



# October 2022 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you enjoy reading our first Newsletter of the new school year. Already, we have so much to share with you: a Y5 residential; the return of Forest School; our wonderful new Sports Leader, Mr Bradley; as well as the fantastic learning and achievements of the children.

At time of writing, we are busy practising for our Harvest Festival. It is so exciting to be able to put on a performance for you all, and makes such a difference to the children.

As we emerge from the recent 'fog' of lockdown, we are doing all we can to hold live events and welcome parents and carers back into our school.

Throughout the year, we will be holding half-termly open classroom events, on the last Friday of each half term, at 2pm. I hope you enjoy coming in to school to see your child's learning environment, speak to our teachers and of course, celebrate your child's achievements. This half term's open classroom is Friday 21st October, and next half term it will be on Friday 16th December

I'm sure many of you will also be delighted to see the return of face-to-face parent consultations, on the 14th and 16th November. We run two parent consultation events each year, one in November and the other in March. Teachers will be posting their meeting slots for you to book online on Monday 31st October. The link is always posted on Class Dojo. The meetings, however, will be face to face and held in the school hall. Each slot is 15 minutes, and there will be plenty of time to look through your child's work.

Our FOSS team have been doing a wonderful job of organising the ever-popular Christmas cards, the 'Secret Room' for Christmas, and Hallowe'en Disco. Remember, it's dress up day on our first day back - Monday 31st October!

I hope you enjoy reading about what all of our children have been up to so far this half term, over the following pages.

Thank you all for your continued support, and I wish you all a restful, relaxing half term break.

Best wishes,

Jenny Stewart

Headteacher



# Reception Class



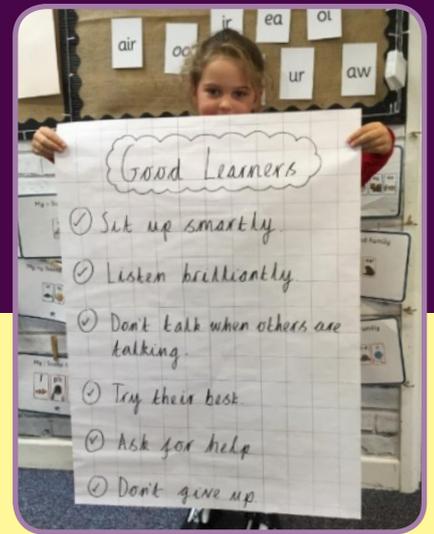
What a wonderful start to Primary school life the Reception children have had! Settling into our precious classroom home, deciding on our class expectations, making new friendships and pushing our learning balloons – what busy, happy learners!

Our first enquiry was reflecting on 'what makes us special?' this was a wonderful enquiry to start with as we learnt new things about each other and what makes us unique and special! Our current learning journey sees us working as expert historians. We are creating a timeline and using historical language such as 'past, present and future'. We have shared lovely baby photos and precious photos of our grown-ups sharing a special memory. This has helped us understand what memories are and that they are real... it has also helped us answer our enquiry question 'Are memories important?'... we think they are!

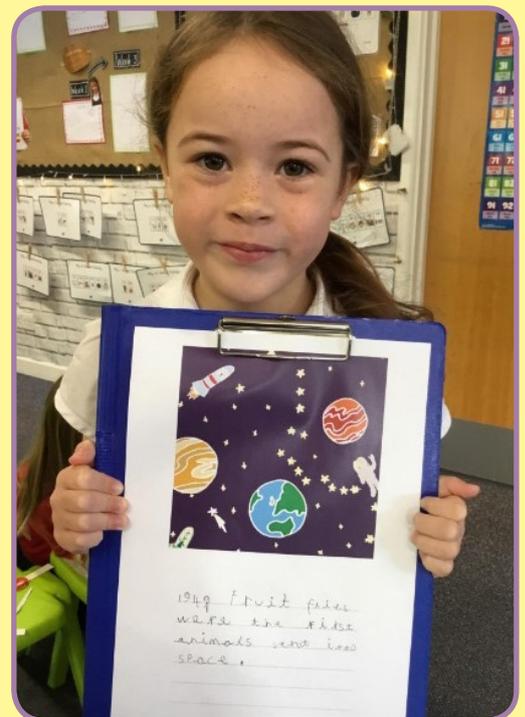
# Year 1

## A team of Great Learners

Since returning to school after the summer holiday, the children in Year 1 have been working hard getting to grips with what it means to be a great learner. They came up with a list of all the things they thought a great learner would do and they have been putting this into practice each and every day since. What a fabulous team of learners!



