



Shinfield Infant & Nursery School Autumn Term Newsletter 11

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the children who came in non-uniform last Friday and brought donations for the Christmas market. Some Year 6 Junior children will be coming over to judge the entries for the decorated stockings this week. A special prize will be awarded to the best effort in each class.

Thank you also to BWH Events and the parent helpers who came in today to put up the school Christmas tree. It looks so beautiful in the school hall and we can't wait to see the children's faces when they see it all lit up- it is quite magical. The office team have also been busy rearranging the office so that they can meet and greet parents more easily and help staff in what is perhaps the busiest working place in the school. Today the staff have worked on developing Oracy skills throughout the school, and we have revised our school planning and the marking scheme. We hope that the extra day in December will also have given the children time to relax before the last few busy weeks of school. There are lots of sickness and cold bugs going round, so we are encouraging them to stay well by washing hands frequently and using tissues for runny noses.

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



Reminders of events coming up:

Wed 4th December—Children's Christmas Dinner If your child is not having a school Christmas dinner please send him or her in with a festive packed lunch.

Thurs 5th and Fri 6th December –Nursery Christmas performances.

Thurs 5th December—last day for Penguin Reading Award for Year 1 and 2.

Weds 11th and Thurs 12th December—F2 Christmas Plays See ticket order letter in child's book bag.

Fri 13th December—Christmas Fayre in Hall 3.30 to 5.30pm.

Mon 16th December am 'Fred In the Shed' for all children. Lego Christmas workshop after school—look out for flyer advertising this.

Weds 18th December –Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Thurs 19th December—Nursery Christmas Jumpers and party. School Christmas parties—children may wear party clothes to school today. Last day for Nursery

Friday 20th December—Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save The Children. School closes at 1.15pm for the Christmas holiday. **Shinfield Showtime** today!

Monday 6th January - Term begins for F2, Yr 1 and 2. New Reading Award starts (F2 included—more details to follow)

Wednesday 8th January - Term begins for Nursery

Friday 17th January - Plum Class Cake Sale

GOLDEN GOOD BOOK

Friday 29th November

For being a great role model to others

Birch Class - Mrs Foldvari:

Shea and Hazara

Maple Class - Miss Cresswell and Mrs Roedel

Brody and Ettie

Willow Class - Mrs Lowes

Remy and Isabella

Apple Class - Mrs Lawn and Mrs McDonald:

Fierne and Judy

Cherry Class - Mrs Lauchlan and Miss Anderson:

Skylyn and Janelle

Plum Class - Mrs Linkens:

Paige and Aarishka

Ash Class - Mrs Massey and Mrs Belas:

Rafay and Grace

Elm Class - Mrs Devos and Miss Hulme:

Amber and Sam

Oak Class - Mrs Gray and Mrs Feeney:

Kye and Ayat

Well done children!

Nursery Corner



Last week we saw a rainbow. We went outside in the rain to find it. Afterwards we had great fun painting, chalking, building and reading about rainbows. We left Nursery covered in paint, chalk and mud! Perfect - just like it should be! Please remember to send in spare clothes in bags. There is nothing like hands-on learning.



We had a visit from the "Louis Taylor Road Show". He brought his puppet Troy. We learnt about the importance of remembering " Hold hands, stop, look and listen" Here are some photos from our busy week.



Best Wishes,
Mrs Ayres and the Nursery Team

Last week, we were invited to take part in the planting of a new Oak Tree on School Green. We decided to send some F2 children to help so that they can watch the tree grow from the start of their time at this school, both in the heart of Shinfield Village. Thank you Shinfield Parish Council for letting us share this special moment of history with you.

Attendance

The attendance for the whole school last week was 96.40%. The class with the best attendance last week (and the Shinfield Cup) is Birch Class with 97.24% attendance. Well done!

Parking

It has recently been brought to our notice that a number of cars parked by parents, including some from this school, were blocking roads around both schools last week. This is potentially very dangerous as it could block essential emergency access to save a child in need of urgent medical assistance. This could be your child. Please park carefully and considerately.

Grace Darling

Grace Darling visited Year 2 last week, as they wanted to ask all about her daring trip out in a boat to save shipwrecked survivors. She said the children asked lots of interesting questions!



How do I help my child with writing?

This is an interesting poster sent to us by Mrs Ayres in Nursery.

It really does outline the importance of developing lots of basic skills in order to be able to write successfully later on.

If you are a Nursery or F2 parent wondering how best to help your child, this may be of help to you.

I will learn to write but first I need to...

- Imagine**: Making up stories when I paint and create will help me to write.
- Build**: I need to use my fingers independently to write.
- Scribble & Draw**: Making marks and shapes to convey my message will help me to write.
- Manipulate**: Using paintbrushes, crayons, pencils and pens will help me to write.
- Climb**: I need strong arm and body muscles to sit up and write.
- Play with letters & words**: I need to be interested in letters and words to write.

... and I need someone to show me how important writing is every day!