



Shelley First School Newsletter

1st December 2021

Care, fairness and respect... No barriers to learning... Celebration and joy

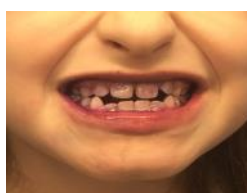
A busy time in school...



It was Science Week last week and the children all had an amazing time! Our Reception children were learning about using their senses in the dark as well as visiting the Yorkshire Sculpture Park to learn more about the seasons. In Year 1 the children were finding out material properties and also worked outside with 'GROW' to explore plants. Year 2 pupils were learning about healthy eating and healthy bodies - a balanced diet. In Year 3 the children donned lab coats to look at a heart and a skeleton. They even made their own poo! They were excited to work with PHD students to extend their learning. Year 4 were learning about teeth; they enjoyed brushing their teeth and finding out about plaque. Year 5 carried out investigations into material properties and solutions.

During the Week colleagues from other Trist schools observed the learning and spoke to the children. They were most impressed that the children are remembering key knowledge and using challenging and technical vocabulary.

It was great to see the children having so much fun in their learning—perhaps we have some budding scientists of the future at school.



Christmas plans

There is always so much going at Christmas! Please see below some updates/ reminders for your reference:



Monday December 6th: Reindeer Run

Many thanks for sponsoring your child for such a good cause. We would love anyone who is in the village to cheer us on. Please below the schedule for our venture. Let neighbours or family know as it was so lovely for the children last year.

Each group will leave via the staff car park, following Park Avenue and turning left onto Cleveland Way, We will then follow the small path and back into school via small gate next to The Cabin. Please can parents NOT stand in the path as it is too restricted- thanks

Class	Leave school time
Reception	1.15pm
Year 1	1.30pm
Year 2	1.45pm
Year 3	2.00pm
Year 4	2.15pm
Year 5	2.30pm

Wednesday 8th & 9th: Reception Christmas performance

Please can you sign up for a ticket via ParentPay, these are limited so only select 2 per family across both dates. There is a small charge but this is to cover the fees from ParentPay, we do not make any money from these sales.

Please send your child in party clothes on both of these days.

Parents should please enter via the main door—please note that the gates will be locked for security other than the main gate and so please allow time for this. We will admit parents from 2.30pm and aim to start at 2.45pm. Parents must wear a mask and we will space out the chairs as numbers of parents are so low.

Thursday 9th: Film night (FOSS): this event is now closed and full

If you wish to please send some pyjamas into school with your child and we can all get cosy! Please collect your child from the ramp exit at the rear of the school at 5.15pm.

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th: Y1-Y5 performance

We are currently reviewing how we perform safely given the latest guidelines. At the moment we have up to 100 parents in the hall plus the class on stage. We will review the situation this week and make a final decision next week. We will still aim to go ahead but may need to reduce to 1 ticket per family. We are sure that you will understand this difficult situation but health must come first.

Thursday 16th: Parties

The children can spend the day in party clothes. Please be mindful though that they play out in these and so they need to be practical.

Friday 17th: Santa Assembly and Talent Show

Please let the teacher know if your child wishes to share their talents. Any music etc needs to be brought into school to support their performance.

Festive Lunch

We have a special Festive lunch planned for 16th December and everyone is invited to take part. To support our catering staff we ask you to pre book this meal by Tuesday 7th December. Please [follow the link](#) to complete the attached form. We will order in accordance with these submissions. If your child has known allergies, we will be in contact to confirm the options available to them for this meal. Please make the £2.35 cost for the meal on your PPay account.

Pantomime - Friday 21st January 2022

The Pantomime is booked and will be visiting the school again in January. Like last year we have several showings booked for the day and children will be able to enjoy a drink and snack during the performance of Christmas Carol. Please sign up via Parent Pay for this whole school event.

Spring Term Milk 2022

If you would like to order milk for the Spring Term, this is now available via ParentPay. The cost for the whole term is £11.65. If your child is entitled to FSM or is Under 5 for the whole of the Spring term, the milk will be free of charge, but you will still need to book this via ParentPay. Please complete the transaction on your PPay account by Monday 13th December at the latest. Thank You

After School Clubs - Spring 2022

The After School Club information is coming out next week, we are excited to be able to offer a wide range of clubs and the children in attendance thoroughly enjoy.

Did you know we run a **choir** on a Friday morning before school? This is an invite for your child to join in the Spring term? Sign up via your ParentPay account for the year.

Date reminders

School re-opens on WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5th 2022

(Monday is a Bank Holiday and we have staff training on Tuesday 4th)