

Shipton Bellinger Primary School

Weekly School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst it might have been a cooler week, we have been 'HOT' with activity in school. We kick started the week with an assembly delivered by Hampshire library service launching their summer reading challenge.



On Tuesday we welcomed our new entrants for their second 'Stay and Play' session. The children enjoyed exploring the indoor and outdoor environments with Mrs Kiely and Mrs Mulley. The children were also introduced to some heuristic play too!



After school on Wednesday, myself and Mrs Warland delivered our School Organisation Presentation. We explained that class structure for next year, following on from the presentation last academic year. For those who were not available to join the presentation, we will let you know when this has been uploaded onto our school website.

On Wednesday, our EYFS children in Cygnus class went on their first school trip to Marwell, along with the rest of the KS1 children from Cygnus and Ara Class. Based on their topics 'Going Wild' and 'Saving the World!'. The children had a great day exploring all the animals to enrich their learning!



Although it was to a smaller audience than usual due to Cygnus and Ara being on their school trip, Pegasus Class did a fantastic job showcasing their learning from the summer term. We all enjoyed their monster dance as well as their balloon science experiment. Next week Ara Class will be hosting their final Family Assembly. It will be taking place on Wednesday 8th July at 2:30pm.



After school on Wednesday, we had the postponed Ground Force Working Party for the outdoor EYFS and KSI areas. Once again, they have done an amazing job helping us to transform the outdoor learning areas.....their next challenge is our forest school!!



Thank you to everyone who brought in donations for our FoS Cake Sale. I might have made a few purchases myself!! Currently the initial total made is £90!!

This week we also have the Scholastic Book Fair in school. There has been a great buy 2 get one free, which I have to say I have also indulged in. It will finish on Monday, so please visit after school before then if you can.



It was great to finally celebrate all the amazing creations that were made during our Art week focusing on Wild Art.



Our final weeks in school are jam packed, so please remind yourself of upcoming dates on our yearly overview! Hopefully we will see lots of you at our Summer BBQ tomorrow on the school field from 2-5pm!

If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

From Miss Seed



TATTOO YOUR TEACHER

On 13th July, you are invited to Tattoo Your Teacher. Available, from FOS, will be a selection of temporary tattoos ranging from 50p to £1. Children can then purchase as many temporary tattoos as they wish and place them in a cup of their choice. Each cup will be allocated to different adults across the school. At 2pm, adults will apply all the tattoos that have been purchased for them by the children. All proceeds will go to FOS and raise money for school equipment.

DAY'S GONE BY

Shipton Bellinger Primary School Archives

Help Us Bring the School's History to Life

We are currently putting together a display using material from the school archives, from **old building plans** to **photographs** across the years.

Come along to one of our open afternoons, where **everyone is welcome** to browse and enjoy a glimpse into the school's past (you might even spot yourself if you are an ex-student!)

OPEN AFTERNOONS

Wednesday 15TH JULY
3:00PM – 5:00PM

Sunday 19TH JULY
11:00AM – 3:00PM

SUGGESTED ENTRY DONATION: £3
with tea or coffee included

Cakes
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE DAY

Celebrating our past, supporting our future

All donations go to the school fundraising account

SRE PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS IN YEAR 5 AND 6

On **MONDAY 6TH JULY** at **2:30pm**, our PSHE lead, Mrs Kiely, will be delivering a presentation for parents whose children are in Year 5 and 6. This is to provide you with information regarding how our sex, relationship and health education is taught, what is covered and also to answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend, the presentation will be shared with you and available on the school website after the event.

FORMER PUPIL OF SHIPTON BELLINGER.....

Hello, I am Molly-Rose Atkinson. Some of your children may remember me from when I was a pupil at Shipton and my mum is Mrs Atkinson in Orion class.

I am currently in year 9 at John Hanson School in Andover and I have been given the incredible opportunity to take part in a life-changing Cambodia Trek Expedition in 2028 with Camps International. This is a four-week expedition that will allow me to travel to Cambodia and work on meaningful community, environmental, and wildlife conservation projects that will make a real difference to local people and their future.



During the expedition, I will be helping with projects that aim to improve education standards in rural communities, raise living standards for families, and support important wildlife conservation programmes that protect vulnerable habitats and biodiversity.

But families at Shipton Bellinger School, I need your help!

To take part in this incredible expedition, I need to raise £4,990. I am fully committed to reaching this goal and will be fundraising in every way I can, from my GoFundMe page to organising various community events over the next two years.

I will be offering glitter tattoos at your school discos and hopefully more school events in the future.

I am incredibly determined to make this opportunity happen, and I hope I can also inspire your children to believe that no dream is too big. Even though Shipton is a small school in a small village, amazing things can be achieved with hard work, determination, and belief in yourself.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this and for considering supporting me on my journey.

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Molly-Rose's Cambodia Trek Expedition



Donate now!

