



Newsletter

Keeping you in touch with events at Shepeau Stow Primary School
January 2013

Dear Parents

It seems to have been a very busy start to the year with lots going on in school already.



School Council Some of our School Councillors will be attending Long Sutton Primary School on 1st March for the Network School Council Day.



This year Act 2 will be organising workshops and the Long Sutton School Eco Warriors will speaking about how they work in their school to reduce waste and make improvements. The trip will take place within the school day. More details will follow shortly.

Swimming

Indian Day

Last week the children in Miss Harrison's class enjoyed a day of Indian experiences. Look out in the local press for photos of the event and a short video to be loaded to the Spalding Today website. The visit linked in with the current Class 2 topic.

Children who are swimming currently will continue to do so until the summer half-term. This is proving successful as the children are all receiving a block of swimming that is long enough to make a difference. Being a small school we are lucky enough to be able to send several year groups at a time.



Class 3 are thoroughly enjoying their pirate topic. Watching some them "Strip the Willow" during a dance session last week was quite impressive. Mrs Cleland did request a trip to St Lucia to do some research for her topic this term but we decided we would miss her too much!



Parking

Please could everyone avoid parking on the grass verges when collecting children and use our car park as much as possible. We are receiving complaints from neighbours about the way the verge is being damaged.



Class 1 are very excited to be going on the trip to the Toy Museum in Peterborough on Thursday. Lots of exciting things to do throughout the day. Class 1 will be joined by Miss Ulyatt's class from Gedney Hill. The children should be back within the school day.



Attendance

Please can I remind you all that holidays should be taken outside of term time. Children missing just one day can miss a vital step in their learning. Work is planned in units and if a child misses part of that unit it can have an impact on their progress.

A school can authorise up to 10 days absence for holidays but this is NOT automatic and the guidance from Lincolnshire County Council is that it should only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. The term dates for 2013-14 are already on the school website.

If your child is absent through illness please call us to let us know. There is usually someone in school from 7.15am. If teachers are in the classroom please leave a message - Mrs Ladley picks up the messages in the mornings.

FOSSS

Thanks to those of you who were able to attend the FOSSS meeting last week. There will be another meeting to discuss the best way forward on Tuesday February 12th at 2pm. I will be sending out a letter next week with some of the suggestions on. This will give an opportunity for you to respond even if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Volunteers

Parent volunteers are always welcome. Please speak to any member of staff if you have a skill you would like to share. We are looking for a parent who would like to run a gardening club in the Spring. This could either happen after school or at lunchtime. If you are interested please get in touch.

SATs Week

Year 6 pupils will have SATs testing from 13th May to 16th May. Holidays for this week will **NOT** be authorised. This year the government have introduced a new test to assess grammar, punctuation and spelling. This will take place during SATs week. The children also take tests in reading and maths. Writing is assessed throughout the year by teachers and can be subject to external moderation. We were extremely proud of our pupil results last year and the current group of children look to be working just as hard. If you have any questions about how you can help your child please speak to Mrs Cleland.

Year 2 SATs

Pupils in Year 2 are continually assessed through the year and there is no requirement for them to take a test. However as with most schools we do administer a Reading and Maths assessment to the children. This usually takes place in May or June.

The rest of the school undergo continual assessment throughout the year and from Year 3 upwards we administer Optional Sats too. This will also take place during May/June.

Year 2 and 6 pupils results are given to parents with the end of year report in July.

It only remains for me to thank you all for your continued support.

Alison Buddle
Executive Headteacher