

# SPECPS Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

It isn't very often that I get the chance to write one of these—Mrs Stevenson guards her newsletter very proudly! So while she's not looking ( she is rather busy on residential), I'm happily sneaking in this half term message and taking full advantage of the opportunity.

Well... we made it! What a wonderfully busy—and incredibly soggy—half term it has been! The children have shown such brilliant resilience, even when it's felt like we might all need flippers and snorkels just to get to school!

This week has felt a little quieter in the corridors, as some of our adventurous Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have been off on their residential at Whitehall. We can't wait to hear all their stories and see how much mud they've collected along the way. On Tuesday, Peacock Class flew off (not literally, thankfully!) on a sporting visit where they learnt some amazing superhero skills—I'm expecting capes and dramatic landings any day now.

Tuesday evening brought even more excitement as school was filled with extra love and laughter for our Valentine's Disco. It was such a joy to see all your wonderful outfits—sparkles, colours, and lots of big smiles. The staff looked fabulous too, proudly rocking their reds and pinks! A HUGE thank you to all the staff who stayed late to dance the night away, and a special shout-out to Miss Potter for organising a brilliant event and to Mrs Hobson for sprinkling her décor magic everywhere.

As we head into the break, let's all cross our fingers for slightly better weather—although I've heard whispers of snow on Sunday! I must confess, I do love a good bit of sledging, so I'm quietly hoping that rumour is true...

While you're all enjoying a well-earned rest, school will be having some work done on the heating system. Hopefully everything will be fixed, warmed up, and ready to go when we return after the break.

Have a wonderfully restful half term. Put your feet up, enjoy time with your families, and recharge your batteries. We can't wait to welcome you back, bright-eyed and rosy-cheeked, after the holiday.

Mrs French xx

Thank you Mrs French— you are a star— please see the next page for my bit that I had prepared whilst at Whitehall (at 2am so apologies for any spelling or grammar mistakes lol.



## Teddy News!

**Teddy has been on his holiday's too as he has been with Mrs Stevenson and all the staff and pupils at Whitehall. He is looking forward to a break and will update you on his adventures after half term xx**

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# SPCPS Newsletter

Hi All,

I apologise now if I make no sense. It is Friday morning at the end of what seems like a very long but brilliant week at Whitehall. Are we sleep deprived- yes, did it rain lots- yes, was it cold- yes and did we miss our families- yes but did we achieve so much- YES, are we proud of ourselves- YES, did we love being together - YES and would we do it all again- YES! I have to take this opportunity to thank a huge amount of people for the last week. A big thank you to the children who were totally awesome and realised that there are downsides to staying up till 3am and then getting up the next day at 5am lol. Parents you should be so proud of your children, they achieved so much. A mahoosive thank you to the SP staff who gave up their family time (and sleep) to make this experience happen for the children, it could not happen without you selflessly giving up your time. Thank you to all the staff at Whitehall who are the best and now seem like family due to us going for so many years. A big helping of thank you to Mrs French and the staff who held the fort at SP in our absence and even managed a Valentine disco in the middle of a power cut. And finally, a thank you to our parents who sent such lovely messages of thanks to us for giving up our time.

I want to use the newsletter this week to share some important news. It is with a mix of happiness and sadness that I share this next change to Sharley Park. I am thrilled to share that Mrs French has secured her first headship at a Nottingham primary school and will be leaving Sharley Park to start at her new school after the Easter break.

I knew it would happen one day, after her initial intention when she first joined SP to stay for only 18 months quickly turned into 7 years, we sadly knew that another school would eventually steal her away from us. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs French who has been a huge part of not only my time at Sharley Park so far but of a huge number of children's time at SP. Mrs French has been involved in two successful Ofsteds, strengthened reading in school, created a fantastic library from her own passion for reading and helped mould SP into what it is today. She has truly left her mark on the school, and I know things will feel different going forward. Mrs French has been fundamental in shaping the last 7 years and will no doubt be in our minds as we create the years ahead of us. Mrs French has been pivotal in what SP has grown into - parents and children have benefitted from her knowledge, kindness and leadership- she will be hugely missed.

Her new school is gaining a headteacher with amazing qualities to inspire, support, challenge and succeed and we can't wait to watch her grow her new school into her own vision. I know you will join in with me when we wish Mrs French the very best on her next exciting journey.

So..... the unenviable job started to find someone to join SP to continue our great journey and I am pleased to announce that after a recent rigorous two day interview process, with a number of excellent and outstanding candidates, we are able to share that after Easter we will be welcoming Mrs Clarkson as Sharley Parks new Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Clarkson comes with a wealth of experience in a large number of fields and amongst the many other areas she will be leading on, she will be focussing on reading and writing as a priority. Mrs Clarkson will be sending out her own letter to introduce herself to you all. I know that you will welcome her to our school when you see her on the gate after Easter.

We have just one more little change for after Easter. Mr Dunnachie will be reducing his teaching time to focus on other things- between me and you, I think he will be spending more time on the golf course. I am chuffed to bits to share that Mrs Key will be returning to Sharley Park to be his partner in crime. Both Mr D and Mrs Key have worked together in the past and I know that this partnership will be perfection. Mrs Key brings not only a wealth of knowledge and experience but also, she is SP through and through.

Wishing you a relaxing and fun half term.

