

Newsletter January 2020

Welcome to the spring terms at Shinewater. The pupils and staff are already getting stuck in to the new Learning Adventures. These are available for parents and carers to view on our website under curriculum and include Tales of our Past...The Magnificent, The Macabre and the Magical!, Raiders, Traders and Invaders, From Tartan to Tropical and the Frozen Kingdom. Your child should also have been issued with a new homework menu to get stuck in to at home. Please encourage your child to read every night. Those with amazing writing skills tend to be those who read widely. Keep your eye on opportunities for parents to come in for Big Reads and other parental engagement sessions this term.

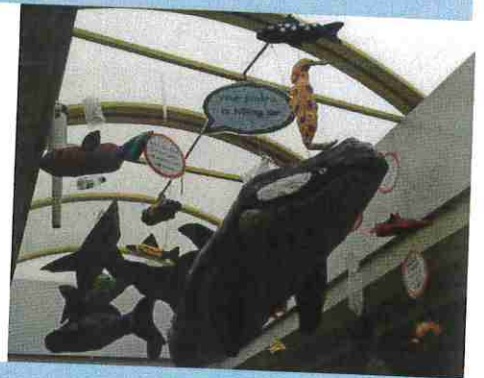
Census Day Thursday-Funding for Free School Meals

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The funding we receive for UIFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meals) is a government incentive for each EYFS /KS1 child to receive a free hot meal every school day. There are also children in KS2 who receive free school meals This funding is dependent upon the numbers of meals taken on **Census Days**. Please could you make sure your child has a hot school dinner on **THURSDAY**. If meals are not taken the school will not get the funding for your child.

Conservation and Climate Change Awareness

A massive well done to Mrs Etherton and Art Club. They have made us all aware of climate change and the issues regarding plastic usage through this fabulous mobile of a killer whale surrounded by fish and information regarding marine pollution. This has been made from recycled materials. Please do pop in and have a look. It is amazing. They are currently looking for donations of old nail varnish for their next project which sounds very exciting.



Healthy Snacks and Lunchboxes

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX **PICK & MIX** SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



Please remember Shinewater has a healthy lunch box policy, plus on the Wonderful Wellbeing section of the website there are lots of ideas for keeping fit and healthy. Please pack healthy food for lunch. There are chocolate bars creeping in at the moment which need to be replaced with nutritious foods to help sustain learning, concentration and a healthy body. Snacks are allowed at break times but should follow the policy. Fruit and vegetables are great, not only are they good for you, they are plastic free.

Eastbourne Foodbank



If you need access to foodbank vouchers the school is able to support you with this. Please see Mrs Kaufman, Mrs Burbidge or Miss Wilson and we would be happy to assist.

Community Information

- Woodland Tots runs on a Tuesday morning for all toddler and pre school children.
- Following on from the wonderful Triple P sessions we now have SEND coffee drops ins for parents and carers-the first one is 03.02.20 at 0900 a.m. do come along.
- Shinewater is hosting neighbourhood network meetings for schools, councillors, police and local community groups and service providers.

SEND Coffee Morning Drop ins

We would like to invite you to our exciting, new, monthly coffee mornings or afternoons. These will be an opportunity for you to come along and have a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit and an informal chat with other parents or members of staff. We will also try and organise more formal sessions now and then, where other agencies come in to talk to you about any issues that you have identified, e.g. sleep issues, behaviour, anxiety, picky eaters etc

The first few meetings have been organised for the following dates and times in the Conference Room at Shinewater School:

03.02.20 @ 9am

02.03.20 @ 2pm

06.04.20 @ 9am

04.05.20 @ 2pm

The staff that will be available to chat with you at the different meetings or for you to ask any questions, will be: Vicki Wilson, Inclusion Manager; Yvonne Williams, Deputy SENCO; Dawn Wingett, Swale Family Support Worker and Emma Leaman who is our new Mental Health Practitioner and will be working every Monday at Shinewater School, supporting individual children and families.

Important Dates

Free School Meals (FSM) census day Thursday