In the second half of this half-term, the children have been historians, trying to answer the question, 'Has anyone ever walked on the Moon?' The historical knowledge that they have acquired has been staggering, and yes, people have walked on the Moon!



# PIRATES IN SHALDON!

Year two have had an amazing time this term and have learnt so much! We have been learning about classification of animals and humans and have identified as scientists, that Mrs Lisa is a mammal! We have learnt to think like scientists that probe and question using scientific language. The children enjoyed making their 'Classify Me' cards to show just their knowledge has grown.

We are still in the midst of our enquiry about pirates and whether they came to Shaldon... The children really enjoyed pirate dress-up day, and thought that walking the plank was so much fun! We are finding out about the Smugglers Tunnel in Shaldon, and the reason it was built and are learning that there are lots of sources that give us different answers.

Next term we will be starting our geography enquiry, where we will be producing leaflets about Shaldon.

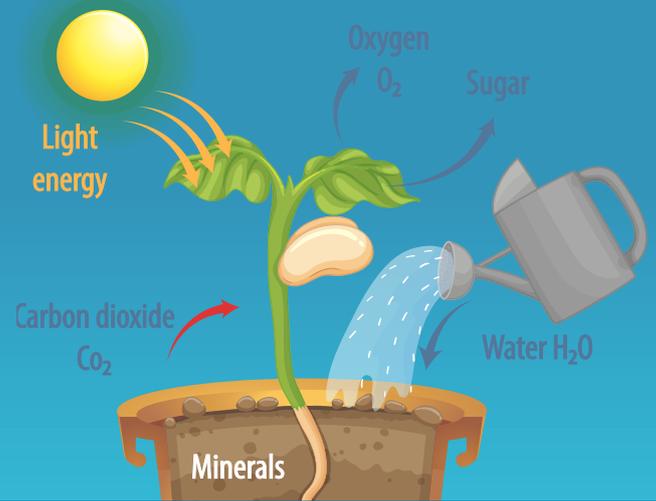
On a personal note, I have really enjoyed building relationships with your children this half-term and thoroughly look forward to more learning experiences next term and beyond.



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# YEAR 3 PLANT EXPERIMENTS



This half term, Year 3 have been thinking like scientists to investigate how plants obtain water. This involved several practical experiments, and we learned about photosynthesis and the nutrition that plants need as we discussed why the plants without water and light had died.

Everyone enjoyed putting celery stalks into glasses of food colouring, to observe the process of capillary action. We also enjoyed reading about the life cycle of a flowering plant, and producing our own drawings in our journals. The enquiry culminated in writing an explanation text and drawing a scientific diagram to illustrate how plants obtain water.

Over the past two weeks, Year 3 have started their history enquiry. Our question is: what was life like for the first farmers? We are seeking to answer this by reading about life for people in Stone Age Britain, studying ancient artefacts and thinking about the challenges of surviving in those times. We've been thinking like historians as we pieced together a timeline (everyone was very surprised to see how long ago the Palaeolithic age started!) The outcome of this enquiry will be a non-chronological report, titled 'What was life like for the first farmers?'

We've also been focusing on our value of Citizenship. As well as taking part in weekly assemblies, children have been considering the question 'what does good citizenship look like?' We've created mini-posters about this, and had lots of discussions about how we can act like good citizens and demonstrate compassion, empathy and drive. Everyone is excited for our Open Classroom day, when we can show you all that we've been learning about and discussing.



# YEAR 4

This half term, Year 4 have been scientists and historians delving into the fascinating subjects of our digestive system and the invasion of Britain by the Vikings. In science, we explored the role that the teeth play in breaking down our food and making it easier to swallow. We then followed the path of the bolus through the oesophagus into the stomach where it mixed with gastric juice and became chyme. The children worked scientifically to record their findings through creating high quality scientific diagrams alongside an excellent piece of scientific explanation writing.

As historians, we learnt about life in Anglo-Saxon Britain and we created a number of different timelines that have showed the chronological progression through the units we have learnt in Year 3 and now Year 4. Throughout this enquiry, we have been learning about the Viking raid on Lindisfarne which signalled the beginning of Viking raids and eventually conquest in the British Isles. We discovered that there are many reasons why the Vikings were highly successful raiders and how their attacks on British soil changed the course of history.



