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Thank You

On behalf of all the staff, governors and pupils I would like to say a great big THANK YOU for all your support over this term.

To those who have supported trips and helped in classrooms.

To those who attended the Harvest Celebrations.

To those who support sports teams and Performing Arts.

To those who supported our FOSS fund raising events.

To those who support our charity events.

And to those who made our Christmas celebrations in school and St Andrews so special by coming along and being a fabulous audience. Thank you.



Our Comenius Project

We are very excited that we have been successful in being granted an award to undertake a Comenius Project over the next two years. Being part of a Comenius Project is very difficult as there is a lot of competition.

Comenius has two aims:

- ☺ to develop knowledge and understanding among young people and education staff of the diversity of European cultures and languages, and the value of this diversity

- ☺ to help young people to acquire basic life skills and competences for their personal development, for future employment and for active European citizenship

Our project links us with schools in France, Sweden and Italy on a joint study of migratory birds and next term the whole school is having a science and geography focus on birds. Of even more significance are the opportunities for children from different countries to share work, find out about each other and

even use the technology to talk to each other.

The project is funded by the British Council and the EU and will offer our children many new and exciting experiences and opportunities.

Watch out for updates on our new and improved website design early next year.



Medical Appointments

You may not be aware, but there is an agreement with doctors and dentists in the area that they will give priority to school age children for appointments after school hours. If you need to make an appointment, please try to do so then or in the holidays as we do

suffer constant disruption with countless children leaving and returning to school in lesson time. Please let class teachers know if your child has an appointment during the school day so that they can be sent to the Office ready to

come out when you arrive. Thanks for your support.



Year 6 Concert

Our Year 6 pupils undertake their Civic Award during their final year at Shiphay.

As part of the requirements they have to organize a fund raising event for charity and last Saturday evening they arranged a superb concert at St John's Church for our Performing Arts

and Recorder Rox together with Spectrum Music. The music and singing was fantastic and much enjoyed by the audience and in addition, £550 was raised for RICE (Reaching Indian Children Everyday) that provides a home and education for street children of Southern India. A great big well

done to all involved, particularly Year 6 for their great organization.



Key Stage 2 SATs Results 2013

2013 has yet again seen outstanding progress and attainment results at KS2. We topped the National Curriculum League Table for Torbay with the highest scores for Grammar Punctuation and Spelling and we are in the top 1000 schools nationally for all our results.

10 children achieved Level 6 (the equivalent of GCSE Grade C) across different aspects of English

and Maths. The KS2 data shows that we are significantly above the national average in all subjects and have been so since 2004.

This year we have added all the individual subjects to that list. In 2012 we were in the top 10% and indicators are that we shall be there again for 2013.

We continue to have impressive progress and attainment across the school and not just at the key

assessment watersheds of Y2 and Y6. My thanks go to the dedicated and talented Teachers and TAs who make learning so effective and so engaging and to you and all the other staff who support and contribute so much to making our Academy a great place to work and learn.



Football Success

Well, we're half way through the season and the Shiphay Learning Academy Football Teams have proved how fantastic they all are. In boy's football, the year 6 boys started the season with a bang winning the Torbay and district round ESFA cup,

with the girls finishing runners up in the same Tournament after being pipped to the post in the final.

In the league both of the Year 5/6 boys and Year 4 teams are unbeaten with a combinations of

wins and draws. The girls have shown what great teamwork and hard work can achieve sitting at the top of their league and winning every game.

Memories of Christmas 2013



Year 1 and Year 2 Carollers



Foundation Stage Nativity



We raised over £700 for RICE. Thank you



Junior Carols @ St John's

For more photos on the Herald Express website please click on:

<http://www.torquayheraldexpress.co.uk/pictures/Christmas-Stars-Shiphay-Learning-Academy-s/pictures-20344029-detail/pictures.html>

Season's Greetings

On behalf of all the Staff and Governors, may I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Have a restful and fun filled holiday and see you in 2014. To those who are moving to new

towns and new schools, there is always a warm welcome should you be able to come back and see us and have a great holiday and know that you take all our best wishes for the future with you.

