



Shepeau Stow Primary School

Our Vision is to ignite imagination and curiosity which builds an enduring passion for life-long learning

Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you, as always, for your continued support this term. What a busy first month it has been in school. The children are all settled and working hard. The older children in school have taken on their responsibilities as buddies to the younger pupils well and introduced them into school life.

We have attended our first team event of the year, Tag Rugby with some of Y5 and Y6 from across the federation. They did really well, coming 4th. They only lost one game out of six.



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Our Macmillan coffee morning raised over £170. The school councillors did a fantastic job, organising cakes, serving teas and coffees and clearing up. Well done to all of them and a massive thank you to everyone for supporting the event so generously with donations.

We are looking forward to the Harvest Festival this afternoon. The older members of the school council will be coming with Mrs Barmby and I to take the food to the food bank at a date still to be confirmed.



A reminder that dates for events can be found on the website, along with curriculum information and letters. <https://www.shepeaustowschool.co.uk/>



Our school library is open to families every Tuesday after school from 3.30pm to 4pm. It is also open to the pupils during some break and lunchtimes. Our after-school clubs are being enjoyed by lots of pupils this term, with pupils working on team building skills, model making, singing and strategy.

Reminders/Information

Children must only bring water to drink in the classroom. If they have juice in their lunchbox they will only have access to that at lunchtimes. The water must not be flavoured water, just plain water. This is to promote healthy lifestyles and develop good habits from an early age. We have water and milk available to all pupils every day in school.



Snacks are fruit and vegetables only. Children from Reception to Y2 are provided with a piece of fruit daily but they can still bring extra should they so wish.



As the colder weather is now upon us it is very important that the children have coats in school. Please encourage your child to do up their own coats at home. It is an expectation that children in school are managing their own self-care in school unless they have a specific additional need. For those reception children who haven't quite mastered this we will be encouraging them to have done so by Christmas.

Please could you avoid asking class teachers to give out party invites. It is very difficult for us to fit this in and often gets forgotten in the busy life of a school.

Race for Life

We have been notified by Race for Life that they are not running the specific school event this year. However, as we are already signed up we can continue to use our just giving page, run our event and we have been sent the medals for the children. It does mean that we are unlikely to be able to send home paper copies of sponsor forms.



Our event is on 20th October and we would like all the children to come to school dressed in pink for the event. It can be hair, tutus or t-shirts! Anything as long as it is safe and warm for them to wear on the day.



PTFA Update

Information on the PTFA's annual Christmas Card fundraiser is coming home with children this week. Completed templates are due back no later than Friday, 14th October. Further details on how to order will be distributed in the coming weeks. Any queries to be sent to info@ghssptfa.co.uk.

Website

All our letters are uploaded to the school website. We also have term dates, curriculum information and policy documents on there. Please ensure you click the correct tab for Shepeau Stow school as some dates and information are different.

<https://www.shepeaustowschool.co.uk/>



Up and coming dates

Race for Life - 20th October – all children to wear pink.

https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/shepeau-stow-primary-school?fbclid=IwAR2GDh7H3SZ60Qf7-rVIHzfsVg0-l-9LXqwQK8GikCV4oq_olviTxRdHJyQ

End of Term 21st October

Return to school Monday 31st October

Individual photographs 15th November

Children In Need 18th November

Residential Trip 20th – 23rd November

Nativity 13th December (2 x performances)

End of Term 16th December

Yours sincerely

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