



Shaftesbury
Primary School
Growing together

Fortnightly Newsletter 27/09/24

Dear Parents and Carers,

- 1) Our average attendance this week was around 94%. On two days this week, we surpassed our target of 95%. Thank you to the vast majority of parents and carers for getting children to school. We would though like to see even more of our parents and carers enable their children to come to school every single day that they are well. Children with good attendance at school typically have the best life chances. As an incentive to come to school everyday, we will be offering an end-of-year free adventure trip for all pupils who maintain 100% attendance from **Monday, 16 September 2024 to Friday, 27 June 2025**. Hopefully the event will take place in July 2025.
- 2) Just to remind you again, our Parents' and Carers' Evenings this term are on 16th and 17th October, after school as usual. Parents and carers will be sent details so that they can book appointments to see their child/children's teacher(s) and find out about their progress and next steps of learning.
- 3) Friday 13th September was the International Day of Democracy. Our pupils voted for their Junior Leadership Team members in KS 2. The Junior Leadership Team (JLT) acts like a student council that listens to children in school and reports their findings to the senior leaders of the school.
- 4) **Charity events this first half-term include...**

Jeans for Genes (20/09/2024) Pupils learned about genetic disorders in PSHE. Pupils and staff came to school wearing jeans/denim on the day to raise money to support the charity Jeans for Genes.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon (27/09/2024) Pupils and staff came to school wearing something green, purple or white. Tea, coffee and cakes were sold in

the theatre after school to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. Pupils will have the opportunity to purchase a cake/biscuit during the day.

Wear Red Day (18/10/2024) Pupils will learn about racism in PSHE and they will wear red for the day, to show racism the red card and to say no to racism.

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**5) New INSET Day announced by the Boleyn Trust - 03/01/2025**

Friday 3rd January will be a training day for school staff so the school will be closed to children that day. Children's first day back after the Christmas holiday will be Monday 6th January 2025

**6) Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024/25 - Transition to Secondary - Parents Workshop**

The presentation involved step by step details on how to apply for secondary schools; it highlighted local open days and important dates for parents to consider. There was also an opportunity for parents to talk to Mr Everard about any concerns or queries they may have had regarding the SATs. The presentation looked at the structure of the 2025 SATs tests and parents were provided with websites and guidance on how to support their child's learning at home.

**7) Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October - 2024/25 (Cyber choices presentation)**

Year Five and Six will be attending a Cyberbullying presentation by the Metropolitan Police

The presentation has four fundamental aims:

A. to work with young people who have developed cyber skills and used them for an illegal purpose, or young people with high level cyber skills who could be vulnerable to cyber criminality. They work with these young people to get them to use their cyber skills to look at employment within the cyber security sector, therefore using their skills for legal purposes and diverting them away from the criminal pathway.

B. to educate young people about the Computer Misuse Act 1990

- C. to make sure they know what is legal and illegal cyber activity
- D. to encourage young people to make informed choices when using technology

This is a positive safeguarding initiative with important educational content. It's in order for The Prevent Team to be able to divert the maximum amount of young people away from cybercrime. They are working hard to ensure that their services are well known and established within the heart of education.

8) And lastly to remind you, all of our children are encouraged to learn the Shaftesbury Pledge by memory. Some brave children, as a group, like to recite our pledge at Achievement Assemblies. If you would like to help your child/children learn the pledge, then it goes as follows...

*This is our school where we learn and grow together,  
May we respect everybody today and forever.  
We are a family at Shaftesbury learning and living as one,  
May we be caring, friendly, polite and have fun!*

Yours faithfully,

Mr Hadlow - Head Teacher