



Newsletter

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Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 1st February – **School Closed due to Industrial Action**

Thursday 2nd February – Starry Nights

Tuesday 7th February - Parent's consultation evening 3:15 pm – 5:15 pm

Thursday 9th February - Parent's consultation evening 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Monday 13th February – Tuesday 21st February – Half Term

Monday 20th February is an Inset Day

FOSS – Friday 24th February – World Book Day Costume Sale – 3 – 4 pm

Thursday 2nd March – Ash Class Assembly at 09:00 am

Thursday 16th March – Willows Class Assembly at 09:00 am

Thursday 23rd March – Sycamores Class Assembly at 09:00 am

FOSS – Monday 27th March – Rags to Riches Collection

Thursday 30th March – Oaks Class Assembly at 09:00 am

Friday 31st March – **FOSS – I'm a Pupil Get Me Out of Here – 2 – 3 pm**

Friday 31st March – Last day of Term

Starry Night

A reminder that Starry Night is on Thursday 2nd February from 6-6.45pm. Please bring binoculars, telescopes and torches. The forecast is cloudy but we are hopeful it might improve.

Sport for Champions

As part of our commitment to PE and Sport, Shipley have teamed up with an organisation called Sports for Champions to give the children a chance to meet a world famous gymnast.



Courtney Tulloch, the gymnast who was part of the British Commonwealth Gold medal team in 2018 and 2022, will be visiting Shipley on **Monday 27th February**. He has an impressive array of medals for rings and vault and men's artistic. His rings routines are amazing to watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z51bHjO3Xo4>

Courtney will lead a fitness circuit with each class, for which children can collect sponsorship from friends and family. He will then lead an assembly with the whole school to talk about his journey in sport and give us a demonstration of his skills. We are really looking forward to this!

Funds raised are split between the school (60%) and the athlete's costs/training (40%). Children will be bringing home a sponsor form with this letter. Sponsorship can be collected in cash or via the crowdfunding page:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/shipley>

Children can earn rewards for the sponsorship they raise:

- Over £5 – photo postcard of Courtney
- Over £15 – A4 autographed posted

Industrial action - Wednesday 1st February

Shipley will be closed to all pupils on this day due to the industrial action by teaching staff. Apologies for the disruption this may cause to families. There are a number of home learning activities available with links directly from the CHILDREN and CLASSES page of our website. Teachers are ensuring all children have their log in details and passwords.

Parents Evenings

A reminder that slots for parents are available to book by phone, e-mail or in person. The teachers look forward to showing you what children have been learning about and sharing information about their progress.

Talking to children about keeping safe

Today's news about the increase in grooming and children being at risk from predatory strangers while in their own homes is alarming:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-64415015>

Attached to the newsletter is a practical guide for parents regarding social media use. It can be a really difficult area to navigate for parents. However, opening up a conversation about the risks and benefits of can be really enlightening.

A few facts and tips:

- A small number of our older children have their own phones but many more have regular access to tablets. Some of our older children are on social media but it is not true that all their friends and classmates are on it
- Parental controls are highly recommended
- Any device with a camera or access to the internet needs to be monitored carefully by parents. Turning off the locations settings in photos prevents this being recorded as part of an image file.
- All families have different boundaries and rules regarding phones, tablets and chart functions. Reviewing and reminding children can be a useful exercise
- It is strongly recommended that children leave any tablets or phones downstairs at night, NOT in their bedrooms
- Children can be reluctant to share concerns if they think their screen time will be taken away. Reassure and support them if or when a problem occurs.

Most social media platforms have an age limit of 13 and this is in place to protect children. 13 is the age when children are judged to be capable of making informed decisions about what information is safe to give away. Here is a reminder of those age limits:

Site	Age limit	Site	Age limit
Facebook	13	Snapchat	13
Instagram	13	WhatsApp	16
Tiktok	13	You Tube	18

READING REWARDS

	RUBY	EMERALD	AMETHYST	DIAMOND	WORMERY
WILLOWS					
OAKS				Annabel, Henry	
ASH	Brodie		Shelby, Mia, Rowan		Alice
SYCAMORES			Amelia	Buddy, Rachel	Buddy



GOLDEN BOOK

When a child does something amazing, we like to celebrate the event in Friday's assembly.

- WILLOWS** - Erin for a super Chinese Rabbit, Rhys for being a kind and thoughtful friend
- OAKS** - Early for amazing reading. Early works so hard on his sounds and it was lovely to listen to him read a whole story – keep up the great work!
- ASH** - Mia for being an excellent partner to work with – kind, patient and helpful. Vini for always working enthusiastically and with excellent focus, in everything she does.
- SYCAMORES** - Willow for a huge improvement in her writing, Katie for lots of effort in writing.

Staff have golden tickets to give to children in Willows and Oaks. All golden tickets are put into a weekly draw. This week's winner is Olly C.

Kind regards

Jen Harvey and Jill Phillips