



# Sholing Infant School

## Newsletter: **January 2019**

Welcome to the January newsletter and a very Happy New Year to you all! On behalf of the staff, thank you for all the cards and gifts you so kindly gave to staff. They were very much appreciated. We hope that you enjoyed the Christmas performances at the end of last term. We thought the children did brilliantly as they sang and performed their hearts out! Thank you for your support.

The spring term is short but very busy! Year leaders will send out their year group letters shortly with key curriculum information and dates. Year R children will be finding out all about helpful 'superheroes' this half-term, Year 1 are finding out about the polar regions and Year 2 will be learning all about the history of flight and will be visiting the Solent Sky Museum (letter to follow).

### **APPLYING FOR SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019**

If your child is starting school in Year R or moving up to junior school, you must apply for a place in Year R and Year 3 by Monday 15 January 2019 which is the closing date. Any applications after this date will be treated as late admissions, even if your child is a sibling and in catchment and there is a possibility that you may be unlikely to get a place in your first choice school. If you need any help with applying, please ask Mr Steward for some help and he can do the application with you in school.

Thank you for the feedback on your child's report. In the autumn and spring term, a brief summative report is sent home, providing information as to how your child is achieving in terms of age related expectations. The end of year report is a longer, subject by subject report which includes much more detail on your child's progress and attainment as well as individual comments about your child's attitudes and behaviour for learning, conduct and relationships etc. If you have any concerns about your child's report, please speak to his/her class teacher who will be happy to help.

### **PHONIC DROP-INS**

We look forward to seeing you at the phonics drop-ins coming up shortly. You will have an opportunity to join your child in his/her phonics lesson, to see how reading and writing is taught through phonics.

The Year R parent drop in will be on Tuesday 22 January at 9.00am  
The Year 2 parent drop in will be on Thursday 21 January at 9.00am  
The Year 1 parent drop in will be on Tuesday 29 January at 9.00am

We look forward to seeing you!

### **PSHE - PANTS ASSEMBLIES**

Last year the NSPCC visited the school and did an assembly for all year groups about Keeping Safe using the PANTS resources on the NSPCC website. These assemblies will be delivered to each year group by Miss Brockman, our PSHE leader (Personal, Social Health Education) in school this year. You may wish to visit the NSPCC website either before or after the assemblies to discuss the issues concerned with your child. Assemblies will be on the following dates:-

Year 2 - Wednesday 16 January 2019  
Year R - Wednesday 6 February 2019  
Year 1 - Wednesday 13 February 2019

The NSPCC link for your information is:-

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/pants-how-to-answer-questions/>

The resources can also be viewed by visiting the NSPCC site. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions. The school Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Houghton. Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility.

## **YEAR 2 SATS MEETING**

Year 2 children are required to undertake a number of statutory tests in May. There will be a meeting for parents to attend on **Tuesday 19 March 2019 at 2:15pm**. You will have an opportunity to find out what the children will be required to do in English and maths and see example test papers. We will be sending home resources later this term to enable children to practise key skills at home. If you are unable to attend this meeting, the presentation will be sent home via ParentMail. Please also speak to your child's teacher if you have any concerns/questions.

The Year 1 children will be taking their phonic screen assessment in June and Year 1 parents are invited to attend a meeting on **Wednesday 20 March at 2.15pm** to find out what the screen entails and how to support at home..

## **YEAR 2 CIVIC AWARD**

Year 2 children have the opportunity to participate in our 'civic award'. This takes place in the summer term and is run by Miss Brockman, our PSHE leader. This scheme gives the children the opportunity to undertake civic duties both at school and at home, leading to an award at the end of the summer term. You are invited to attend a meeting on **Wednesday 27 March with Miss Brockman between 9.00 – 9.30am** if you would like your child to attend.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Our attendance last term was 97.11% which is in line with our school target. Well done! Our prize draw for pupils with attendance of 96.5% or above will take place in celebration assembly later this week and attendance certificates given out in year group assemblies. You will receive an attendance report for your child again at half term.

## **PARENTS EVENINGS**

Our spring term Parents' Evenings will be on Monday 1 April 2019 and Wednesday 3 April 2019.

## **INSET DAYS**

There are two further INSET days this school year.

Friday 15 March 2019  
Monday 3 June 2019

## **REMINDERS**

Please ensure your child brings a warm coat to school each day now that the weather has turned a lot chillier. All coats, hats and gloves need to be named to avoid loss.

The library is open every morning between 8.15 to 8.40am.

Lastly, may we please remind parents to be aware when parking outside the school not to block resident's driveways.

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