

SHAW RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 2 - NOV 2024

HEAD TEACHERS NOTE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Walking down the corridor I overheard two pupils having a chat. One had, that day, joined our school and the other had been buddied up to support them. "You will like it here - we are one big Shaw Ridge family" said the buddy to the new child.

It is moments like this that reflect positively on our school. Another positive that we saw last term was the election of the school council who are already pulling their minds to ways we can improve our offer. Congratulations to our School Council! I look forward to working with you.

As a staff we are supported by you our parent body in many ways. Your interest in your children's development was reflected in the 90% turn out we had for parent teacher meetings which was a tremendous success. Should you still need to catch up with the class teacher about your child's progress please contact them direct via dojo.

The enthusiasm shown by our outgoing and incoming PTA (FOSR) fills me with confidence that we will continue to work together to raise money for the 'nice to do' things and support each other.

We started this term with a trust wide training day which highlighted the strength and opportunities we now have with a wider collective of schools in the Grove Learning Trust. I look forward to more opportunities to share good practice and provide our children with new experiences. Look out for news of a Year 5 trust wide debating competition!

SAFEGAURDING

At Shaw Ridge, we take safeguarding incredibly seriously. It is our number one priority to make sure that children are safe and happy. All staff in school have a duty of care to safeguard children but some staff take a key responsibility for safeguarding as part of our safeguarding procedures. Below tells you which members of our team take each responsibility linked to safeguarding. Make sure to visit the link below and keep yourself update on our school policies:

<https://www.shawridgeprimary.org.uk/key-information/policies>

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mrs Sally Cowell
Head Teacher



Mr Joe Lee
Deputy Head Teacher



Miss Kate Jeffery
Assistant Head Teacher



Mrs Lauren
Armstrong
Assistant Head Teacher /
SENCO

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Our new School Council has been elected! Our school council is made up of one elected councillor from each class. We ensure that all students have the opportunity to take part and are properly represented by encouraging a fair election process.

We ensure that the interests of all pupils are properly represented by council members through:

- Class discussion before and after meetings
- Class councillors encouraging members of their class to share their thoughts and ideas
- Class councillors voicing those thoughts and ideas at school council meetings



ATTENDANCE

As a school we are raising the profile of the importance of good school attendance in line with the DFE's expectations.

Did you know that any child with an attendance percentage below 90% is classified as a persistent absentee by the DFE. This equates to 20 days or 1/2 a day every school week of missed learning across the school year.

What percentage attendance means to your childs in terms of lost learning					
175 non-school days a year			175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments		
190 school days in each academic year	6 days absence	8 days absence	19 days absence	21 days absence	47 days absence
	184 days of education	182 days of education	171 days of education	169 days of education	over half a term missed! 143 days of education
100%----->97%		96%----->94%		89%----->75%	
(Expected)		(Monitoring)		(School Action)	
GOOD - no learning opportunity is lost Best Chance of success Gives your child a flying start		School to monitor Negative impact on attainment Progress weakened due to gaps in learning		Serious Concern - Persistent absence Serious impact on attainment Fixed Penalty Notice or Court Action	
80% attendance over 5 years = 1 whole year of education lost.					
Research suggests that pupils who have an average of 20 days absent per school year see negtive effects throughout their educational journey - resulting in a whole GCSE grade deficit by the time they leave secondary education.					
Article 28 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: The right to learn and go to school					

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Harvest Festival was wonderful and was great to see our pupils engaging in joyful activities, singing, and giving thanks for the blessings in our lives. A special highlight was the generous collection of food items that was donated to our local community. We were able to donate a huge total of 16 crates to the food bank!



Last term our Year 6's went on their residential to Braeside education centre for 4 days where education was provided outside of the classroom! The children took part in lots of fun activities, from climbing the 10 metre climbing wall to enjoying the 115 metre zip wire! A great time was had by all.

Our year 5's also went on a fabulous school trip to H5 where students stepped outside of the classroom to learn new skills, build resilience and strengthen their relationships and leadership skills!

The cross country team from Shaw Ridge went to Lydiard Park cross country event. There were many schools taking part and the course was approximately one mile with around 100 children in each race. Congratulations to everyone who took part, everyone represented the school brilliantly!

Last week we all wore odd socks to acknowledge anti bullying day as an important event in the school calendar. Classes focussed on what bullying means, how destructive it can be and how we each play a part in making sure we look out for each other and respect differences.

