will be put onto the website for easy access as well as issuing the children with their own list to tick off. The school has all of these books and can order more if necessary.

Langney Library

The community fought hard to get Langney Library up and running and to provide the community with access to books to borrow, why not take your child along and join- they will love it and it is free!

Parent Pay



We have been informed that up to 30 meals a day are not being booked and paid for on Parent Pay. Meals have been provided for the children up until now, however Pabulum have informed us that any pupils not booked on the system will not be provided with a meal. Please come in to see the office staff if you need support with booking and paying for meals online.

Marvellous ME!

MarvellousME! is an excellent system for enabling communication between school and home. It also saves paper, time and money for the school. Letters, rewards and details of learning can all be uploaded meaning you are kept up to date with your child's learning and what is going on in school. 75% of our parents are currently using MarvellousME! And it would be "marvellous" if this could increase. If you have not yet signed up to MarvellousME! please see Mrs Knight in the office.



Woodland Tots

Don't forget toddlers, babies and their parents and carers are invited to attend Woodland Tots every Tuesday morning after morning drop off-It's amazing and a great way for your child to socialise whilst enjoying learning and playing in the fresh air. Just turn up at the office.

Eastbourne Foodbank

Many thanks for your contributions to this worthy cause. Donations will be collected this week and Eastbourne Foodbank will be distributing the food and toiletries to families in the Eastbourne community.



Times tables



Please support your child with learning their times tables. This is an essential tool for maths and is now tested nationally in year 4. The children should have a login to TTRockstars, if they need one or have lost theirs please let your teacher know. There are ideas for things to do at home in the curriculum section of our website.

Update on the School Development Plan

Arts Mark Award

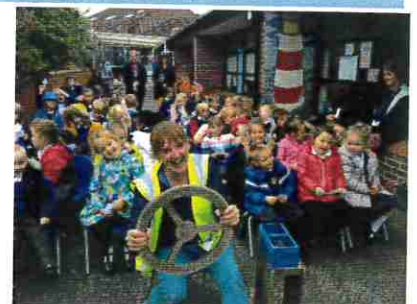
During the next academic year Shinewater School will be working on attaining the Arts Mark. This will involve further improvements to how we teach the Arts across the school including art, drama, dance and music. The children will be experiencing a range of enrichment activities with links to providers such as artists, story tellers, musicians etc. It is very exciting opportunity for the school and any additional ideas from parents and carers would be most welcome. This project will be led by Mrs Kaufman, Mrs Smith, Mrs Wilkins, Mr Anderson and Miss Eustace.

Careers and Aspiration Project

Shinewater is embarking on another most exciting initiative which will involve the children developing knowledge and insights into careers and experiences when they grow up. They will be investigating a range of jobs, opportunities and interview different people to help them know what is out there and to aspire to be the best they can be. The school will also be developing strong links with industry. Anybody who may be interested in coming to talk to a class or deliver an assembly on their world of work would be made more than welcome. Please see Mrs Rigby who is the lead teacher on this project.

Year 1 News

In Year One we have been enjoying our topic about Transport. We have been so busy reading and writing about buses that we thought it would be fun to have a pretend bus journey, so last week we went on an imaginary bus ride around Eastbourne! We had to wait at the bus stop, we had money to buy our tickets and Mrs Maguire was the bus driver. We saw all the sights of Eastbourne and waved at everyone that we passed. We even sang 'The wheels on the bus' on our way back to school. We had such fun!



Year 4 News

This term six of our year 4 pupils participated in the Junior Enterprise Challenge 2019 at Eastbourne Town hall as part of the Eastbourne Education Business Partnership. Their challenge was to use their entrepreneurial skills and create their own flower shop. They were all assigned different roles including a manager, marketer, buyer, financier and assistants. During the course of the day, the team were set different tasks to complete such as, designing their shop front and logo, promoting the business and ordering the stock from different suppliers. Although they didn't come first, the children all said they had enjoyed themselves and the tasks.



Attendance

Please remember to call the absence line on 01323 762129 if your child is going to be absent from school. You are required to call in for each day of absence.

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will be held on:

Tuesday 26 November 2019 — 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Thursday 28th November 2019 — 3.30pm to 6.00pm



Dates to remember

Thursday 24 and Friday 25 October 2019—INSET DAYS

28 October—1 November 2019—Half Term

Monday 4 November 2019—Term 2 Starts

- Thursday 7 November 2019—9.30-11.00 am—New Reception Intake Session
- Thursday 14 November 2019—9.30-11.00 am—New Reception Intake Session
- Thursday 14 November 2019—4.00-5.00 pm—New Reception Intake Session
- Thursday 21 November 2019—9.30-11.00 am—New Reception Intake Session
- Tuesday 26 November 2019—Flu Vaccinations—Reception-Year 6
- Tuesday 26 November 2019—3.30-6.00pm—Parents Evening
- Thursday 28 November 2019—3.30-6.00pm—Parents Evening