

The newsletter for the island of Shapinsay produced by the Shapinsay Development Trust.

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We aren't publishing a newsletter for January as there isn't much going on at this point, although we will have a lot to put out in February!

I would just like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thank you for all your support in 2021. Here's hoping 2022 brings good things!

We do have an update from the School...

## Shapinsay School January 2022

December has been full of festivities in school. We enjoyed a great Christmas lunch, sang a lot of Christmas songs and played party games. The older children played a lot of Christmas songs on violin, guitar and recorder.

On the last day of term we had a Christingle Assembly, with Rev Julia joining us on Teams. The younger class told the Christmas story. We also said goodbye to Ian, who is leaving us at the end of term. Thank you to Ian for everything you have done over the years. We have a tradition of soaking the P7s when they leave – after 10 years of Ian soaking P7s, it seemed only fair to return the favour and we hope you enjoyed the video we posted on the Shapinsay Residents Facebook page! Ian, we hope you enjoy planting your new planters which were a gift from pupils, parents and staff.

We are delighted to welcome Zara to the school, who has joined the P1 – 4 class. We also look forward to welcoming our new staff who we will introduce properly when they start next term.

### Nursery

Next term, we will be carrying on with our exploration of traditional stories and tales and making our own story baskets to extend the childrens learning. Also we are looking forward to using our new waterplay/messy trays to learn about capacity and we will be experimenting with sinking and floating.

**P1 – 4** completed the Victorians topic by learning about a Victorian Christmas. The classroom was decorated with handmade decorations, and we made our own

Nativity scene. We read "A Christmas Carol" and then enjoyed watching the Muppets' version! In PE we have learned to serve using a racket and to hit objects over a net, which is trickier than it sounds! We also enjoyed creating dances to Christmas songs and Let it Go from Frozen.

In January, the class topic will be "Lighthouses". We will be learning about the history of lighthouses, finding out why they are important and making our own lighthouses. We will also be reading the "Lighthouse Keeper" stories and writing our own.

### P5 – 7

In English the P5-7 children read a variety of persuasive texts (to learn about the structure and language features of that type of non-fiction) before writing persuasive letters. In science, they learnt about light by doing a variety of experiments involving coloured LED light sources, mirrors and prisms. French work involved learning about school subjects and Spanish included learning vocabulary to do with clothing. The children also found out about Scottish Christmas traditions and learnt to sew various embroidery stitches. In PE they learned how to serve in badminton and played some fun badminton skills games. They also choreographed dances to some Scottish tunes, some popular Christmas songs and also to Let it Go from Frozen.

Next term, the P5-7 class will be learning about Europe in their Social Studies lessons; about Islam in RME and investigating forces and motion in science lessons.



## Christmas and Advent on Shapinsay

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon Valerie Pomfret

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon Worship Group

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon Rev Gordon Jones

Christmas Eve Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 pm lessons and carols – Rev Julia Meason

Christmas Day Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December 11 am Christmas Day family Service – Rev Julia Meason

Boxing Day Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon



All are warmly welcome!  
Rev Julia Meason



## THOMAS SINCLAIR SHOP & POST OFFICE

### MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Christmas Eve Open as normal

Christmas Day CLOSED

Boxing Day CLOSED

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> CLOSED

Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Open as normal but PO closed

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Open as normal

Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Open as normal

Hogmanay Open as normal but closing 4pm

New Year's Day CLOSED

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> CLOSED

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> CLOSED

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Open 10am -12

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Open as normal

The mobile Library will be on Shapinsay on the  
13<sup>th</sup> of January

## Mobile Library Timetable 2022



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Westray	Burray/South Ronaldsay & Holm	Evie, Rendall & Firth		
Sanday	Longhope	Hoy/Fiotta	Eday	Harray & Quoyloo
Rousay/Egilsay	Orphir & Stenness	Stronsay	Deerness	
Dounby, Sandwick & Birsay	Shapinsay	No Service		

## **\*BOATHOUSE CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS\***

The Boathouse will be closed from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December reopen again on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

The car service will stop on the 24<sup>th</sup> December and resume on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup>

It will stop again on 31<sup>st</sup> and resume on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> January

The Out of hours Boat Service won't be running on Christmas Day and Boxing day and again on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of January, but they will take private hires in an emergency.

From all of us at Shapinsay Development Trust, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a.....

**Merry**  
**Christmas**

And a.....

