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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019



Dear Parents/Carers

Here we are at the end of week two. The children are still smiling and so are the staff. We have had a really good start to our term.

**This Week's News ...**

### **Shrewsbury Bookfest**

Mrs Jane Payton came to visit Year 6 on Tuesday with the longlist of books for our pupils to read for Shrewsbury Bookfest. The children were very excited to see the titles and get their hands on a challenging book to read. There will be a letter next week about the Bookfest Award Ceremony for Year 6 children.

### **Reading Workshop for Parents**

Staff have been busy planning their Reading Workshop for parents. There will be a letter coming out tonight to give more information about these workshops for parents.

### **Walking Bus**

Mrs Bev Buckley has offered to start the 'Walking Bus' up again from Wenlock Rise. She used to lead this walking bus a few years ago. We need to establish what interest there is in terms of children walking and parents to help. Watch out for the letter about this next week.

### **Aldi's Get Set to Eat Fresh Campaign**

Aldi supermarket are offering Team GB athlete stickers when you spend £30 in store. We are collecting these so please encourage friends and family to collect them and send them into school. We will add them to a big poster and if we collect all 300 we can be entered into a prize draw to win £20,000. If we send the poster in with 300 stickers on we will receive an exclusive sports kit. Thank you to all who have already sent in stickers; so far we have received 68! Keep shopping and persuading your friends and family to pick up the stickers.

**Forthcoming news ...**

### **Swimming lessons**

Year 3 children have started their swimming lessons today. Well done to all.

### **PTA news and AGM**

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September the PTA AGM will take place in the school hall at 7.30 pm. Please read the letter from the PTA and consider different ways of helping. With challenging budgets that are increasingly stretched, we would really struggle to finance all of the extras at school without the help of the PTA.

### **Art Week - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

Next week we will have Rory McCann in school, an artist in residence. He will be painting a mural on the wall of the hall which will embrace our Global Learning. He will work with each class to collect children's ideas and put these together into a wall mural.

### **Sculptures made from Plastic Bottles**

The Rep Theatre are going to provide a workshop to link with our Y3, 4, 5 & 6 trip to see Peter Pan in January. We would like to start collecting clean plastic bottles from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

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### Ofsted Inspection

We are expecting an Ofsted Inspection this year. As you know Ofsted like to gather parents' views about schools. They have a web-based survey called Parentview. Can I please encourage you to go onto this survey and fill it in. The more parents that have told Ofsted their views - the better. Needless to say, if you have any negative thoughts or concerns, I would far prefer us to sort any issues out as a school. I am available at the beginning and end of most days for you to voice any concerns.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

### School Games Award

I am pleased to say that we have once again retained our Gold Mark for sport in School.

### Safer Schools Accreditation

Last term we had a visit from Ian Bartlett our Safer Schools officer, He was very impressed by our hard work in maintaining our Safer Schools Accreditation. Please see his comments below.

#### *Safer Schools'*

*Castlefields Primary School has been involved with the 'Safer Schools' initiative for ten years. During this time, the school has held annual 'Safer School' meetings and I have attended these meetings. Whenever possible, the Police/CSOs have supported these meetings too. We have reviewed security/safety measures, prepared and updated action plans, introduced an incident recording process and reviewed parent/carer/pupil feedback. These meetings are productive and a good reflection of the hard work by Mrs Hampson and staff in maintaining the 'Safer School' accreditation. In recognition, the accreditation has been updated, with a new certificate presented to Mrs Hampson, staff and pupils. Overall, excellent work!*

*Ian Bartlett*

*Crime Prevention Officer  
Shropshire Council*

### Diabetes UK

The total amount that we raised for Diabetes UK, from the Bridgnorth Walk, was £1,866.25 - well done everybody!

### Cross Country Events

I hope you have received the letter about the forthcoming Cross Country Events and that you are encouraging your child to take part. They are great events and give children a great sense of team and personal satisfaction. The individual children that do well get put through to the Winter Games to represent East Shropshire.

### Netball League

Two teams from Years 5/6 will be competing in a Netball League on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Children involved will have received a letter.

### Passes for walking across the field from Oldbury Wells

Please remember that if you walk across the field, you will need a pass. Please call into the office.

### Local Activities

Please see the website for details of upcoming events. Please use discount code IDS50 if booking the Warrior Assault Course taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Yours sincerely

*J Hampson*

Mrs J Hampson  
Headteacher

