

Essex County Council

Sheering Church of England
Primary School

The Street, Sheering, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. CM22 7LU

Headteacher: Mrs LJ Brittain

Telephone: 01279 734210

Email: admin@sheering.essex.sch.uk

Website: www.sheering.essex.sch.uk



Attendance: 94.84%

Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents,

This term seems to have gone really quickly with all the celebrations, hard work and events since the new year. On Thursday, Rev'd Sophie reminded the children of the Easter story and the reason why we have been thinking about Forgiveness as our Christian value this half term. It was good to see how much the children had remembered. The children were also very good at making links with their learning when we learnt about the Muslim festival of Eid at the beginning of the week; they made comparisons between some of the celebrations and important events in both religions.

Parent Questionnaire Analysis

Thank you to those of you who returned your questionnaire. The answers have helped the governors and the school to review and evaluate the things that we are doing well and what needs developing. There was a range of both positive and negative responses; many of you thanked the school for the support and opportunities that your children are receiving while others had concerns about behaviour, after school clubs and sports day. From the 29 responses; 93% of you say that your child enjoys coming to school (7% neither agreed or disagreed) and the same amount said that the school was welcoming and there were opportunities to get involved. 82% think that the teaching is good with 18% neither disagreeing or agreeing. 82% also thought that the school keeps the children safe (14% neither agreed or disagreed and 4% disagreed). Only 35% of you thought that the school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour (35% neither agreed or disagreed and 30% disagreed).

In response to the comments about behaviour, as a school we recognise how challenging behaviour has become and we have made positive changes to our behaviour policy (September 2024) which have been effective in dealing with low level or disruptive behaviour in class. We have also had a significant reduction to fixed-term exclusions for very challenging behaviour. We invested in My Happy Mind to help support the children with their emotions and we always try to support parents in setting good habits in the use of mobile phones and the internet, bedtimes and diet so that these things are not impacting on behaviour in school. Behaviour is an area which the governors will continue to monitor and as a school we will continue with our consistent approach in making sure that learning is not disrupted by anyone.

If you would like a full copy of the parents' responses, please contact the school office.

New Governors

We have some vacancies on our Sheering School Governing Body. This voluntary role may suit parents or grandparents who would like to be involved in the development and upkeep of the school. You do not need to have a background in education, and we welcome all types of life experiences. If you are interested, please contact me or the school office.

Essex County Council

Sheering Church of England
Primary School

The Street, Sheering, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. CM22 7LU

Headteacher: Mrs LJ Brittain

Telephone: 01279 734210

Email: admin@sheering.essex.sch.uk

Website: www.sheering.essex.sch.uk



Happy Book

In the Happy Book this week: Ruby-Lew thanked Sophia and Belle for helping her; Olivia thanked Harlee for swapping seats with her at lunchtime so that she could sit with her friends and Isabelle and Jack's Mum thanked everyone for their kindness and support for her children and I thanked the members of our School Council for their suggestions regarding the summer lunch menus (which will change on the 2nd week of the summer term).

Achievement from Home and School

School: Spelling Shed Superstar is Quickbury class with 41,553,209 points and our **Top 17 Super Spellers** are Sienna, Elsie-Mae, Edith, Avery, Max, Elliana, Olivia, Leia, Isabelle, Jude, Sophia, Sylvia, Mya, Owen, Isaac, Harry and Patrick. Our **Maths Shed Superstar** is Copeland class with 5,687,856 and our **Top 11 Mathematicians** are Owen, Sylvia, Harry, Olivia, Poppy, Amalie, Jude, Isaac, Avery, Mya and Patrick. Archie, Kayla, Noah, Noah, Tilly, Logan, Harper, Isaac and Esmee were awarded a **Numbots Certificate**.

Roll of Honour

Children who have been working hard beyond the classroom.

Copeland: Harlee surprised everyone by bringing in a drawing for each member of the class.

Durrington: Jack and Lexi are always doing work at home and are keen to share with the class.

Fitzwalter: Ronnie was very helpful in IT by turning on and setting up the computers for his class.

Quickbury: Lenny has been taking care of the plants every day and Archie, Harry, Frank and Harry have been making sure that one of our younger children is safe and is following the school rules.

Birthdays: This morning, we sang the birthday song to Aaron, Mike, Arthur, Noah, Harry, Max, Alfie, Terrence, Teddy and Dolly who will all be celebrating their birthdays over the Easter holidays.

Stars of the Week: My Star of the week is Harlee for his beaming smile and enjoyment all the way through the Mother's Day performance.

Letters/Parentmail Home:

Fitzwalter swimming

Dates

Please note these dates are subject to change if necessary.

Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April: Easter holiday

Tuesday 22nd April: Summer Term begins

Thursday 8th May: VE celebration garden party with grandparents.

Have a good Easter break.

Mrs Lorna Brittain

Headteacher