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# AUTUMN TERM

What a term it's been in Year 5! I have been so impressed with how hard the children have worked and with the drive they have shown getting back into school life. We had such exciting opportunities too, in which they thrived.

## RESIDENTIAL

Not long after the start of term, was our residential to Pixie's Holt. So many children faced their fears about being away from home in order to come on the trip. I was immensely proud to be taking the whole class away. Here, we did lots of exciting activities such as climbing and weaselling, and of course stories around the bonfire! We returned home on the Friday morning exhausted with lots of new memories.



## SCIENCE ENQUIRY

Our first enquiry of the year was science, in which we wrote a David Attenborough-style script about the lifecycle of an animal. I was amazed with the quality of their lifecycle diagrams throughout the enquiry too, as were other staff members in the school.



## HISTORY ENQUIRY

Our short history enquiry was all about Ancient Greece, and the children gained a huge amount of knowledge. Their use of artefacts to learn about historical time periods was fantastic and allowed them to really think like historians.

## CITIZENSHIP

Our character value this term was citizenship and Year 5 have definitely taken it in their stride. Each week, they have been nominating someone to receive the head teacher award based on who they think has shown good citizenship (empathy, drive or compassion) throughout the week. I received a huge amount of nominations each week and it was so lovely to see them all recognising those behaviours in others.





# Shaldon School Council

Introducing this year's School Council. The children will be focussing on Anti-Bullying this term. We can't wait to see the positive difference they make.



# October Half Term Multi Sports Camps

## What's the plan this October?

This October we have some great activities planned which will be taking place, each & every day. Our weekly plan looks like this:

### **Monday:**

Athletics/Zorbing/Scooter Hockey/  
Dance/Rounders/Benchball

### **Tuesday:**

Ball Skills/Gymnastics/Tag Rugby/  
Hoverboarding/Netball/Dodgeball

### **Wednesday:**

Striking & Fielding/Basketball/Bench  
Blast/Halloween Crafts (4 - 7 Group)/  
Fitness

### **Thursday:**

Badminton/Table Tennis/Hockey/Golf/  
Target Games/Halloween Crafts (8+  
Group)

### **Friday:**

Football/Tennis/Golf/Hoverboarding/  
Zumba/Volleyball

## Dates

Monday 24th October - Friday  
28th October

[www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk](http://www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk)

Every day is different at KSG. Your child(ren) will experience a range of 6 sporting activities. Over the week they will not only take part in physical activity but also socialise with different children, make new friends and have fun in a safe and friendly environment.

For all the schools we deliver the PE curriculum in & after school clubs we'd like provide you with a discount code for our October Half Term holiday camps.

Use code "OCT10" at checkout.



## Venues

Priory Catholic Primary School  
 St Catherine's Rd,  
 St Marychurch,  
 Torquay  
 TQ1 4NZ

Sacred Heart RC Primary School  
 Cecil Road  
 Paignton  
 TQ3 2SH

Shaldon Primary School  
 9 Bridge Rd,  
 Shaldon,  
 Teignmouth  
 TQ14 0DD

St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School  
 Polhearne Way  
 Brixham  
 TQ5 0EE

| <b>Per Day</b>        | Timings                                | Price   |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| The Day               | 08:00 till 10:00am (Drop Off) - 4:00pm | £21.00 (Inc VAT)  |
| Late Pick Up          | 4:00pm - 6:00pm*                       | £4.00 (Inc VAT)   |
| <b>Full Week</b>      | Timings                                | Price   |
| The Day (5 Days)      | 08:00 till 10:00am (Drop Off) - 4:00pm | £105.00 (Inc VAT)<br><b>Sibling discount 20% off second child</b> |
| Late Pick Up (5 Days) | 4:00pm - 6:00pm                        | £20.00 (Inc VAT)  |

# No Child Left Indoors Forest School

## Half term Forest school club at the Ness Woodland

Dear Parents/Carers,

My name is Dan Rees and I will be running a Forest School club during the half term holiday (Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October) from 9-3 each day. We will be learning all sorts of outdoor skills such as:

- Den building
- Fire Lighting
- Safe knife skills
- Bushcrafting
- Plant and tree identification
- Campfire cooking - And lots more!

