



## Shephalbury Park Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we are in our fourth week back to school after the summer holidays! Children have settled well in to their classrooms and are busy at work. We were fortunate to keep all our staff this year.

### Charity News

For the last two weeks, our school value has been 'Charity', and have we raised money for the following causes;

**Macmillan Cake sale** - Thank you to everyone who contributed a cake for our cake sale supporting Macmillan on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. We raised £186.85!!

**Prince's Trust** - On Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, Early Years took part in a playground walk to raise money for The Prince's Trust. Well done to everyone who took part and helped raise £245!!

**Harvest** - Thank you for all your wonderful donations to the food bank for our harvest celebrations. We have collected 6 boxes of food and the people from the food bank have just collected them from us.



**Myschoolapp** Please note that we have reverted to using the 'Myschoolapp' - we no longer use School News. You are able to use it to notify school of any child's absence as well as receive 'push' notifications about school events. The logo above is the one that you need to look for. It will ask you for a PIN - just make one up!

**Healthy Schools** - A huge 'Thank you' to Mrs. Stoddart who has worked really hard in collating enormous amounts of information, resulting in us being awarded 'Healthy Schools' status.

**School Office** - Please note that will not be accepting the old style, round pound coins after Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Please send in the correct money for lunches, uniform, clubs etc. We are not allowed to carry a large amount of petty cash, and if we have just banked, we often do not have the change to give you.

Again, we ask that you try to keep telephone calls of a non-urgent matter to a minimum. If somebody different is picking your child up from school at the end of the day, try and remember to tell the class teacher and your child before the school day begins. It is extremely busy, particularly towards the end of the day in the office, and we may not get the message to your child in time.

**Tea Pot and Porridge pot-** have new terms and conditions which will take effect after October half term; these can be found on the school website. All bookings and payments need to be made via School Gateway where possible. The system will close 48 hours before hand; any late bookings must then be telephoned to the office, or made in person. Both clubs are now extremely busy, so we advise booking early.

**Porridge Pot-** Unfortunately, we will have to increase the cost of a session of Porridge Pot (Breakfast club) to £3.50 after the October half term. We believe that this still represents excellent value for money and is the same price as many other breakfast clubs in the area.

**No Toys-** we have previously allowed small fidget spinners and swapping cards in school at break and lunch time, however this has started to cause problems and some of these toys are being broken or lost. We are saying that no more toys be bought in to school to play with during lunch or break times.

**No nuts-** We do have children in school that are severely allergic and can go into anaphylaxis shock if they come into contact with nuts. Please ensure your children's packed lunches do not contain nuts or any food coming into school does not contain nuts.

**Names on clothes-** please can you make sure that all children's clothes are named; we already have lots of items in lost property that cannot be returned.

**Congratulations** to MSA Ms. Robinson, who got married in the summer holidays and is now Mrs Ramus.

**School Disco-** there will be a school disco on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from 3:15pm- 5pm tickets will cost £2.00 each and children can buy sweets & drinks on the night. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### **After school clubs**

Please be reminded that we do not allow spectators for any of our after school clubs. Many children can become unsettled if there are unknown adults watching them.

### **Swimming**

After October half term, swimming lessons will start for Year 5. A £20 contribution will be required, a letter will follow shortly.

## Dates for the diary

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	On line system for parents evening opens from 2pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day. KS1 & 2 production 'Let's talk about it'
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Book fair arrives - children can browse with their classes
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	1st day of book fair
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	On line parents evening booking system closes at 2pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30 - 6.30pm	Parent/teacher consultations Last day of book fair
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2.20 - 5.30pm	Parent/teacher consultations
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Break for half term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Back to school
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Closing date for secondary school applications
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Swimming starts for Year 5 School disco 3.15 - 5pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual photos taken from 9am
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	'Children in Need' day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal flu vaccination - Rec - Year 4
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle service Nursery - Yr2
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December AM	Nursery & Reception Christmas performance
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December PM	Year 1 & 2 Nativity performance
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December AM	Year 1 & 2 Nativity performance
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am	'Aladdin' performance in school
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am	Carol concert at St Peters Church
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Finish for Christmas at 1.30pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	INSET day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to school

### Christmas Holiday

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

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

Half term

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

### Easter Holiday

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

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