GROVE LEARNING TRUST NEWS

Behind the scenes we have been constantly evolving with GLT. This term we continue to have regular visits from the team ensuring our forward journey is the best it can be.

We have also migrated our emails so that all schools are using the same email platform which will provide us with enhanced features, better user interfaces, and improved functionality!

Staff took part in training workshops on our inset day sharing good practice across the 9 schools.



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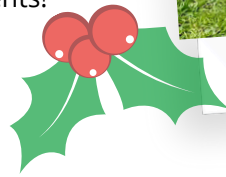


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We successfully raised £280 for Children In Need. In assembly and through the work we did on the day we had chance to reflect on how important it is to look after people less fortunate than ourselves.

Christmas!!

The run up to Christmas is an exciting time in school. We are already practicing songs and planning events!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 21.11.24 Christmas Voice Festival for Choir Club
- 25.11.24 School show arounds for new 24/25 reception starters
- 25.11.24 Yr3/Yr4 Football Tournament
- 04.12.24 Christmas Panto - funded by FOSR
- 06.12.24 Christmas Fair - Choir performance
- 06.12.24 Non School Uniform day in exchange for a tombola gift!
- 09.12.24 Reception (F2) Christmas Performance
- 12.12.24 Yr5 Braeside Meeting
- 13.12.24 Seedlings Christmas Performance
- 16.12.24 KS1 Christmas Performance (pm)
- 17.12.24 KS1 Christmas Performance (pm)
- 18.12.24 KS1 Christmas Performance (pm)
- 19.12.24 KS1 Christmas Parties
- 20.12.24 Christmas Dinner Day
- 20.12.24 Non School Uniform Day - Christmas theme, festive jumpers!
- 20.12.24 Last day of term
- 06.01.25 Start of Term 3
- 29.01.25 - School Disco

*Due to unforeseen circumstances, dates can be subject to change.

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HELPFUL INFORMATION

ANNUAL SEND SURVEY 2024

We need your help!

In order to continually improve SEND Services for children, young people and parents/carers in Swindon, we need feedback from everyone involved.

Please do complete the annual SEND Survey using this link:
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AnnualSEnDSurvey2024/>

and share the link with other children, young people and parents/carers in Swindon also. Alternatively, you can use this QR Code to access the survey:



The survey is open from Monday 30 September 2024 until Friday 6 December 2024. It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

Well Being:

[Every Mind Matters](#)

[ELSA Free Resources](#)

[Free Guided Meditations for Relaxation](#)

[Positive Young Mind](#)

[BBC Mental Health Tips](#)

[Young Minds](#)

[Place2Be](#)



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HELPFUL INFORMATION

Is My Child Too Ill For School?

Please see useful information below about absence due to illness. Whilst we want all children to have good school attendance, we ask that you follow the guidance below if your child is unwell.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

After School Clubs:

All of our after school clubs have now started with all details now emailed out to the relevant year groups.

Allergies:

Please be mindful when you are making your child's packed lunch box. We do have children in school with various allergies and a few children with severe nut allergies. As a school we are very mindful of reducing any risk. Please help us by choosing an alternative healthy food or snack for your child, which does not contain any nuts or nut products.



