



Shephalbury Park Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term is progressing well, but very fast! The year 6 children have finished their SAT's and a big well done to them, the staff and to the parents who helped their children with revising and motivating them throughout the week. Next week, we see the Year 2 SATs take place and following on from this will be the Year 1 phonics screening. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you the importance of good attendance, as this supports your child's progress and learning. I do understand that holidays are cheaper during school time, but it really does make a difference to your child's education. If a child was to have a two week term time holiday each year of their school life, it would equate to almost a year out of school.

#### **Advance notice - swimming**

We have secured a block of swimming lessons at Stevenage pool beginning in September. They will be at 9.30am on Thursday mornings, beginning on September 14<sup>th</sup>. We are aiming to take each year group from Years 1 - 6 for a half term each, beginning with Year 6. We will be asking for a contribution of £20 from each child for the half term (approx. 6 weeks). This is at a reduced price for parents and carers, as school will pay the extra cost. Further details will follow in due course.

#### **The Big Lunch**

On Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, we will be participating in 'The Big Lunch', an annual community event. There will be no hot food from our kitchen on this day, we are asking that all the children bring a packed lunch from home, and if you are able to, come and join us from 12 noon until 1pm with a picnic and enjoy lunch with your child/ren.

If you are entitled to **benefit related** Free School Meals, please let the school office know before Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June if you would like a school packed lunch (cheese).

#### **Fidget Spinners and other equipment**

Following a discussion with teachers, we are not banning fidget spinners but would like to inform you that these can only be used in the playground during play times. They are the responsibility of the child and teachers will not be taking responsibility for them. We have also decided that small toys may be brought in for playtimes, but again, these will only be allowed as long as there is no responsibility to school and children only use them at play times - these can include balls, skipping ropes, note books etc.

## Uniform

Please can we remind you that socks and tights should be plain white, grey, navy or black and not patterned. Children should come prepared for different weather as the British weather is so inconsistent - this could mean bringing a rain jacket and a summer hat each day!

## Porridge Pot & Tea Pot Breakfast and after school clubs.

Please pay for Porridge Pot and Tea Pot sessions in advance, or at the very latest, on the morning you intend to use them. Both these sessions are staffed and catered for according to the number of children booked in. It is very frustrating when children just turn up and then have to be chased for payment. We can refuse entry if payment has not been made in advance.

We have funding for a Fathers session starting in October, this is a great way of meeting more dads in the school, please sign below to say if you would be interested in attending.



**The Confident Fathers Programme**  
*For any man looking after a child in a caring role*

A FREE 6 week course for fathers or male carers of children aged under 12 years living in Nth Herts & Stevenage.

This course is funded by Children's Services Hertfordshire County Council and hosted by Shephalbury Park School, Stevenage.

**Topics covered include:**

- The importance of a father figure
- Tools for handling conflict
- Understanding the physical and emotional development of your child
- Improving communication and relationships
- Dealing with challenging behaviour and setting boundaries

**Venue:** Shephalbury Park Primary Sch, Burydale, Stevenage, Herts SG2 8AX

**Time:** 7pm - 9pm

**Date:** Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct - 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017  
*No session during half term*

**SOME Super Heroes Don't have CAPES... They are DAD**

Contact The Bookings Team  
01992 446051  
email: [admin@natural-flair.com](mailto:admin@natural-flair.com)

Places are limited - Please call NOW to secure your place  
This course is delivered by Natural Flair Coaching Ltd  
Winners of Parent Coach Of The Year 2015

Many thanks

Chelsea Atkins

Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	9-11am 'Better Behaved Children' workshop
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	SAT's week for Year 2
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	2.15pm Years 3,4 & 5 'Shephalbury School of Rock' production 7pm Years 3,4 & 5 'Shephalbury School of Rock' 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
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics screening this week
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	9am Year 5 class assembly
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	1 - 3pm Parenting workshop 'Stress Busting for Parents'
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	9am Year2 class assembly
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	12 - 1pm - 'The Big lunch' - bring a picnic and eat with your child (Packed lunch from home needed)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day from 9.15am onwards
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day - Year 6 to new secondary schools, all other classes meet their new teachers for September
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair from 3.15pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	7pm Year 6 leavers production
	3.30 - 4pm parent/teacher consultation for reports if needed
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	9am Year 6 leavers assembly
	Break up for summer at 1.30pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET day - no school for children
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Back to school -New term starts
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Swimming starts for Year 6 (Current Year 5)

Half term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Easter Holiday 2018

Christmas Holiday

Break up 1.30pm Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Break up 1.30pm Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Back to school Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Back to school Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Half term 2018

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

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Confident Fathers Sessions

I am interested in the Confident Fathers Sessions beginning in October

Name.....

Father of..... in Year.....