# Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 4th September Return to School
- Wednesday 4th-Tuesday 10th September Reception home visits
- Friday 6th September FOSS Back to school bounce details TBC
- Tuesday 10th September Meet the teacher (after school)
- Friday 20th September Year 6 Bake Sale
- Friday 4th October Bag2School
- Friday 4th October FOSS Quiz Night date TBC
- Friday 18th October Break up for half term

**October Holidays** 

Monday 28th October - Back to School

# Goodbye and Good Luck To All Our Leavers





## **Uniform Policy**

A reminder that from September, we will require all children to have at least one jumper or cardigan with the school logo on. We appreciate that these cost more than plain red jumpers you can get -and the latter will still be permitted as uniform. However, for more formal occasions as a school, such as concerts, or when the children are representing the school externally, we would ask that the logoed red

jumper or cardigan is worn.

For full details of our uniform policy, please see the school website.



## Goodbye Year 6

Year 6 have had an unbelievably packed summer term this year. It started with SATs week back in May where the children worked incredibly hard and showed how far they have come at Shaldon Primary. After the half term holiday, it was time for the children to embark on the voyage of a lifetime aboard the tall ships Joanna Lucretia and Moosk.

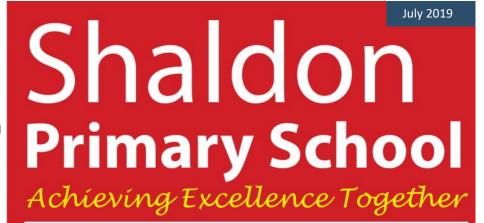
Class 6 have also spent time with Judge Climie polishing their public speaking skills before competing in our annual Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition. All children were fantastic and the final was closely competed. Our Penpals enjoyed the final event of the year where we shared a cream tea and played a range of garden games in the glorious sunshine.

The children also had an amazing time on our residential where we camped in the woods, learnt to make fire, cooked on open flames and zip wired our way through the canopy. A brilliant way to round off the year. To top it all off, Year 6 were featured on BBC Spotlight celebrating the Green Flag award for Homeyards Botanical Gardens. They performed magnificently and the BBC film crew were very impressed.

A very full-on summer term for Year 6 but a brilliant one. Well done to all of Class 6.

# School Reading Shed

With thanks to the generosity of FOSS, Girling Jones, The London Inn and The Ness, Shaldon School is now the proud owner of a new reading shed. It was officially opened at the Summer Fayre by Katherine Bax the Chair of FOSS. It has been a real hit with the children, with queues forming outside due to its popularity each break and lunchtime. The centrepiece of the shed is 'Miss Gordge's reading chair' - a beautiful wooden chair donated to the school by our inspirational teacher Janet Gordge.



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## **Exploring Minibeasts**

It's so hard to believe that our very youngest children have completed their first year in school! This term the children have learnt many new scientific skills including observing, sorting and measuring whilst exploring the world of the 'Minibeast'. Several worms, centipedes, earwigs and beetles were found hiding under the mats and stones in our school field. However the highlight of the term was the arrival of the caterpillars. These small creatures turned out to be 'VERY HUGRY CATERPILLARS' and the children were very keen to use the magnifying glasses each day to watch them grow and ....WOW! Soon we had 5 ENORMOUS caterpillars. It was a sad but exciting day when we released them onto our school field and watched them take their first flight.





#### Congratulations Miss Seward

What a busy summer term Year 1 have had! We have been keen scientists this last half term, observing and growing our own plants and learning how to keep them growing healthy and strong. If it wasn't for Mrs Gibbons' gardening knowledge and dedication to our vegetables and flowers outside, then we would not have been lucky enough to have fresh and crunchy beans to take home! All the children took part in the national phonics check this term too, and did fantastically well. Children in Class 1 have also very kindly designed pictures for Miss Seward to use in her 'order of ceremony' booklet for her wedding in the summer. Miss Seward was 'blown away' by their creations, and is very grateful to every single child.



#### **Outdoor Education**

Year 2 in this summer half term have been very busy. Most of their time has been spent investigating living things and their habitats in which they live. This has included many exciting things such as going on trips to Paignton Zoo and Stover Country park to see all sorts of living things in their habitats and watching an animal hatch and escape from the classroom meaning the children created a habitat on their very own using technology for the animal to live.

The children have more recently had a wonderful time exploring the wonderful outdoors and all of the fantastic things it has to offer. This started off with a beach day where we played beach games, created sand sculptures and had a mini beach clean. They then had a day at school where the children had a go at various team building games, had several shots at archery, made fires and of course toasted marshmallows! Their day then finished with making water bottle rockets fire up as high as they could which the children found very amusing,

### **Animals & Building Bridges**

This term, in Year 3, we have been spending a lot of time focusing on the different species that inhabit our planet. To aid the children's learning we had visitors come in from Dartmoor Zoo and visited Paignton Zoo, where the class were fortunate enough to see an astonishingly wide range of different species in real life. Year 3 also competed in a bridge building competition judged by the Rotary Club of Teignmouth. The competition was tough but 'Golden Gate Bridge Team' won in the end.





#### Trust Summer Choir Concert

Year 4 have been on some fantastic trips! We went to Botanical Gardens to have professional poets help us write poems that will be published to create a poetry trail to go around the gardens. We also went to Haven Banks and took part in kayaking, archery, long boating and dragon boating. Not only this, but Mrs White taught us how to put up a tent and how to orienteer. Finally but by no means least, we took part in an incredible concert at Totnes where we sang songs that we had written (with some help of course) about plastic pollution.

#### **Environmental Awareness**

This term, Year 5 have been flexing their horticultural muscles and greening their fingers, trying to grow a salad by the end of term. They've learnt about different ways plants can reproduce and have even made their own plant clones. Whilst they might not have grown a full-blown bowl of salad, the class have learnt a lot about the factors affecting optimum plant growth and have improved their observation skills as well.

Alongside their green fingers, the class have taken the lead in a green initiative: recycling the thousands of crisp packets at school that would otherwise be sent to landfill. This term, we have sent over 2kgs of empty crisp packets to a specialist recycling facility. They might even give the school a small amount of money for what we've collected!



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# How we raised money...



CHRISTMAS CARDS £159



BAKE SALES £346.60



DISCOS £729.70



SPORTS DAY £558.30



PUB QUIZ £180.88



CHRISTMAS FAIR £1948



BAG 2 SCHOOL £276



EVENT REFRESHMENTS £245.50



EASY FUNDRAISING £105.40



SUMMER FAIR £1568

# **How we spent funds...**



NEW 17 SEATER MINIBUS £10,000 (COMING SOON!)



READING SHED £500



YEARBOOKS £544



ENHANCING YR 1&2 OUTDOOR SPACE £500