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FRIENDS OF SHIPTON

Thank you for your wonderful cake donations yesterday, we are truly grateful - we raised £90.00 from the Bake Sale - so thank you!



We are pleased to share with you some upcoming events:

Saturday 4th July - Summer Picnic/BBQ -

Thursday 9th July - End of Year 'Summer' Disco - tickets will be available soon - poster coming out next week.

At the disco, Molly-Rose (see above information about her fund raising), will be in attendance selling and applying temporary glitter tattoos - these will cost between 50p and £1 - please send your child in with cash if they would like one.



"No one can do everything but everyone can do something"

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK.....

CYGNUS CLASS

We have had another action packed week of learning in Cygnus!

In English, we began reading a new non-fiction text called 'What a Waste!'. We began by exploring features of a non-fiction text before learning more about what is meant by 'waste' and 'pollution' and steps that we can take to reduce our waste to help our planet. In Maths we are beginning a unit in time. We ordered the days of the week and months of the year and thought about what we do on certain days and in certain months using the calendar to help with this.

In Science, we planted sunflowers seeds and are excited to observe their growth and in History we learnt more about Mary Seacole who was a nurse who helped soldiers during the Crimean war. The children are also enjoying their music unit which is inspired by dragons!

Of course, we also had an exciting trip to Marwell Zoo! The children did incredibly well and were very excited to meet some interesting animals and learn more about them. The giraffes, penguins and flamingos were top favourites! We hope you enjoyed our postcards home to tell you more about our day!



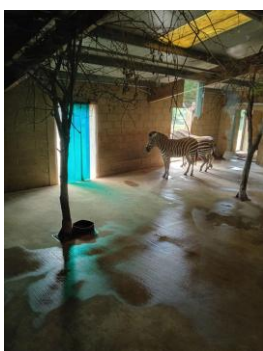
It was also lovely to welcome family to share our creations from Art week! The children were so proud of their achievements and so excited to show them off!



ARA CLASS



It has been lovely to return to a slightly less hot classroom this week, and the children have enjoyed all of their learning with lots of enthusiasm. In English, we have begun exploring the non-fiction book *What a Waste*, where the children are learning all about pollution and its impact on our planet. They have had some thoughtful discussions and have been feeling quite strongly about how much pollution there is in the world. Many of them are already thinking of ways they can make a difference by helping to care for the environment.



In Maths, we have been developing our problem-solving skills using addition and subtraction. The children have also been learning how to add three one-digit numbers, thinking carefully about the order in which they add them to make calculations easier and more efficient.



In Music, the children designed their own imaginative dragons, ready to compose and perform music inspired by their creations next week. We cannot wait to hear the finished pieces!

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our fantastic trip to Marwell Zoo on Wednesday. The children loved seeing all of the amazing animals and excitedly talked about which creatures they might spot next. They behaved beautifully throughout the day and were a real credit to the school. It was such a wonderful trip for everyone.



CONSTELLATION ROOM

What a fantastic week we've had in Constellation Room!

We've been making the most of the lovely warm weather by spending lots of time learning and playing outside. The children have loved exploring the outdoor environment, developing their physical skills, and enjoying lots of fun activities in the sunshine.



In **English**, we have continued our *Commotion in the Ocean* topic, learning about a variety of sea creatures and their habitats. We have also been discussing the importance of looking after our oceans, exploring what happens when rubbish ends up in the sea and how this affects the animals that live there. The children have shown great curiosity and have enjoyed sharing their ideas about how we can help protect our environment.

In **Maths**, we have been sequencing the days of the week, practising the order of the days and thinking about which day comes next. The children have been doing a brilliant job remembering the sequence and talking about their weekly routines.

This week we also enjoyed exploring the **library**, where the children had the opportunity to look through a range of books and share stories together. They also had lots of fun experimenting with **musical instruments**, exploring different sounds and rhythms.



Our highlight of the week was undoubtedly our **school trip to Marwell Zoo**! We had such a fantastic day seeing lots of amazing animals from different habitats and climates around the world. The children were excited to spot their favourite animals and learn more about where they live. They represented the school brilliantly and had an unforgettable day.

Throughout the week, we've also enjoyed plenty of creative activities, including **drawing, painting, and colour mixing**. The children have loved experimenting with different colours and expressing themselves through their artwork.

Thank you for another wonderful week. We hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to another exciting week of learning together! ✨



PEGASUS CLASS

A big highlight for this week has been our family assembly! Despite only starting it on Monday, the children managed to put on a fantastic last family assembly to showcase all their hard work this term. The parents even got a sneak peak of all the art we did last week. Even though we have not worked on our monsters unit for 8 weeks, the children managed to pull off a really good Thriller dance. It was so good that Miss Seed even asked them to perform it again. The children also really impressed the audience when showing a balloon rocket experiment as part of our Science lesson.

