



## Shephalbury Park Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in the final term for this academic year and with an OFSTED visit behind us too. Please find the report on the school website - please be aware that this was a one day inspection to confirm that the school remained good. We are delighted to say that the school officially remains good and is well on its way to outstanding.

This half term is short with so many things to pack in, including the years 3 and 4 residential trip to Stibbington, and the Years 3, 4 and 5 production, along with lots of learning in class as well as the Year 6 SAT's.

**School uniform-** I am seeing a lot of children wearing black trainers to school. Please can I remind you that shoes need to be all black and not with white soles or other colours. Can you remember this when purchasing school shoes for your children. Can you all check that your children have the correct PE kit and that it comes in to school for PE days. Some children have had a bit of a growth spurt and seem to need new PE Kits, please check that your child's kit fits them, along with their trainers. If your child attends an after school club, can you ensure that they have another PE kit to wear, this does not need to be a school PE kit and the children can then wear this when going home.

Summer dresses can be worn, I have been asked by several parents if the girls can wear the play suits, which is a summer dress/shorts combination. Yes, they can wear these! I am aware of the new Jo Jo bows which seem to be getting bigger and more colourful as the days go on. We have decided that only **plain navy** hair accessories can be worn, please.

**Governors this term** - This term governors have had training on OFSTED and have met in response to the OFSTED, they will be meeting in a few weeks' time to agree the schools budget.

Due to lack of numbers, the IT parents workshop is cancelled and will be re-scheduled.

### Notes from the police

Please find below details of a dangerous online game called the Blue Whale Challenge:

The Blue Whale Challenge is an internet based game that has resulted in many deaths in several countries; Russia has attributed over 130 deaths to this. The challenge is believed to be spreading across Europe- Belgian and French police officially warned parents and teenagers after three cases were reported in Belgium this week.

The administrator / curator of the challenge picks on vulnerable children and adults and gives them 50 challenges over a period of weeks, which culminates in suicide (challenge number 50).

Thames Valley Police have had three suicides recently that are believed linked to this and some London boroughs have identified youths who were within the 50 challenges.

The majority of the challenges involve self-harm followed by sending a picture to the curator as proof.

A tell-tale sign is challenge number 11-carve a whale on your hand with a razor and send a photo to the curator.

Examples of challenges teenagers are urged to do:

- Use a knife or razor to make the shape of a whale on their wrist or leg
- Get up at 4.20am and watch scary videos
- "Sacrifice your hand, cut your lips"
- Day 26: You get your date of death
- Day 28: Don't talk to anyone
- Day 50: Jump from the roof or hang yourself.

**If a child is identified within these challenges please get advice immediately or follow child protection procedures.**

### Law change for using your mobile phone whilst driving

It is illegal to use a hand-held phone or similar device while driving, or riding a motorcycle - this is still the case stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic.

Did you know? It is also illegal to use a hand-held mobile when supervising a learner driver or rider.

New penalties now mean that motorists and motorcyclists caught using a phone while driving and riding will receive six penalty points on their licence and a £200 fine. This means that new drivers, within two years of passing their test, run the risk of losing their licence for a single offence.

Keep safe - put your phone away in the glove compartment.

### Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Nursery offers to parents available on line
Thursday April 27 <sup>th</sup>	(NEW) 9am Year 4 class assembly 6-8pm Play 'IT' safe - parent workshop CANCELLED due to lack of response.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Deadline to accept Reception place offers
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Deadline to accept Nursery place offers Stibbington residential visit
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Stibbington children return
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	SAT's week for year 6
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	School Health Team - Hts, wts, vision, audiology tests for Reception children plus hts, wts Year 6.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	9-11am 'Better Behaved Children' workshop
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	2.15pm Years 3,4 & 5 production 7pm Years 3,4 & 5 production
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	9am Year 1 class assembly
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	9 - 10am Early Years Fairy Tale Ball Break for half term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	National Space Centre sleepover - Yrs 5 & 6

*We have had some amazing responses from parents on parents evening, dogs on site etc and would like to know your feedback on the school assemblies.*

*Do we ask you in enough to see children in assemblies and productions*

*Yes*  *No*

*Do you get to see the class teacher enough about your child's progres?*

*Yes*  *No*

*How can we improve*

*this?.....*  
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*Would you like to be invited more in to school, if so what would you like to come in and see?*

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