



# Newsletter

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## Summer Term

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Half-Term - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5/6 Residential 28<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 1 July

Inset Day Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Sports Day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July (Reserve date for Sports Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July)

Outdoor Performance of Shakespeare Rocks – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – 6:00 pm

Last Day of Term – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

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## COVID update

Bookings are now open for vaccinations for 5-12 years olds. The vaccination can be a very powerful form of defence and we encourage parents to take up the offer to reduce transmission of the virus and severity of symptoms. Use the link below to book your appointment:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

## This term's exciting learning

This week children have started their new learning topics. Oaks class will be doing Torches and Tales, starting with the Great Fire of London and moving on to Traditional Tales. Tuesday starts off the topic with the author workshop by Kate Cunningham, author of Vlad and the Great Fire of London. It is with great excitement that we are planning a showcase class assembly for parents after half term.

Ash and Sycamores are studying the work of William Shakespeare. Teachers are planning a drama workshop based around one of his plays. We are also planning to bring you a full scale production in the summer term. Watch this space!

## Statutory Assessment Dates

This summer, there are a number of statutory assessments taking place:

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May – **Year 6** SATs – Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPAG), Reading and Maths Arithmetic and Reasoning

From 16<sup>th</sup> May – **Year 2** Reading and Maths

From 6<sup>th</sup> June – **Year 4** Multiplication Tables Check

From 6<sup>th</sup> June – **Year 1** Phonics Screening Check

## Attendance

After the difficult period earlier this year, we are hoping that attendance at school will now begin to stabilise. The 95% threshold is still an aim for all children. We will be contacting and working with parents whose children's attendance has fallen below 90% and where COVID has not been a contributory factor.

The Early Help dedicated schools team will also support with this.

## Punctuality

Please note the school start time is 8.40am. This is when the children start learning in class. While we recognise that some families have longer journeys, we have a number of children arriving late and this has increased recently. In order to help children be here on time to start learning, the school will be opening the gates at 8:30 am. This might ease any congestion in the lane. Gates will be closed just after 8.40am.

Many thanks for helping the children be punctual.

### **Ash and Sycamores science walk**

The children in KS2 took their science outside to develop skills of observation, data collection and analysis. The bluebells helped set the scene and are so magnificent at the moment. Many thanks to our parent helper



### **Gymnastics Awards**



It's wonderful to have such a thriving gymnastics club and we are very lucky to have Becky Williams as a skilled coach. Becky coaches in local clubs as well as judging national and international competitions. No wonder we have a record number of attendees at the club this term and can see all their skills developing so well.

Here are some of the gymnasts from last term proudly displaying their certificates and medals.

### **Parents of children in Year 6:**

There are some dates for your diaries this term

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Residential at Lodge Hill

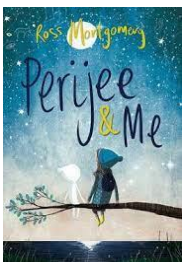
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Transition day for pupils going to The Weald (we are working on a plan with The Weald to ensure children get to both transition day and the residential!)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am – Diocese leavers Service at Lancing College. Parents are invited to attend

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Transition day for pupils going to Steyning Grammar, Tanbridge House and Millais

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 11.00am – Leavers service at Shipley Church. You are invited to come back to school to enjoy a picnic lunch

### **The Shipley Reading Corner 2022**



On our school website, you can find a page dedicated to everything about reading! It contains, amongst other things, a booklist for each year group, *Shipley's Book of the Month* selection and information on new children's fiction for 2022. Please take a look and any questions please contact Ms Stas (Sycamore Class Teacher & English Subject Leader).

This week, the wonderful Mrs Gorton is recommending the book 'Perijee & Me' by Ross Montgomery. She says, "This is a wonderful, sweet book which is suitable for 9+ readers".

### **FOSS**

#### **Equestrian news**

The Shipley Equestrian team had a wonderful morning's ride during the Easter holidays. Thank you to

Helen B for accommodating us. We are currently arranging a summer day camp for anyone who loves horses and wants to join in the fun. Contact school office if your child would like to join our team.

**Shipley Soapbox Derby**

There are just two weeks left to enter the Shipley Soapbox Derby gravity cart race if any children over the age of 7 or parents wish to enter. It's a fun event for the community on Friday 3rd June and soapbox entry fees go directly to Friends of Shipley School. You can follow the build up to this one off event and enter on the link <https://www.facebook.com/shipleyparish/>

**Gardening Club and Friendship Fridays**

School Gardening club will start on occasional Fridays after school instead of the usual third Sunday of the month and will be incorporated with Friendship Fridays. More info on when will be announced on Class WhatsApp class chats.



NEW SHED in Butterfly garden - Donated by Friends of Shipley School.

**Jubilee Afternoon Cream Tea - May 27th at 2.30pm**

Parents and residents of the local community will be coming together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The children will be given a Jubilee coin on this day to mark the celebration and FOSS will unveil the Jubilee Cherry tree plaque.

We are seeking cake donations for the event as children will be on hand to serve our invited guests. Please speak to Sarah C or email school office if you can help or would like to make a cake.

To be kept in the loop of what's happening in FOSS make sure you are on the parents' Class WhatsApp chats? If you are not already on it and would like to be, please email the school office your name and mobile number who will pass your details onto Sarah C - FOSS Chairperson.

**Reading Rewards**

Thank you for supporting your children with their reading. The following children have their certificate and bookmarks:

	RUBY	EMERALD	AMETHYST	DIAMOND	WORMERY
ASH	Buddy, Eve	Jack, Juliette, Dawid, Beatrix	Brodie, Elphie		Noah
SYCAMORES	Penelope, Lily, Hazel, Edith, Grace, Maisie	Julia, Hazel	Max	Emma	Hazel, Maisie, Willow, Ruby



**GOLDEN BOOK**

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

**OAKS -** Ronnie for amazing phonics and reading. Kayla for a big improvement in reading and writing. Rowan for fantastic vocabulary in his Armadillo fact file.

**ASH -** Honey for excellent descriptive writing in English. Jack for persevering in his work this week.

**SYCAMORES –** Marcus for answering lots of questions in class with thoughtful responses. Edith for working Incredibly hard in all areas.

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

Kind regards

Mrs Jen Harvey and Mrs Jill Phillips