## Shenstone Community Library Newsletter

WINTER 2023

What can you do with your children for free in the village (or for a little money)?

Baby Bounce and Rhyme for 0-school age-Tuesdays 10.30-11.00 in the Library

Shenstone Baby and Toddler group Wednesday 9.45-11.45 Term time in St John's Church hall

Storytime 2yrs-school Term time Fridays 2.00-2.30 in the Library

Rainbows and Brownies Wednesdays in Wesley Hall
Cubs and Scouts Thursday Wesley Hall
Beavers Friday Wesley Hall

Story Club Thursdays 3.30-4.15 for 5-9 yrs in the Library

## Why should you read to your children?

From the National Literacy Agency "There can be few things as powerful as regularly reading to a young child. It has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns. Yet fewer than half of 0-2-year-olds are read to every day or nearly every day by their parents. "

## What benefit does singing have on young children?

Develop humour; teach children how language works; help experience the rhythm of language; improve sensitivity to speech rhythm and boosts their language development; learn new words; develop non-verbal communication skills; help to learn early maths skills; boost their language communication and literacy skills; help develop children's social skills and learn about different beats and rhythms. **WOW** 

## Use us!

This winter may well be pretty dull but please remember we are here in the village. Please come and keep warm in our lovely library. You can browse a paper or magazine, have a warming drink and maybe something yummy to eat. You could join one of our activity groups. THEY ARE NOT ALL FOR CHILDREN! We have crafts, history, art, reading and games groups throughout the year and everyone of those groups is welcoming and keen to have new members.

New to the library for the winter is our <u>Great Sporting Events</u> 1966 and On.

Share with others some fabulous memories; rugby, football, golf, tennis, cricket. Our warm library will be hosting these on some Wednesdays 1.30-3.30 and Raymond will be offering half time snacks!



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**EXPLORERS** 

We have evening events too-please look out for posters, adverts and social media to see what's on.