Mrs S xx

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## Golden Book & Learning Behaviours

Year 2— Gwilymn & Philip  
LB— Elijah & Philip

Year 6— Bea & Caden  
LB— Billy & Brayden  
Nurture—

Year 5 -  
LB -

Year 1— Olivia & Woody  
LB— Miey

Year 4— Oliver & Albert  
LB - Evie-Grace & Ayla

EYFS - Eddie & Andriya  
LB - Ameera & Charlie



Year 3 - Mia & Khylan  
LB - Owen & Rosie

## Reminders and Dates for the diary ...

### Week beginning 16th February Half Term



## The Journey Curriculum

Each week in school we will focus on an area of our Journey Curriculum Map—staff will ensure this is a focus in lessons and children will be asked about their understanding of it across the week. Our focus next week is...

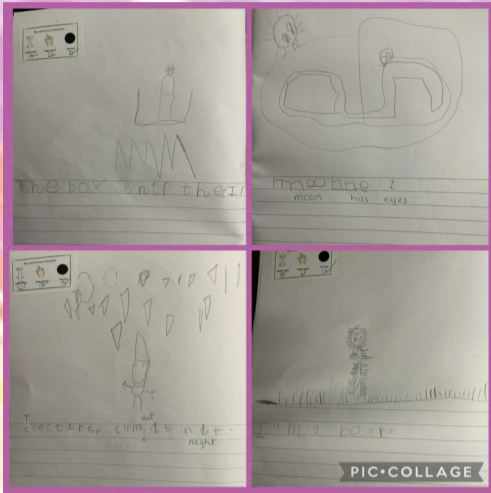
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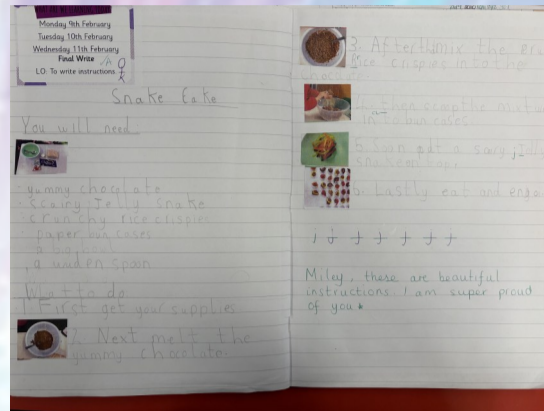
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## Our fabulous work

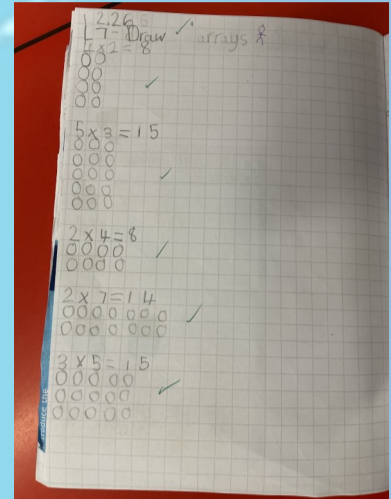
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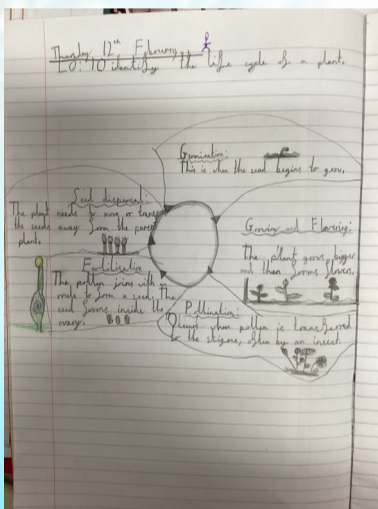
### Year 1



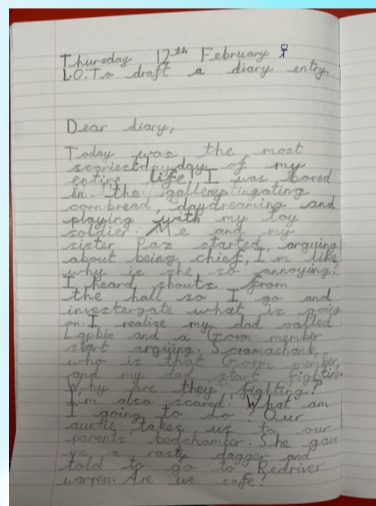
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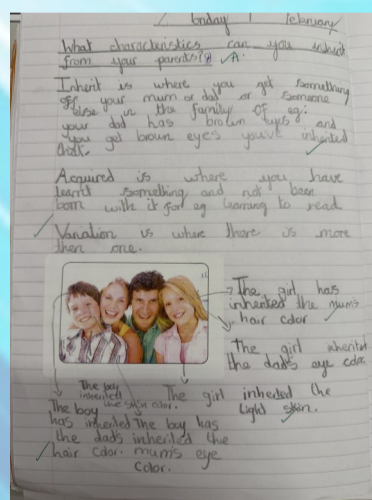
### Year 3



### Year 4



### Year 6



Lots of Love  
Mrs Stevenson  
Head Teacher xx



Let's journey together across our map, learning and progressing along the way.

Let's believe, have courage and achieve!



Mrs French  
Deputy Head Teacher