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# Newsletter



What a warm welcome I have received from you all! In just two weeks, I already feel very settled and part of our school community. This is testament to our school vision of being together and loving one another. I am beginning to get to know the children and am enjoying spending time in their company. They are a joy to spend time with! Highlights for me so far have been: my first collective worship, especially seeing the Y6s singing and dancing on the benches to 'My Lighthouse'; visiting Class One and seeing their wonderful creations, including a big scary dinosaur, complete with matchstick talons; sitting in the sunshine one lunch time with the Y5 girls singing songs about summer time; and, hearing all about the football win last Thursday!



As Mrs Davies did, I work across here and Shocklach Oviatt CofE Primary, and so I am not in school every day. In order to learn names and routines, I am spending the whole week at Shocklach this week. After half-term, I will be spending a whole week at here at Tushingham so that I can do the same.

## Building Work

As you will be aware, the building work has finally started after literally years of planning! The builders have broken ground by the hall where the new kitchen will be sited. The children have responded with such maturity to the change in routines ... and the addition of new noises! We could not be prouder of them. Last week, we held a fire drill so that everyone is familiar with new routes and the fire assembly point. The aim is always to be out of the building and everyone to be accounted for within three minutes. We did this in 2 minutes and 57 seconds - amazing for our first practice!

## Working together to uphold our school uniform policy

I am grateful for your continued support in helping us to maintain high standards in school. Our school uniform policy plays an important role in creating a positive learning environment and I kindly ask that you ensure the children are dressed according to our policy.

Our uniform consists of:

- a royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- a royal blue polo-shirt (school logo optional)
- dark grey or black trousers/shorts/ dark grey skirt or blue and white checked dress
- Grey socks or tights
- Plain, black school shoes



Our PE uniform consists of:

- a plain yellow T-shirt with or without school logo
- a pair of royal blue shorts or plain black or dark navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings

PE uniform must be plain without any sport logos.

I have also noticed that a few girls are wearing nail varnish. This needs removing for school.

Thank you for working in partnership with us and for supporting our children to represent themselves and our school community so positively.

## Communication

A gentle reminder that all email communication should come via the school office. To support work-life balance, please refrain from directly emailing staff members, including the headteacher email account, when you need to get in touch. Thank you for your support in this matter.



## FOTS

A huge congratulations to our charitable arm of our school in organising the circus extravaganza on Saturday. The weather was great, there was as a positive buzz and lots of smiley, happy children, which is what these events are all about. The next big event is the summer fair that takes place after sports day on the 22nd May.

## Reflection on this term's value of Perseverance

The Bible is full of examples of individuals who demonstrated perseverance. Job is perhaps the most notable example, enduring immense suffering and loss yet remaining faithful to God. Paul is another example. Despite facing many hardships, including imprisonment, beatings, and shipwrecks, Paul remained committed in his mission to spread the good news of Jesus. This term will provide many opportunities to reflect on this important value, but how do we live this out in school?

- Have a go – don't be afraid to try and don't give up
- Try your hardest, even when things are difficult
- We learn from our mistakes
- Learn from your mistakes and forgive yourself
- If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again
- One thousand steps starts with one
- Reflect on your efforts and achievements
- You may not be there yet but you are closer than yesterday



## Dates

Monday 11th May	All Week	Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 20th May	3:30pm	Class 4 Residential Information Evening
Friday 22nd May		Sports Day and Summer Fair
Friday 22nd May	3:20pm	Finish for the half-term break
Monday 1st June	8:45am	School re-opens
10th June— 12th June	Three days	Class 4's Residential to Boreatton Park
Wednesday 8th July	2pm	Class 4's performance
Wednesday 8th July	5pm	Arts Celebration Evening at Bishop Heber
Thursday 9th July	5:30pm	Class 4's performance
Tuesday 14th July	Morning	Move Up Morning
Friday 17th July	9am	Y6 Leavers' Service in church
Friday 17th July	10am	Y6 Leavers' Celebration in the hall
Friday 17th July	3:20pm	Finish for the summer break

Thank you for your continued support.

Every blessing,  
C Mackenzie

*Let us love one another for love is from God. Learning and worshipping together.*