



Sholing Infant School

Newsletter: **January 2022**

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the new school term! It was lovely to see the children coming into school happily this morning, and hearing their news! On behalf of all the staff, thank you so much for the cards and gifts received before Christmas-they were very much appreciated by everyone, and we've got plenty of chocolates and biscuits in the staff room to see us through the winter!

Thank you to Mr Barnes, Manager of one of our local Co-ops, for providing all the party food for our Christmas parties.

Thank you too Mr Marolia, for providing Early Years with stones, gravel etc for the huge tyres in the playground. The children are really enjoying using these resources.

A huge thank you to James Knight, our Chair of Governors and FOSI lead Charmaine Wiltshire, for organising the Christmas fund raising events, including the tea towels, tombolas etc. All in all the fund raising made £1700 for the school. Thank you to everyone for supporting these events-it really makes a huge difference to us. We will be using the money raised to buy more Little Wandle reading books, and also to pay for some of the visitors we have in school to support children's learning.

You should have received the year group newsletters from your child's teacher, which will provide you with key information as to what your child will be learning this half term. This half term, we have started using 'knowledge organisers' which are information sheets that include a copy of all the key information that children need to know and remember in their topic and science learning. We will be using these lots in school so teachers in Y1 and Y2 will send these home via Seesaw for you to look at and talk about with your child.

You will have also received information from Mrs Holland, our reading leader, on our new programme for teaching phonics, 'Little Wandle'. The programme has lots of information for parents, to inform you of how school is teaching phonics, and what you can do to support your child's learning <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Our Year 2 children took their phonic screening check at the end of last term. To reach the required standard, children needed to achieve at least 32/40 in the word reading check. Children who scored below 32 will need to retake the check in June. Additional support will be provided at school to support children to reach the required standard this term, with frequent progress checks. Additional resources will also be sent home.

Year 1 children will all undertake the phonic screening check in June 2022.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be on the following dates this term:

Tuesday 15th February and Thursday 17th February

We are currently planning to hold these face to face as this gives you a chance to look at your child's work books too. Booking for appointments will open on Monday 31st January.

Absence

Please remember to telephone the school office on 02380 447447 to report your child's absence if he/she is sick. Alternatively you may email the school office on admin@sholinginfantschool.org.uk. Please be aware that the school is able to dispense medication with written parental consent, so should your child be a little under the weather, please talk to your child's teacher. All medication is dispensed by Mrs Churcher, our qualified first aider, and witnessed by another member of staff. Please ensure that you are familiar with the updated COVID guidance issued and sent out this week. Our COVID risk assessment is published on the website for your information.

If your child is absent with COVID but is well and you would like work uploaded to Seesaw, please let the office know when you are reporting absence, and we can arrange this.

Staffing

We will be delighted to welcome back Miss Hyde in February after her maternity leave. She will be joining Foxes class to job share with Miss Brewer. Miss Brewer will continue to teach for three days, and Miss Hyde for two. She has already been in school to meet the class and will also be doing some KIT days in Foxes later this month. Mrs Miller will be taking maternity leave in the summer term-congratulations to her!

E-safety

Many children have received games consoles as presents this year – they seem to be as popular as ever! Online games can be a great way for children and young people to keep busy and stay in touch with friends and family, but it's important that they play safely. If you would like further advice then please visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a midday supervisor, and also for a cleaner. Please see the school website for information regarding these posts, or contact the school office for further details.