



# Shorefields Parent Newsletter

9th December 2022

<https://www.shorefields.essex.sch.uk>

## **Dates for the diary December:**

Tues 13th—Christmas Show Pier 1,2 & 3 Beach 1, 2 & 3, Sunshine 1,2,3,& 4

Wed 14th - Father Christmas & Christmas Dinner Day

Thurs 15th—Christmas at St. Pauls- Pier 4 & 5 Beach 4 & 5 Sunshine 5, 6, 7 & 8 All welcome

**Friday 16th**—Christmas Jumper day just for fun, **students go home 1.30pm**

5 January 2023—return to school

We have a lot of winter colds and virus's in school at present. As per latest government guidelines, we are advising that any child who has a high temperature/rash/sore throat to see the GP. If your child is prescribed a course of antibiotics, please stay off school for at least 48 hours after starting antibiotics.

**Please see attached information from the UK Health Security Agency re Scarlet Fever and what to look out for.**

## **Christmas Show Tuesday 13 December at 10am**

Due to GDPR we are unable to video the Christmas Show and would request that parents do not film or take any photos during the performance. There may be an opportunity to take a photo of your own child in costume at the end of the show. Thank you

**Messy Church this Saturday, 10 December 10.30—12.30pm @ Christ Church URC, Carnarvon Road, Clacton-**  
messy fun for all the family. Facebook: Messy Church SEND/Christ Church URC

## **Staff Good News**

The Greater Essex Careers Hub and the Gatsby Benchmark defines what world class careers provision in education looks like and provides a clear framework for organising careers provision at school.

Pete Norfolk is our Careers/Next Steps lead here at Shorefields and supports our senior students to find their next best steps when they leave school. He has been assessed and has achieved 100% across 7 areas of the Gatsby Benchmark—well done!!

**Communication Good News** - Sarah W, our communications lead at school has been working on Communication skills with some of our children. She wanted to share some wonderful achievements with you this week:-

Beach 2—one young lady has made 6 spontaneous exchanges for horsey horsey 'Loving Singing'. A young man has been amazing with his PECS and sentence building saying 4/5 word sentences 'I want little green grasshopper'

Sunshine 6— A young lady has been using descriptive functional language during teddy play 'Teddy drink with cup'

Beach 3—A young man has been matching 'Who' characters in colourful semantics

**Please see over for more Good News stories this week.....**

### **Good News Stories this week**

Pier 3—Pupil sought out an adult, took them to his chair and requested 'more' for the teacher to sing—he initiated all this himself.

Sunshine 1—Pupil did a wee on the toilet for the first time

Beach 1—amazing PE lesson with all the children staying in the hall and engaged. One pupil said 'goodbye' at the end of the day

Sunshine 5—visited Colchester Zoo to meet Santa and the penguins which was very magical.

Sunshine 7—Pupil has learnt to play 'Jingle Bells' on the piano

Beach 5—Found a toy baby, got a bottle and fed it independently

Beach 4—everyone loved their Jumpstreet trip

Pier 5—Everyone really enjoyed their Performing Arts session

Pier 4—pupil requested a number to log in to their ipad

Sunshine 6—Made some amazing Christmas cakes—yummy!

Pier 1—One little girl managed a whole performing arts session for the first time

Sunshine 8—pupil laid the table for peers and volunteered to do this. One young man did really well at the Bazaar, helped prepare the stall and helped to run it and talked to people. He also did a dance in performing arts in front of his peers.

### **Free School Meal vouchers**

These have been issued this week to all those in receipt of free school meals—£30 per child for the 2 weeks over Christmas. If you are not sure if you are entitled to free school meals, please google Essex County Council Free school meals for the criteria and an application form.

### **Tapestry**

Please log in to your child's Tapestry for an update on their progress for this term

### **School Uniform**

We have 3 brand new sweatshirts (these were stock items) in the office for sale—2 x 26 inch chest at a cost of £10 each and 1 x Large at £15. Payment in cash or cheque payable to Shorefields. These garments are cheaper than buying through School Trends.

