



## Shap CE Endowed Primary School

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Work continues on improving our school grounds! Alan Wright, very generously collected a turf cutting machine for us, and George, Bob, Sarah, Sam and Shaun worked incredibly hard to remove some very heavy and clarty turf to make the running track, trim trail and stone circle more easily accessible. We have used the bark chippings, kindly donated by Jenkinson's to create paths and playing areas for our children. We have all of the turf that we removed going spare if anyone wants it, please get in touch!



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We made our Christingles this week, learning what each element of the Christingle represents. In Worship Time we focussed on how thankful we should be for our wonderful world and its diversity, even when we have been restricted to our local area this year! Thank you to Pauline and Janet for helping us to gather together the resources we needed to build our Christingles!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Brooke for helping with the new nursery children!

Christopher for showing confidence in Catbells.

Maddie Gale for being kind and helpful.

Arthur for being helpful, helping out after school to shovel bark chippings!

Logan Jopson for working extra hard for Chloe.

Holly for excellent reading!

EVERYONE IN Kidsty pike for writing super 'Christingle making instructions' all by themselves for their writing assessments

Willow, Mack and Julia for creating an excellent letter to our local MP about the use of PPE and the damage this is having on our environment.

Maddie Gale (again!) for always taking a pride in her work.

Maddison and Karleigh-Jo for listening carefully to instructions and helping others to make Christingles

George, Bob, Sam, Alan, Sarah and Shaun for working amazingly hard in our outdoor area, cutting and removing turf, and spreading bark chippings to make the trim trail and stone circle accessible throughout the year!



Blencathra had a virtual visit from Sarah George from Brookholes Visitors Centre and United Utilities. They learned all about our water consumption, what we can do to reduce our water consumption, what is safe to flush down the toilet, the water cycle and the human water cycle.







During our Outward Bound sessions this week, the children had to find sticks to help light a fire, using flint and steel for the Kelly kettle so they could heat water for hot chocolate! These sessions continue to be incredibly popular with the children, allowing them to reap the benefits of outdoor learning, whilst learning these essential life skills. Whilst groups of children, accompanied by our support staff, are working with the Outward Bound staff, the teaching staff are able to work with small groups in the classroom, generally focussing on the core subjects, and supporting any learning that may have been missed during the COVID closure.



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!

### Steve Gee: Chair, PCC Foundation Governor

I came to live and work in Cumbria in 1994 before settling in Shap over 20 years ago. I have two children who both had a great start in their education at Shap School and are now building on that at UCC. I have been a governor since 2008, gaining experience on various sub-committees, and spending some time as vice-chair, before becoming Chair in 2018.

For the past 24 years I have worked, in the UK and abroad, as a trainer and consultant in leadership and team working skills. This experience has made me even more keenly aware what a great staff and leadership team we have at the school.

I see my role as chair of governors as ensuring that we create the very best environment we can to enable the school to continue to flourish, for the benefit of our children and the whole community. Being a school governor isn't always a bed of roses, but a visit to our lovely school never fails to leave me with a smile on my face.



## Christmas Week



We have planned an exciting week for our last week of term! Provision throughout the week will focus on all things Christmassy, so be prepared for 'glitter covered children' returning from school!

We have something special planned each day too, so please read and digest the summary below so you know what to expect!

Date	Activity	Notes
Monday 14th December	Class Productions	Our classes have been busy preparing a nativity, some music and some poetry to share with each other. We will share the links with families too!
Tuesday 15th December	Covidella Streamed Panto	Kindly paid for as a Christmas treat from FoSS. If they wish, children can come 'Panto Ready' with deely boppers, novelty headwear or anything luminous, flashing or glowing!  The children will be treated to a tub of ice-cream too!
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Movie Afternoon	If they wish, children can come wearing pyjamas for the perfect snuggly afternoon watching a Christmas Movie.  Has anyone got any popular U-rated Christmas DVD's we can borrow please? We will need 1 per class!  The children will be treated to popcorn and hot chocolate too!
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	If they wish, children can come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers, ready for a delicious meal prepared by Teresa!  Please order your child's Christmas lunch online ASAP: <a href="https://www.lunchshop.co.uk/user/login">https://www.lunchshop.co.uk/user/login</a>
Friday 18th December	Christmas Party Day	If they wish, children can come to school wearing 'party clothes' (nothing too precious, and something that they will be able to dance and play in!)  The children will be treated to a drink and Christmas biscuit!  School finishes at the usual times for our bubbles, and Christmas Holidays begin!



Dates in blue denote new dates added to the calendar!



REMINDERS!

Dates for  
the Diary:

01—11 December	Collection of children's Selection Boxes for <i>Upper Eden Foodbank</i> in lieu of Christmas cards
Advent	Angels of Hope initiative—decorate your homes with an angel as a sign of light and hope!
07 December	FoSS Calendar orders due in please!
14 December	Classes to share a Christmas performance with you
15 December	<i>Covidella and The Masked Ball</i> —streamed Pantomime treat from FoSS
16 December	Christmas Film Afternoon
17 December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch — <b>Please order your child's lunch via Lunchshop</b>
18 December	Christmas Parties—More info. to follow
18 December	Shap School Raffle Grand Prize Draw (raising funds for our School Grounds Project)
05-08 January	First Aid Classes for all children
19 December—04 January	Christmas Holidays, school reopens on Tuesday 05 January
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

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!



**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

