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## Shrewton Primary News!

**I cannot believe we are already at the end of Term 3! We certainly started the new term (and the New Year) with a bang! We really have packed so many wonderful things into just six weeks. The children have come back from the break with high energy and positive attitudes and this has very much been reflected in the build-up of their team points. The Shrewton way is in full swing – just how we like it!**

As always we would like to share with you a few friendly reminders.

- The school day begins at 8.45, please ensure you drop off promptly in the mornings. Although our gates may close at 8.55am our learning starts at 8.45.
- At the end of the school day we ask the children are supervised at all times once handed over by the staff. We ask that you leave the playground promptly so that we can bring afterschool clubs outside. May we also remind you that children are not allowed to use the play equipment and that children are kept off the field (sorry no football please).
- A gentle reminder that snacks for break time need to be fresh fruit or vegetables (raisins are also okay) but anything else needs to be saved for lunch time. May we also remind you that we are a NUT FREE school, so things like Nutella or nut-based chocolate spreads etc must be saved for treats outside of the school day.
- May we also send a reminder that TOYS are NOT allowed in school. There has been a serious increase of toys, keyrings, teddies etc being brought into school may we remind you that these must be left at home.
- Please see the school policy for uniform and remember that for PE days kit should be plain and non-branded.
- Finally, may we remind all families that you should not be entering the school building at any point unless you have reason and have signed in via reception, have been given a visitor's badge and are escorted by a member of our staff. If you need to pass on a message to a staff member, please see someone on the doors in the morning or end of school day.



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## Things to celebrate!

### Young Voices

Wow, what can we say! Being a part of the Young Voices Choice for 2025 is an experience I think we will hold onto for a lifetime. Imagine being part of one of the worlds largest choirs made up of 8,573

Primary School children and singing for all to hear at the O2 Arena in London. The children spent months rehearsing songs and practicing dance moves. It was a daunting prospect for some, but I can honestly say each and every child who attend the trip made us beyond proud. Everyone sung their hearts out and filled the arena with pure joy. A special thank you to all the children from showing the Shrewton way, as always and to the parent and staff volunteers for supporting the trip and making it possible.



### STEM Workshop

Our KS2 children have been very fortunate to have the opportunity to take part in a Robotics and Engineering Workshop led by The Defence Nuclear Enterprise and Hyatt Education. During the workshop Jack helped the children build a range of different robots out of Lego, which was a firm favourite throughout the school. Then once built, he guided the children through programming their robots to move around a variety of different tracks. He taught the children to test and modify their coding to enable them to complete the different routes. The atmosphere in the hall was amazing. Every child was able to access, support each other and work in teams. And, most importantly, the children had a wonderful time.



## Wellbeing Week

This term we had a wellbeing week. We started the week coming into school wearing something that made us feel cosy. The children loved this and it really set a nice, calm tone. We all took part in a range of activities from yoga to meditation, to freedom in the fresh air. Each class also received a visit from the SCARF Team. The classes had workshops tailored to their PSHE curriculum and there were lots of wonderful takeaways.



### The Wonderdome visit.

To celebrate Science week this year Miss Walsh organised for a Wonderdome mobile Planetarium to visit us. The Wonderdome is a portable planetarium that brings the night sky inside with live presentations and films. On the morning, the children were very excited to see a giant yoga ball (as some described it) in the hall and there was lots of speculation about how we would actually get inside. When the time came, we were shown a little door in the side which we stepped through, but we had to be quick as we didn't want all the air which was keeping it inflated to escape. Once inside the whole solar system was projected around the dome and it felt like we were actually floating in space. We visited the different planets and were able to explore their different features. It was amazing. All the children came away with a greater understanding of our solar system and there are a couple of moons and planets which they would like to explore for themselves. A big thank you to FOSS for enabling us to bring this experience into school.



**A big thanks to the FOSS for organising another really successful school Disco!**

**Don't forget the challenge 25 too!**

## Dates for the New Term

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school Guiding and Scouts day – wear your uniform to represent your club.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Come dressed as your favourite book character or bring your favourite book in (normal school uniform also fine!)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March – 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Neurodiversity week
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evening (bookings will open up a week prior) Apetito will be delivering tasters of school dinners.
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	KS2 performance to siblings and parents @ 1.30pm
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	KS2 performance to adults only @ 9..30am
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET DAY

## House Points

The house points are building and our teams have achieved their 4<sup>th</sup> filled jar this term! The children receive house points for showing the Shrewton Way. We are so impressed with how the children are choosing to make positive choices around the school and go above and beyond for each other!

## Forest School

Forest school sessions will start with Hawking and Simmonds on Thursday and Einstein as normal on a Friday morning. This will alternate until the half term as always.

Hawking/Simmonds: 27<sup>th</sup> Feb/13<sup>th</sup> March/27<sup>th</sup> March  
Dahl/Parks: 6<sup>th</sup> March/20<sup>th</sup> March/3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Einstein: Every Wednesday afternoon**

**How can you help your child at home?**

As we always say, the most precious and supportive thing you can do with your children at home is read with them. This Spring I wonder how many times you can sneak in a moment to pause, snuggle up and share a story with your children?

**Time tables support:** Please find below some links to a few great websites that will support your child's instant times table recall. Why not have a go this half term? Times table competition anyone?

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://trockstars.com/>

