



Shiplake Church of England Primary School and Shiplake Village Nursery

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Thursday Update

- **E-Safety for Primary Children - parent information meeting:** Thanks to everyone that attended this event on Monday evening. It was a very interesting session, covering things that many of us had not even considered before. The handout/slides from the session will be put on the school website for you to download. Thanks to Julie Taverner from Turniton who presented this evening.
- **Photography and Recording in School Policy** : The governors have revised and ratified this school policy. A copy will be sent to each family via ParentMail under separate cover. We hope that this new detailed document explains the processes and reasoning behind our operational decisions. We will need to reissue the general consent form relating to images and recording and will do this via ParentMail forms. I appreciate that we have already collected general consents at the start of the school year but as this new policy has come into operation, those original consents will not be valid. It will require a return from everyone I'm afraid.

You will see from the policy that the decision to allow photography of a school activity is to be determined by the Headteacher, along with the Chair of Governors, on an event by event basis. With this in mind, we have made the decision to allow photographs to be taken during the Christmas performances this year. We will be reminding you about etiquette when taking photographs (ie no standing up, no flash photography during the performance, no posting on social media etc) prior to the event. We will be filming the performances again this year, but have managed to organise a much more affordable way of doing this. We have 2 parents (both professional cameramen) who have agreed to come and record each dress rehearsal. The recording will then be sent to Wizard Productions who will ensure the necessary encryption processes are undertaken and then return the files to us for parents to purchase if they so wish. This will be at a much more reduced cost to the DVDs previously provided - more details to follow.



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- **Christmas performance ticket allocations** : Our Parentmail tickets system let us down I'm afraid! We are working hard to sort out the allocations and will start sending home paper slips today. We have been able to accommodate all requests for tickets for the Reception and Key Stage One performances. The Key Stage 2 performances are a little more difficult. We are initially sending out the 2 per family allocation as per your requests but will be unable to confirm any additional ticket requests until later next week as we can only do so once we have had all the requests in and confirmed any Parentmail 'duplicate' requests. Please bear with us on this one – we are doing all we can to accommodate your requests and want as many family members as possible to join us over this festive period.
- **New PE Kit – size samples now available in the office** : Brian has delivered our size samples. Kit can be tried on at the School Office. He has also collected our first orders so we look forward to receiving the new garments once they have been printed up. If you have any questions or queries about the new kit please speak with the school office.
- **Cross Country at Chiltern Edge this weekend** : A reminder from Miss Boucher that the next cross country event is this weekend, Saturday 1st December – at Chiltern Edge School. 10.00am start. Please email Miss Boucher if you are planning to run!
- **Book Fair next week!** Come and buy some Christmas presents! All proceeds goes towards buying more new books for the Library. Open from Tuesday to Thursday in the ICT Suite from 3.30pm and on Friday as part of the PTFA Christmas Fair in the School Hall.
- **Data collection sheets** : These have been sent home this week. Please check the accuracy of the data held on the school's SIMs MIS system and return the forms to the school office with any amendments noted. For privacy purposes, please return the forms to us in the envelope it arrived in. Thank you.
- **Message from Parentmail regarding our School app** : Over the past few months ParentMail have been making lots of improvements to their parent App for Android and iOS devices and have recently launched a new version.

If you are using our own school branded App, there are a few important things you need to know to ensure you continue receiving school communications! **Our existing school branded App will stop working at the end of this year, so it's really important that you download the new App as soon as possible!**

To download the App, simply search 'ParentMail' in the Apple or Android App store. Once installed, please delete the current App from your device.

The new App includes lots of improvements, including:

- Improved user interface, making it quick and easy to find and manage school communications
- An 'Unread' section, where parents can find all new and unread items quickly and easily
- A new 'Announcements' feature to keep parents up to date with important ParentMail news.

- Improved archiving and delete functionality, making it easy to select items in bulk.

... and much more!

- **PTFA - UPDATE**

Christmas Hamper Raffle

FINAL CALL FOR HAMPER DONATIONS FROM YEAR GROUPS!!!!. DEADLINE MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER

Reception and Y1 - Something Soft

Year 2 - Something Sweet

Year 3 - Something nice to drink

Year 4 - Something Scented

Year 5 - Something Savoury

Year 6 - Something Chocolate

Christmas Fair - Friday 7th December - 3:30pm - 5:30pm - All Welcome!!!!

Looking forward to seeing as many as possible for this Festive Afternoon. Please can you let your class rep know if you are attending and how many children with you so we have an idea of numbers. We don't want to run short of anything!!

Wear your best Christmas Jumpers and bring your singing voices for our Big Christmas Carol Sing Song around the Ship!!! And don't forget some cash to spend....

Jam Jar Tombola

FINAL CALL - we need your child to bring in a Jam Jar of Surprises - can be chocolate, sweets, toy item, stationery.....

PLEASE HAVE IN BY 5TH DECEMBER LATEST!!!

EASYFUNDRAISING

If you are doing Christmas shopping online - please sign up to shop via easy fundraising.

Very Simple and It's free money for us!!!!

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shiplakeprimaryptfa/Christmas Hamper Raffle](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shiplakeprimaryptfa/Christmas%20Hamper%20Raffle)

- **PTFA event – Christmas Wreath Making workshop** : We present you with the most fantastic opportunity to make your own wreaths and Christmas table centrepieces with the wonderful florist Louise McGregor. She has over 50 years of experience working for the most prestigious clients and



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has perfected the art of creating fresh wreaths and table centrepieces over the years. She is offering us the opportunity to make our own with her discerning guidance at a range of events held at her own home, whilst very kindly giving a donation to our PTFA, for only £35 per wreath and £25 for a table centrepiece. She will be serving wine, mince pies and teas. Come and join us! Please contact Maz on [07984542144](tel:07984542144) to register your interest - once we know who wants to attend we will fix the dates around you all!

- **Poppy Appeal** : Thanks to everyone for your support during the Poppy Appeal week. We are pleased to report that as a school we raised £191.30 for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you all for your support.
- **Message from the Nursery team** : This term we have had some new resources in Nursery!! These have included some exciting puzzles to develop our children's problem solving skills and new Lego for our imaginative builders. For our rising 4's we have purchased additional phonics and maths resources. We are consistently looking for new ways to support your child's learning and development and prepare them for school therefore, additional funding for resources is always gratefully received. If you think your family may be eligible for Early Years Pupils Premium (EYPP) please speak to a member of staff, we may be able to claim an additional £300 for your individual child's needs. Please see attached leaflet for eligibility criteria.

Community News

- **The Shiplake Corner Shop Christmas Card Competition** : The Corner Shop are holding a Christmas Card competition this year. Any design but A5 size please. Your name, age and contact details should be put on the back of your design. There are 3 age groups – 0 to 4, 5 to 7 and 8 to 11. All cards will be displayed in the Corner Shop and the Rector will judge the best in each age group, with prizes for the best in each group. The competition is free to enter - all cards to be handed into the Corner Shop by Saturday 8th December 2018. Good Luck!
- **1st Shiplake Scout Group Christmas Fair** : On Saturday 1st December join the 1st Shiplake Scout Group at their Christmas Fair. This is taking place in the Memorial Hall and runs from 10am to 3pm. Look out for our posters around the village!
- **Henley Youth Choir** : Henley Youth Choirs present 'A Family Christmas' on Saturday 8th December 2018 at 2.30pm. Please see the attached poster for more information.

Kind regards

Katherine Page-Howie
Headteacher