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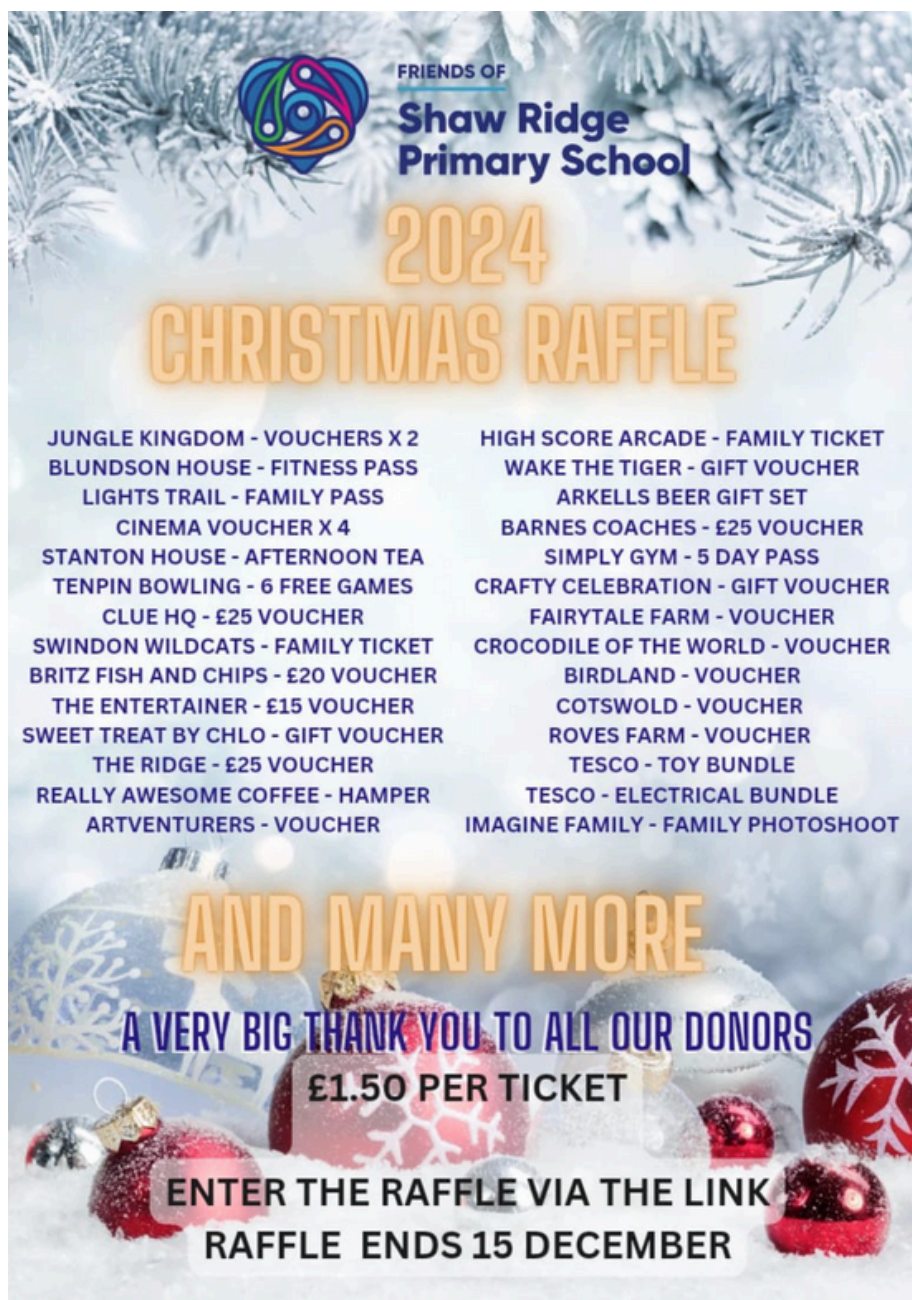
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INFORMATION



**FRIENDS OF
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2024 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

JUNGLE KINGDOM - VOUCHERS X 2	HIGH SCORE ARCADE - FAMILY TICKET
BLUNDSON HOUSE - FITNESS PASS	WAKE THE TIGER - GIFT VOUCHER
LIGHTS TRAIL - FAMILY PASS	ARKELLS BEER GIFT SET
CINEMA VOUCHER X 4	BARNES COACHES - £25 VOUCHER
STANTON HOUSE - AFTERNOON TEA	SIMPLY GYM - 5 DAY PASS
TENPIN BOWLING - 6 FREE GAMES	CRAFTY CELEBRATION - GIFT VOUCHER
CLUE HQ - £25 VOUCHER	FAIRYTALE FARM - VOUCHER
SWINDON WILDCATS - FAMILY TICKET	CROCODILE OF THE WORLD - VOUCHER
BRITZ FISH AND CHIPS - £20 VOUCHER	BIRDLAND - VOUCHER
THE ENTERTAINER - £15 VOUCHER	COTSWOLD - VOUCHER
SWEET TREAT BY CHLO - GIFT VOUCHER	ROVES FARM - VOUCHER
THE RIDGE - £25 VOUCHER	TESCO - TOY BUNDLE
REALLY AWESOME COFFEE - HAMPER	TESCO - ELECTRICAL BUNDLE
ARTVENTURERS - VOUCHER	IMAGINE FAMILY - FAMILY PHOTOSHOOT

AND MANY MORE

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS
£1.50 PER TICKET

ENTER THE RAFFLE VIA THE LINK
RAFFLE ENDS 15 DECEMBER

[GET MY TICKET!](#)