In English, the children brushed up on our subordinating conjunctions (because, when, although) to create subordinate clauses and extend our sentences. Not only that, the children have also been working hard in their handwriting and spelling. We made sure everyone tries their best to write in kinetic letters. During spelling, we recalled our KSI phonics knowledge and lessons to help sound out and sound button our new spelling words. This will help them make their spellings phonetically plausible when spelling unfamiliar words.

In Maths, we focussed on times tables and seeing the connection between the 4 and 8 times tables. The children wrote the fact family for each number sentence to help understand how multiplication and division are connected. They also continued using arrays, bar models and number lines to help them work out a problem.

I'm so proud of everyone in Pegasus!

ORION CLASS

This week we have been working hard across the curriculum and enjoying our work on *All the Fun of The Fair*. Our reading book *Magicborn* has hit a peak and we are starting to make connections from earlier in the story. The anticipation of what is going to happen is almost getting too much! We have predicted events, while also developing our retrieval and clarification skills.

In writing, we completed our persuasive letters to a councillor to save the pier. We had to think about different reasons for investing in the local attraction and used paragraphs to structure our letters appropriately. Later in the week, we have refined our use of pronouns, sentence openers and subordinating clauses ready for our upcoming narrative writing.

During maths, we have solved a range of missing number problems using our formal methods for addition and subtraction. We have used our reasoning to plan what we expect an answer to be based on our known facts. It has been great to solve more complex worded problems too.

Map symbols were the focus in Geography this week. We looked at a range of maps and hunted for different symbols to recognise landmarks. Lots of us found it fascinating to explore the world of maps before Google made us all go online.

Mrs Atkinson enjoyed our french lesson this week where we learnt feminine and masculine plurals for family members and wider relatives. We have grown in confidence when reading passages about imaginary people. As part of the lesson we were able to respond to questions by translating the information.

As part of our art this week, we have explored facial features ready for our final portrait work. Using mirrors, we studied the shape of different body parts and practised drawing them before combining them for one full picture.



CASSIOPEIA CLASS

What a fantastic week! We've been busy doing rehearsals for our production of 'Gigglebox' on the stage. The scenes are coming together and we have worked on knowing when and where we come off stage. Some of us have lots of lines to learn and I've been impressed with those that are now managing to say their lines without the script in front of them. We are very excited about the play and looking forward to our families coming to watch.

Many of the children have been on their transition day to their new secondary school. It was lovely to hear all about the exciting lessons they took part in and about their new tutor groups.

This week was our final squash lesson. It has been great to see the progress of the children over the last few weeks and I know it is something lots of the children would like to continue playing.

In Writing, we have been focusing on sentence level work which has included when to use colons and semi-colons. We then ended the week reminding ourselves of relative clauses and how to use them. This is in preparation for including these skills in our writing in the form of a non-chronological report about a south Pacific Island next week.

It was nice to see lots of parents in to see the art work we did last week. We were able to show off our sketching skills





Saturday 4th July	Summer BBQ - 2-5pm
Monday 6th July	SRE Presentation for Year 5 and 6 Parents - 2:30pm
Wednesday 8th July	Whole School Transition Morning
Wednesday 8th July	Ara Class Family Assembly
Wednesday 8th July	New EYFS Stay and Play by myself - 9:30am - 11:30am
Thursday 9th July	End of Year School Reports to be sent home
Thursday 9th July	End of Year Disco - EYFS/ KSI 3:15 - 4:15pm and KS2 4:30-5:30pm
Friday 10th July	SPORTS DAY
Monday 13th July	FoS Tattoo Event
Tuesday 14th July	Year 6 Production - Evening
Tuesday 14th July	New EYFS Stay and Play with my buddy - 1:30 - 2:30pm
Wednesday 15th July	Open Afternoon 3:10pm onwards
Wednesday 15th July	Cygnus Class Family Assembly - 2:30pm
Wednesday 15th July	Year 6 Production - evening
Wednesday 15th July	Days Gone By 3-5pm
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Leavers' Event 4-6pm
Friday 17th July	Back up date for Sports Day
Sunday 19th July	Days Gone By - 11am - 3pm
Monday 20th July	Shipton's Got Talent - PM
Tuesday 21st July	Thank You Assembly - 9am
Wednesday 22nd July	Leaver's Assembly - 9am - Year 6 Parents invited
Wednesday 22nd July	End of Year Picnic - School Field from 12pm
Wednesday 22nd July	Last Day of School
Thurs 23rd July - Monday 31st August	SUMMER HOLIDAYS

All dates and timings are accurate at the time of publication but are subject to change

SHIPTON BELLINGER PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER

PICNIC & BBQ

SATURDAY 4TH JULY

2:00PM - 5:00PM
SCHOOL SPORTS FIELD

Bring the family, bring a picnic ...
or order some BBQ food!

PLUS ... BOUNCY CASTLES FOR THE CHILDREN!



THE ICE CREAM VAN WILL BE THERE!

PLEASE SEE EMAIL FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO ORDER FOOD



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For ages 8 - 13

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