

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2018/2019 school year. As you will be aware, this year sees the centenary of both the end of the Great War, and of woman being granted the right to vote. Children in years 3-6 have been investigating these events in their learning journey this half term, and considering the characteristics of the many 'heroes' from this period. We will be inviting parents into school to see their findings during the next half term. The children's work will also be used in an external exhibition about Shaldon's role in the Great War.

Our younger children's learning has also been linked to the events that will take place in November, with year 1 and 2 thinking about different types of celebrations and using this to develop their literacy and self-management skills. I am also delighted with how well our youngest children in reception class have started their journeys in education – the passion and enthusiasm they are all showing for their learning has been a pleasure to see.

Parents with children in years 1-6 will have the opportunity to discuss progress at the parent - teacher consultations in the second week back after half term. However, if you want to discuss any aspect of your child's education at any point during the year, please feel free to pop in to see their teacher any day after school or make an appointment through the office.

Pressure on budgets remains an ever-present issue for schools. You may have noticed that our school minibuses – which have done sterling service over the last few years - are looking rather tired. Over the next year, we will need to replace them and I am very grateful to FOSS for agreeing to have this as a focus for their fundraising this year; please do support their events!

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Finally, please keep an eye out for a letter about exciting plans to spruce up the front of the school – any practical support that you are able to give us in this endeavour will be most appreciated!

Best Wishes,



Head of School



Welcome to our new
Reception Class

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Harvest Festival

This year's harvest festival celebrated the beauty of Autumn. Interspersed between the harvest songs, children shared some of their creative writing about the season.

Year 2 shared an acrostic poem they had created inspired by their learning on what harvest was like on a farm. Following visits to the Botanical Gardens, Year 3 and 4 shared how they were using rich vocabulary and devices, such as similes and metaphors, to create vibrant descriptions of what Autumn meant to them.

Year 5's presentation was based on the poem *'The Falling leaves'* by Margaret Postage Cole while The Women's Land Army from 1918 was the focus for Year 6, sharing some letters they had written in character as 'land girls' back to their loved ones at home.

We are very grateful for Shaldon Bakery for donating an amazing wheat sheaf loaf, to St Peter's Church for their ongoing support in hosting the Harvest Celebration and to all the parents and children who brought in food and produce which was donated to our local food bank.



REMEMBERING WW1

This term pupils from all classes in Key Stage 2 visited the Teign Heritage Centre in Teignmouth as part of their WW1 learning journeys.

Each class arrived full of eagerness and curiosity, with the tour guides making everyone feel instantly welcome and settled. They were then given a brief overview of 'The Great War' and, specifically, women in the war.

The children learnt about different artefacts and daily life in WW1. There was a chance to try some authentic flapjacks and everyone had time to make a poppy (after learning about its significance) plus write a



message to a fallen hero from the local area. Finally they were able to dress up in some wartime outfits, as well as learning how to dress a head wound and how to make a rudimentary sling.

The trips were a huge success and a huge thank you to Teign Heritage Centre and its volunteers for making the days so engaging. The children certainly learned a lot and it has benefitted them in their learning journey.



PARALYMPIC ATHLETE DAVID HILL INSPIRES PUPILS

Earlier this term we welcomed into school, David Hill, a Paralympic Athlete who has represented Team GB in Swimming and Triathlon.

Children from across the whole school had lots of fun completing a fitness circuit with David and were sponsored by family and friends for

their efforts, raising over £1000 enabling us to purchase some new PE equipment. Congratulations to our highest fundraiser, Tegan in Year 3 (pictured with Miss Young) who raised £105! Pupils were also treated to a highly inspirational talk by David who told us all about his journey, from gaining his 5 metre swimming badge at age 3, to representing his country. The children asked some excellent questions and were extremely interested to find out more about how David felt about his disability and his philosophy on life and learning. The key message was to keep trying and you will succeed!



