



Shinfield Infant & Nursery School

Spring Term Newsletter 1

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the start of the first school term of 2020 and the 313th year since the school was built!

The big news this week is that we have a new website. This is now up and running and I invite you to take a look here - the address is the same as it always has been: www.shinfieldschools.co.uk. We hope that parents and visitors to the website will find it useful, especially the Twitter feed which we will use to bring you updates of what has been going on in school. All the information that you have accessed before will be on there, and we will be adding more over the next few weeks including some exciting new interactive features. Please email the school office with any suggestions or feedback, or speak to me if you see me in the morning at school. I would like to know what you think of it and how we might improve anything.

Wishing everyone a good week ahead. Mrs Amanda Turner, Headteacher

School Clubs

These start **this** week beginning **13th January**. You should have received confirmation of places. **Unless otherwise advised, children wear normal school uniform for these activities.** F2 staff will pick up their children from any morning club. Year 1 and 2 will be taken back to their classes as normal by club leaders for the start of the school day.

Monday - Afternoon Football Club - Please collect from outside main school entrance at 4.20pm.

Children should bring suitable clothing to change into for playground football. They will bring school uniform home.

Tuesday - Morning Capoeira Club - Please bring your child directly to the Hall entrance for an 8am start.

Children should wear suitable clothing for active work, and bring uniform to change into back in class.

Wednesday - Morning Street Dance Club - Please bring your child directly to the Hall entrance for an 8am start.

Children should wear suitable clothing for active work, and bring uniform to change into back in class.

Wednesday - Afternoon Choir Club - Please collect from outside main school entrance at 4.20pm.

Thursday - Morning Multisports Club - Please bring your child directly to the Hall entrance for an 8am start.

Children should wear suitable clothing for active work, and bring uniform to change into afterwards

If you have any queries relating to the clubs please speak to Mrs Eastmond-Bye in the school office.

Reminder about applications for school places

The deadline for applications for Infant school places starting in September 2020 is this Wednesday 15th January. The same deadline applies for applications for places for children starting Junior School in September 2020. Entry to the Junior School is not an automatic process and applications need to be made.

Please speak to Mrs Scott in the school office if you would like any further advice.



Reading Awards

Our new Reading Award is starting on Monday and this half term the children are working to earn a Robot Badge. We have the Reading Badges each half term because we have found that, however able a child is at Reading, it makes a real difference to their progress if they read regularly each week. It also gives them a great sense of achievement to be awarded a badge.

We would like every child to read at least 25 times between Monday 6th January and Thursday 6th February, which averages out at five reads a week. We count up to two reads a day so there is always an opportunity to catch up if you miss a day.

Any of these things could be counted as a read:

5-10 minutes reading part or all of a school reading book

Practising the coloured words that they don't already know, which are stapled in their planners

Reading from a library book or other book you have at home

Sharing a book with someone else where they read alternate pages/passages (we do not count having a story read to a child as a read)

Staff will count up the reads regularly and mark them with purple pen. We regret that we cannot backdate our counting so please make sure you write in whenever your child reads to you.

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any further questions about the Reading Awards. It would be great if every child was able to be awarded a badge in our special Reading Badge Assembly at the end of this half term.

Nursery Corner



The Nursery children were fascinated by sticks that they found in the Nursery garden after a particularly blustery, windy day. We wondered why some sticks were covered in the green lichen whilst others were not. We sorted the sticks into longest and shortest. One of the children was really interested in making a pile of natural and man made items. All this learning is 'in the moment' and provides great scope for extending children's understanding of the world around them.

CENSUS DAY MENU swap —Thursday 16th January

Please find attached the school dinner menu for this term. On Census Day, the menu for Friday will be served instead, and Thursday's menu will be served on Friday.

Please encourage your child to take a school meal on Thursday this week. The school receives valuable funding for each meal taken and this money is used to fund the additional support and resources that we have for your children at lunchtimes, in order to help make these even better.

Picture News

We talk about Picture News in a Thursday assembly with Years 1 and 2, and every now and then we share the resources with parents so that all



parents can talk about these with their children, including Nursery and F2. Last week we talked about the bush fires in Australia. The resource is attached for parents' information.

Lots of the children were very concerned to hear about the animals too and it was good to know what good work has been done to help keep them safe.

Please find attached details of a course aimed at anyone interested in becoming a teaching assistant. It is being hosted by Shinfield St Mary's CE Junior School. so very handy for any parents at our school who may be interested.



CAKE SALE



Plum Class Cake Sale is next Friday 17th January after school. We hope that you can support them!

Procedures in event of extreme weather

In the event of extreme weather conditions such as heavy snow, the Infant and Junior Schools will work together as far as possible to ensure that schools stay open as much as possible, and arrangements are made between the two schools to ensure safety of children, families and staff. Messages will be sent out using the ScoPay system as usual. Please make sure we have your up to date phone number and email address so you receive this information. Updates will be posted on the school website as well as on local radio and the Wokingham Borough Council websites. The schools may open later and close earlier to allow for safer travel to and from school.

SHINFIELD INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA

QUIZ Night

FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY 7.30 PM
SHINFIELD INFANT SCHOOL HALL

£5 PER PERSON (MAX 8 PER TEAM)

- BRING YOUR OWN NIBBLES AND ALCOHOLIC DRINKS
- RAFFLE
- HOT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE TO BUY

DON'T BE A 'TELLY ADDICT' COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN. YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!



TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
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[HTTPS:WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/SMJ](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/smj) (JUNIORS)
OR CASH ON THE NIGHT.
PLEASE ASK A PTA COMMITTEE MEMBER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!