



Shinfield Infant & Nursery School

Autumn Term Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a number of meetings and events in these first few weeks, and I would like to thank the school staff who have given their time to arrange and present these for the benefit of children, parents and the community. We hope that those of you who were able to attend found these useful. It is a very busy time of year settling all the children back in and welcoming 135 new little people into the school, not to forget their parents! I was really pleased to hear how well all the F2 children came in to school towards the end of last week. The new 'Hug stations' and 'Wave points' seem to be working very well, and thanks to all the F2 parents for their support for their children in this! It really helps your child's independence!

All parents are welcome to our Maths Information Evening this Thursday 3rd October from 7 to 8pm. We will be offering a set of resources for sale to parents who would like to support their child's Maths at home, as well as demonstrating how we teach problem solving and other areas of Maths. There is a crèche available—please book a place with the school office or send in your slip from the letter about the information evenings. Copies of the letter are available from the school office as well.

Best wishes, **Mrs Amanda Turner, Headteacher**

Vacancies in school

You should receive an email advertising vacancies for a lunchtime controller, School Parent Governor and PTA Treasurer at this school. Please let the school office know if you did not receive this email but would like more details of any of these interesting roles in the school. We hope you may apply!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who came and supported this event, and to Mrs Lauchlan who organized it. Thank you also to the staff, FOS and parent helpers who helped provide cakes and serve refreshments. Due to your great efforts, the school has raised just over £200 for Macmillan Cancer Relief. This money will go towards helping those suffering from cancer and will help their families. Thank you!

Tickets for the children's discos on Thursday 14th November are now on sale. Please buy your child's ticket soon if you would like the early disco, as this is traditionally more suitable for the younger children. There is of course no restriction on which children attend the disco, but we do have a limit on numbers for safety reasons. Look out for a letter coming home in book bags this week. Online booking is at: www.pta-events.co.uk/fos

Holiday Club at Shinfield St Mary's CE Junior School

The Shinfield Holiday Club was such a success over the summer that we will be running it again during the half term holiday. We will not be running it over the Christmas break as this is a time for families, but during February half term, one week of the Easter break, and May half term, Get Active will be there again. The children who attended had good fun during the summer and we expect this to become an excellent service for our schools. For more details, please see attached poster.

Please can all parents check that their child's uniform is named in indelible pen or with name tapes. This is the time when biro writing has washed out of labels and we now have a growing pile of unnamed new uniform! Thank you for your support with this.

Age-appropriate computer games

A number of children, especially in Year 1, have been talking about a game called 'Hello Neighbour'. Here is the link to advice on the age rating for the game: <https://www.igdb.com/games/hello-neighbor/age-rating> This seems to have coincided with an increase in rough play on the playground. If you are not already doing so, please could you check what games your child may be playing (lots of games have online links) and make sure these are appropriate for your child's age and emotional maturity. Please see our website for more details about how to keep your child safe online at home: <http://www.shinfieldschools.co.uk/infant/parents/e-safety/>

Nursery Corner

We hope you had a lovely weekend. No words here, just pure three year old fun! If you can't jump in muddy puddles when you are three when can you? Please send boots in! We can't resist a bit of mud! Mrs Ayres and Ms South



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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fosians/?invite=MDK9MQ&ref>



Go into the website page <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and select the charity you wish to support. The name of our PTA is Friends of Shinfield . The Smile.amazon address is a special link from Amazon for fundraising purposes only, but accesses people's Amazon account details exactly the same as on their standard website. People need to simply enter their username and password as if they were shopping onto the normal amazon.co.uk site.

SKIP2BFIT

On Thursday 4th October each KS1 class will be taking part in a 30 minute SKIP2BFIT session. This is a fun and active session which everyone enjoys. SKIP2BFIT skipping ropes will be on sale after school at a cost of £5 each. These are adjustable skipping ropes and 10% of profits will be donated to the school. **For more information, see the attached poster.** If you are unable to come in to buy a rope you can buy them online.

If we sell enough skipping ropes we will buy some for the school so that all children can benefit from them in PE lessons, including the F2 children for whom we can run our own sessions.

Census Day Thursday 3rd October

If you are not already doing so, please encourage your child to try a school meal on this day. The school receives funding for each meal taken on Census Day. **If your child is bringing in a packed lunch please do not include any nut products as we have children with very severe nut allergies. Thank you for your help.**

Elm Class Cake Sale

This will be on Friday 4th October. We hope that you can support them in raising money for new class toys, games and other classroom equipment.

GOLDEN GOOD BOOK

Friday 27th September

For helping to keep our school safe

Birch Class - Mrs Foldvari:

Henry and Mati

Maple Class - Miss Cresswell and Mrs Roedel

Seren and Theo N

Willow Class - Mrs Lowes

Wen Wen and Danny

Apple Class - Mrs Lawn and Mrs McDonald:

Emily and Charlie

Cherry Class - Mrs Lauchlan and Miss Anderson:

Ellana and Max

Plum Class - Mrs Linkens:

Nadia and Aston

Ash Class - Mrs Massey and Mrs Belas:

Billie-Lou and Emmy

Elm Class - Mrs Devos and Miss Hulme:

Cody and Yara

Oak Class - Mrs Gray and Mrs Feeney:

Daisy and Laith

Well done children!



Wokingham Children's Book Festival

October 19th and 20th 2019

Wokingham Town Hall & Wokingham Library

Competition

Do you love drawing?
Are you a budding cartoonist, manga artist or illustrator?

Design your own hero character

Competition opens 4th September and closes 5th October

Visit Wokingham Library for an entry form and to drop off finished works.

There will be four age ranges for entries and the winner in each will receive a set of Sharpies donated by WHSmith.

All entries will be displayed in Wokingham Library for the duration of the event.



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