



Sholing Infant School

Newsletter: **March 2022**

Welcome to the March newsletter! I hope that you all enjoyed a good half-term break, and enjoyed some family time. It has been good to see all the children back at school this week

The children have started their new topics and are already working hard!

The Year 2 children have impressed us with their Titanic models and information- thank you for your help with these at home! - and are very enthusiastic about their new topic. They had a visit from Mary Davis, a 'passenger' on board the Titanic this week and will be using their history skills to increase their knowledge about the historic voyage.

Year 1 children enjoyed bringing their toy into school this week, and will be looking at the chronology of toys from the past to present day toys. If anyone has access to any toys from the past, and would be willing to bring them into school for the teachers to show, please let Mr Browning know.

Year R are looking forward to their farm visit, and are learning all about farm animals. We can't wait for our eggs to arrive and see what hatches!

SPRING BOUNCE

Hopefully you will have received your child's sponsor forms for the Spring Bounce- this will be on 7th and 8th March. All funds raised will be used to provide reading books to support our Little Wandle phonics programme as well as to pay for visitors into school to enhance the children's learning.

SATS

Year 2 children will be completing their SATs between May 9th and 20th. Mrs Holland, our Year 2 leader will be holding a meeting for parents on Wednesday 6th April at 9:00am. Information will be sent home for any parent unable to attend.

READING

Please continue to read with your child 5 times weekly and record this in your child's diary. Practising your child's reading book until he/she can read it fluently is key to good progress in reading. By reading little and often, your child's confidence and fluency will improve.

We will be sending home your login for your child's Little Wandle reading book in the next week or so. Teachers are currently assigning books to each pupil. Please practise this book as this aligns closely with what your child is reading in school. To inform parents of how phonics (Year R & Year 1) and spelling (Year 2) are taught in school, we are inviting parents into school to observe lessons on the following dates:

Year 1 and Year 2- week beginning 14th March (9:00am start)

Year R-week beginning 21st March (9:00am start)

Please sign up for a session if you would like to attend (form coming out later this week)

SAFEGUARDING

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety or well-being of our children, please contact the school to speak Mrs Houghton (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mr Steward (Deputy Safeguarding Lead). The safety of our children is the responsibility of us all. Our Child Protection Policy has been updated in line with the September 2021 guidance and is published on our website for your information.

Should you find that you need some support with supporting your child, e.g. with behaviour or attendance, or you need support with housing or managing finances, remember that Southampton have an Early Help Hub, which schools can refer families to.

Please speak to Mrs Harris, our ELSA, if you would like to access this support. Families can also self-refer to Early Help. For more information about our Early Help Hub or to discuss a referral please contact us. We are available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (closed on Bank Holidays).

Telephone: 023 8083 3311 Email: EarlyHelpHub@southampton.gov.uk

SAFETY

Each half term children will be learning about how to keep safe in a range of contexts as part of their PSHE. This half term we will be focusing on online safety. As always you can find further information about how to keep your children safe online on our e-safety page on our school website <https://www.sholinginfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=E%2DSafety&pid=128>

In PSHE we will be learning about mental wellbeing. We will be rounding off this unit of work with a 'Dress to Express' Day on Friday 8 April. Children are invited to wear an outfit or accessory that reflects who they are and makes them happy: think about using a colour, character or hobby as a theme, or just wear a favourite sports kit, hat or item of clothing. We will have a 'photo booth' set up to celebrate our children expressing what makes them happy.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY – SEND

Mrs Rice is our SENDCo. If you are ever concerned about your child's academic, social or emotional learning and progress, please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Rice. Please be aware that Mrs Rice works at the infant school on Monday and Tuesday and the junior school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. You can contact her on senco@sholinginfantschool.org.uk Our local offer for SEND is published on our website for your information.

CIVIC AWARD MEETING

If you would like your child to participate in the Civic Award, don't forget that Miss Cooper is holding a meeting for parents at 2:30pm on Thursday 17th March.

INSET DAYS

We have INSET days on:

- Friday March 18th 2022
- Friday May 27th 2022

We will also be closed on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 (schools have been given an additional Bank Holiday due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee falling in half term)