If you would like your child to take part in these sessions please contact me at [nochildleftindoors@hotmail.com](mailto:nochildleftindoors@hotmail.com)

Sessions will cost £30 per day. We will meet at the bottom of the Ness car park each morning. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather and has plenty of water to drink as well as a packed lunch and snacks, There will be some camp cooking during the week as well.



# GUYS FOR SHALDON BONFIRE

Hope to see you at the Bonfire - it is being lit by the 4 former Shaldon Primary School pupils who make up the 2022 Water Carnival Royal Party



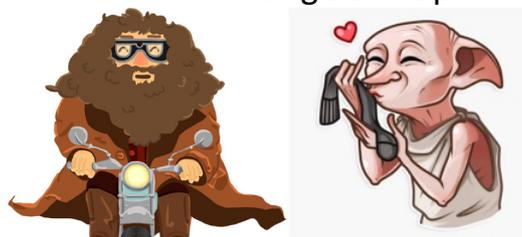
On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October a huge **Bonfire** will be lit on Shaldon River Beach. And if you love Harry Potter and his friends, you will really love that Bonfire! But we really need YOUR help, children, And lots of **GUYS** to burn!

Whether you're a Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw or Hufflepuff, please make a Guy based on one of the **amazing characters in Harry Potter's world** during the Half Term holiday. You could create a Student of Witchcraft and Wizardry, a Magical Creature or even He Who Shall Not Be Named himself. Just remember that your Guy must be made from materials that are non – toxic and as natural as possible for our wood – only bonfire.

Then simply bring your **Magical Guys** along to the Ferry Shelter on the Beach between 10am and 3pm on the day of the Bonfire itself – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Parents – please firmly attach your child's name, age and a contact phone number to the Guy and it will be entered into the **Shaldon Bonfire Guy Competition**  
Best Guy wins £25 cash  
2 runners-up prizes of £15 and £10

Remember, remember! The Bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm with fireworks from the Point starting at 7.15pm





# New Governors

## Alice Hulbert



I grew up in Shaldon, and was a pupil at Shaldon school; I'm happy to be back and to see all the wonderful things the school is doing. When I left school I moved to London and worked in social finance (a special type of investment for charities, social enterprises and profit-with-purpose companies), but I missed the sea too much so had to come back and work from home in Shaldon! I'm looking forward to becoming more involved in Shaldon, and particularly keen to think about how the school can continue to link in with the local community as part of this Community Partnerships governor role.

## Ali Upton



I have lived in Shaldon for 12 years and work for a local charity. I have previously chaired the pre-school and have been a trustee for a charity. I am passionate about pupils developing their character and being active members of their community. I am taking over the Ethos and Distinctiveness portfolio.

## Wellbeing

This term we've been thinking about love and loss and how we could represent this through art.

Mrs Betts



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 31st Oct**

**FOSS Halloween Dressing Up Day**  
KS1 2-3pm £1 suggested donation  
(squash and choc lolly included)  
KS2 3.15-4.30pm £3 per child  
(squash, crisps and sweets included)

Payable at [www.pta-events.co.uk/shaldon](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/shaldon)

**Friday 11th Nov**

**Year 5 Cake Sale**

**Monday 14th Nov**

**Parent Consultations**  
Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 2pm-6.30pm  
Year 3 / Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6 3.30pm-6.30pm

**Tuesday 15th Nov**

**Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations**  
An email will be sent closer to the time  
for parents to opt in for their child

**Wednesday 16th Nov**

**Parent Consultations**  
Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 3.30pm-6.30pm  
Year 3 / Year 4 / Year 5 2pm-6.30pm

**Thursday 17th Nov**

**Parent Consultations**  
Year 6 2pm-6.30pm

**Friday 2nd December**

**FOSS Non-uniform Day**  
Rowcroft Rudolph Run – class time slots to be  
confirmed closer to the time

**Tuesday 6th Dec**

**Christmas Celebration at St. Peter's Church**  
Reception & Year 1 Nativity: 2.00pm -3.00pm  
Year2 – Year6 Carol Performance: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

**Friday 9th Dec**

**FOSS Christmas Secret Room**

**Sunday 11th Dec**

**FOSS Gingerbread House Decorating**

**Wednesday 14th Dec**

**FOSS Christmas Hamper Draw**

**Thursday 15th Dec**

**Christmas Lunch**

**Friday 16th Dec**

**Last Day of Term**

----- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS -----

**Tuesday 3rd Jan 2023**

**Return To School**