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Year 5 Residential at Pixies Holt



Year 5 enjoyed a few fun filled days at Pixies Holt on Dartmoor in September.

The children took part in caving, archery, walking and orienteering. They also spent time tunnelling and making shelters for local wildlife. Everyone had a great time working together with all of their classmates, taking responsibility, having fun and showing many of our school values.

Tag Rugby

Children from across KS2 took part in a Tag Rugby Tournament organised by the Dartmoor School Sports Partnership (DSSP) in which 40 teams from across South Devon took part.

Our Year 3/4 team battled hard and won several games in the pool stages, while our Year 5/6 team topped their pool and were victorious in the final, beating Bradley Barton 3-2. An outstanding performance by all in the squad.



SPORTS NEWS

Cyclocross

Ten children from Years 5 & 6 took part in the DSSP's Cyclocross event on a beautiful September day in Ashburton.

This was the first time Shaldon Primary has taken part in this event and the

children loved it. Challenging steep hills, slopes and bends tested their endurance.

Jack Cannon (Year 5) was 15th and Sophia Sutton (Year 6) 19th and the others came home closely behind.

Very well done for trying a new sport.



Cross Country

It was another very successful afternoon, with some great results and personal bests across both age groups at the DSSP's Cross Country race last week.

Khaya Legodi was the first Year 3/4 boy home in 6th place and Bessie Knill 14th in the girls. This was Bessie's first cross country so really well done.

Year 6 pupil, Amber Ridgway won the Year 5/6 girls race and Elise Rowbury crept into the top 10 with a new personal best. Oliver Rowbury battled hard to finish in 3rd in the boys race and due to the incredible strength and depth of the team the Year 5/6 team were awarded 3rd overall.



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 29th October - *Back to School*

Friday 2nd November - *FOSS Halloween Disco*

Monday 5th November - *Flu Vaccinations (Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5)*

Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th November - *Parent Consultations*

Friday 16th November - *Children in Need - Non uniform day*

Saturday 24th November - *Year 4 Chorister Performance, Exeter Cathedral*

Friday 30th November - *FOSS Year 5 Bake Sale*

Saturday 8th December - *FOSS Christmas Fair*

Tuesday 11th December, 2.15pm & 6.15pm - *Christmas Celebration at St Peter's Church - (Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6)*

Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th December 2.00pm - *Nativity Performance - (Reception & Yr 1)*

Wednesday 19th December - *School Christmas Lunch*

Friday 21st December - *Last day of Autumn Term*

- Christmas Holidays -

Monday 7th January - *Back to School*



Sports Crew - Autumn Term

12 children have enthusiastically volunteered to be on the Sports Crew for the Autumn Term.

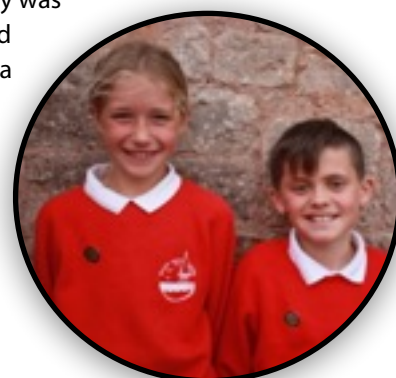
They will take on responsibilities at lunchtime, leading games with the younger children, encouraging others to be active and helping to pack away the equipment.

Head Boy & Girl

This year's Head Boy and Head Girl have been elected following a rigorous selection process.

Amber Ridgway was elected as Head Girl with Sophia Sutton a close second who will now stand as Deputy Head Girl, supporting Amber.

Stan Knill was elected as Head Boy with Nathan Beattie coming second and will take the role of Deputy Head Boy. Congratulations to you all and good luck in your new roles.



Shaldon School Council 2018 - 19



This year's School Council members have been elected and are busy making plans for the forthcoming year alongside Miss Edge who helps to guide the group.

You can keep up to date with all school information, as well as regular news stories and photo galleries on our website. An online calendar shows our upcoming events.



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