



## Shap CE Endowed Primary School

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**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

Welcome back, and Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas holiday with your family. It is unfortunate that we are starting the year in lockdown, we would much rather have the children back into school, however needs must! A huge thank you to you all for your support, we understand how difficult life is at the moment, however you have all adapted well to home learning again, some of you even wearing a smile on your face... or is it a grimace? We have a small number of children in school

who are either 'vulnerable' or children of critical workers who cannot find childcare elsewhere; these children are supervised by support staff who are helping the children to access the remote learning that their peers are accessing from home. Class teachers, each supported by a TA, are working from home to provide homelearning for our children via our Learning Platform, *Microsoft Teams*. We are working with families to help you to gain access to the home learning resources via tech support and emotional support as required! If you are having any difficulties at all, please do not keep it to yourself, please contact your child's class teacher and they will be able to direct you to the appropriate support. Finally, a big thank you from myself, to everyone who has been attending our Assembly / Worship Time each morning, I think everyone benefits from seeing each other at the start of the day, I know that seeing the children's smiley faces sets me up nicely for the day!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Eden for a careful drawing and colouring of Muncaster Castle

ALL OF HELVELLYN CHILDREN for being absolutely wonderful during our first week of remote learning

Oktavian for his fantastic art for topic work, drawing Wawel Castle in Krakow— including the dragon that lived under it!

Kayla for amazing maths—completing all three levels of the challenges

Thomas Hartley, for a really clear and detailed toy review

Jasmine, Jessie, Jessica, Grace, Oliver, Aleah, Albie and Gisella for joining in live nursery sessions—listening politely and answering Suzanne's questions

ALL OF RECEPTION CHILDREN for joining in with Miss Gorst's live maths lesson on 2D shapes. They concentrated well and joined in, answering lots of questions

Kayla (AGAIN!) for writing a very detailed set of instructions on how to make the most disgusting sandwich!

Megan for excellent contributions in Worship Time

KS2 children who submitted the lovely, inspirational footprints that made Mrs. Turner smile



**WOW!**

The money has been counted, and we are delighted to announce that our Grand Prize Draw, combined with other donations amounts to:

**£1592.57**


This money will contribute towards our school ground development, including installing our all weather running track, laying the hedges and repairing the sun shelter and fence!





Catbells Class have  
'Blasted Off' with their  
homelearning!  
Aren't these models  
amazing?  
Well done families!





After analysing the results of our parents' questionnaires, it became obvious that many people do not know who our Governors are, and what their important role within our school is! Therefore, each week we are going to introduce you to a new member of our Governing Body!

**Alun Hurd: Ex-officio Governor**

I am originally from London and have had a variety of jobs, including Animal Technician, Estimator, Draughtsman, Technical Graphics, Salesman, Student and Management Consultant before becoming a Vicar in 1986.

I have two adult children (they think they are..!) and have lived in London, Northern Ireland, Bristol, Surrey, Australia, Essex and now Cumbria since 2017 as Vicar of the High Westmorland parishes which include Bampton, Orton, Shap, Tebay and Ravenstonedale.


As Vicar at Shap and Orton I am an ex-officio Governor as they are both church schools and hope that connections between school and church continue to develop and grow

I have served as a Governor, including Chair and Vice-Chair, at various State and Church schools since 1987.

My interests as a Governor are the well being and safety of children in both the school and community and for our school to be an enjoyable and fulfilling experience for them all, providing a foundation in the Christian faith.

St Michael's is a happy environment for our children and is blessed with a committed Governing Board and dedicated staff.

Finally, I support Tottenham Hotspur – is there any other team..?







Dates in blue denote new dates added to the calendar!



REMINDERS!

Dates for  
the Diary:

14 January	5.30pm: Microsoft TEAMS Training for Parents
22 January	KS2 children to work with poet and wordsmith John Hegley
24 February	First Aid Classes for Catbells children and Kidsty Pike children
03 March	First Aid Classes for Blencathra children and Helvellyn children
22 February	Wheelchair basketball
04 March	World Book Day
24 May DATE CHANGE	Young Voices 2021 @ Manchester Arena
28—30 June	Helvellyn Residential to Kingswood—more information to follow

**REMINDER!**

Thank you to all who attended the TEAMS training on 07.01.21. this session will be repeated on 14.01.21 at 5.30pm. Phil will also include information about using TEAMS on a mobile device.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the content of this newsletter!

For in-depth information about every aspect of our school, please see our website:

<https://www.shap.cumbria.sch.uk>

For day-to-day news, reminders and celebrations, please see our School Facebook Page: Shap CE School



For information about fundraising and social events, please see Friends of Shap School – FoSS Facebook Page

Many thanks!

*Katie Chappell*

Acting Headteacher



**Shap CE School: A Safe Branch from which to Soar**

With children and the church at the heart of the school, we are 'living in harmony' (Romans 12:16) within our community; nurturing one another in order to create an environment from which all can soar