### **Message from the SPLASH PTA team:**

As we are approaching Christmas, if you buy gifts on line, could you please consider going through Easyfundraising or if buying from Amazon, going through Amazon Smile?

There are no additional costs to you, the customer, but the PTA do receive a donation from Easyfundraising and Amazon which helps with our fundraising. All monies raised by SPLASH get spent on extras/ equipment for the children.

We are starting to look at events for next year, so watch this space for more information soon.

Thank you.

SPLASH Team

# School Dinners – w/b 12/12/22

## Week 2 of the Autumn Menu.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Option 1	Tomato pasta bake	All day breakfast, sausage, egg, bacon & hash brown		Sausage roll served with mash potato	Omega 3 fish fingers served with chips
Main Meal Option 2	Quorn Vegan Dippers Served with potato cro- quettes	Vegetarian sausage, egg, hash brown, tomato		Macaroni cheese served with garlic bread	Chicken burger served with chips
Vegetables	Mixed vegetables	Baked beans & mushrooms		Broccoli & sweetcorn	Baked beans, bubble & squeak
	Salad Bar	Salad Bar		Salad Bar	Salad Bar
Dessert/ Pudding	Chocolate yule log and chocolate custard	Father Christmas Jellies	Christmas Pudding Mince Pies Custard or Ice-cream	Snowman Cakes	Christmas tree Ice-cream & festive biscuits

**Clacton Library**

**EVENTS** Check out our regular and special events!

**Free Festive Events for Children and Families in December**

    

**Winter Reading Challenge**  
For Children of all ages 26/11/22 - 28/01/23

**Winter Reading Challenge Themed Blockbusters Event**  
Saturday 3/12/22 10-11am  
Complete 1 of your 6 tasks

**Christmas Stories & Fun with Mr Fox and a special festive visitor**  
Monday 12/12/22 10am - 10.30am

**Christmas Rhyme times with a special festive visitor**  
Thursday 15/12/22 at 10am or 1.45pm  
And Friday 16/12/22 at 9.30

**Christmas Craft & Storytime**  
Saturday 17/12/22 10.30am - 11.30 am

**Winter Reading Challenge Themed Rhymetime**  
Thursday 22/12/22 at 10am - 10.30 a  
complete 2 of your tasks

    

For more information:  
libraries.essex.gov.uk  
0345 603 7628

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**Upcoming Parent Workshops**

 

9th November 2022	Annual Reviews
25th January 2023	Transitions
10th March 2023	Requesting an Education, Health and Care Plan Needs Assessment

All workshops are to be held 10am - 12pm  
You can book your place via the Eventbrite link

Please see details of the upcoming SENDIASS Workshops. . Please book your place via the Eventbrite link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/438989578647>



**North Essex Family Activity Club**

Introducing a new Club for families living in North Essex with neurodivergent children and young people

Activities	When	Where
Lego Table Tennis Board games Arts & Crafts Soft Play Badminton	Sundays 1.30pm - 3.30pm  <b>Cost</b> Sessions are free	Leisure World Highwoods The Gilbert School, Brinkley Lane, Highwoods, Colchester CO4 9PU

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

For further information and to book your place email: [Alex@fifessex.org.uk](mailto:Alex@fifessex.org.uk)

Understanding special needs



**Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service**

Believe in children  
Barnardo's



**eSafetyTraining**  
'The 2 Johns'

Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service and 'The 2 Johns' are pleased to offer **FREE** online parent workshops that will look at the online world, how our young people are using it and how to keep them safe. This includes:

- Favourite apps and games
- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe

**Sessions will run virtually from 8.00pm-9.30pm on dates below:**

Tuesday 22nd Nov 2022  
Thursday 24th Nov 2022  
Monday 28th Nov 2022  
Tuesday 6th Dec 2022  
Wednesday 7th Dec 2022  
Monday 12th Dec 2022  
Tuesday 14th Dec 2022  
Wednesday 21st Dec 2022

**To book a place please call our Hub on 0300 247 0015**



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