



# Shinfield Infant & Nursery School

## Spring Term Newsletter 3

Monday 27th January 2020  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Tomorrow we say good bye and good luck to Mrs Gray, who is going on maternity leave. We will miss her and wish her all the very best for the future. Thank you for all that you have done for the children in our school Mrs Gray! The class will be taught by Mrs Feeney from Tuesday to Friday and Mrs McDonald on Mondays. It is good that the children will continue with teachers who they know well.

F2 have asked if parents could please donate any old pots and pans for their outdoor music area and mud kitchen. There will be a box outside the main office and all offers will be gratefully received!

Don't forget the Quiz Night this coming Friday 31st January at 7.30pm in the school hall. It is always a really enjoyable and inexpensive evening out!

Best wishes, Mrs Amanda Turner, Headteacher



### Nursery Corner

Morning children are fascinated by volcanoes and lava. This developed from an observation of a child playing in the garden trying to avoid "hot lava". I showed her a book to show her what a volcano was. Other children soon joined the conversation. We took them to the computer suite to watch clips of eruptions and to the library to borrow books. We have had beautiful explanations in children's words of lava looking like "icing running down a cake" ; "it looks like cement" and other amazing vocabulary. It is vital that children develop their language skills in Early Years to enable them to write in greater depth as they begin to write in their own words further up the school.

The children enjoyed making their own volcanoes and playing in lava inspired gloop and foam, prompting beautiful discussions about texture. We are patiently waiting for our volcanoes to dry so we can experiment with eruptions!

Here are some photos from our volcano activities so far.

Kind regards, Mrs Ayres and the Nursery Team



#### Please find attached:

- Details of adult training and drop in sessions for careers advice for those thinking of returning to work
- Updated diary dates
- Term dates for 2020-2021
- Details of courses about autism

Please can all parents take care to follow the rule that children should not return to school for 48 hours after sickness or diarrhoea. We had a few more cases of this in the last week. We also have a few cases of chickenpox in Nursery and school.

Due to the resignation of our PTA Treasurer, we are looking for a new person to fill this voluntary post. It is an important role but you will have a lot of support from the PTA and the school. We hope very much that a parent will be interested in applying or perhaps reapplying if they were interested before. Please email Mrs Turner [head@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk)

### School Nurse drop-in clinic at school on Thursday 30th January 9 - 11.30am

Please call and see the school nurse if you have any worries about your child's diet, sleeping or bedwetting, or any other aspect of his or her development. You can be assured of free, confidential advice and support from a trained medical professional. You can either sit and wait for a drop in appointment, or book an appointment time via the school office.

**Quiz Night this Friday!** It is not too late to buy tickets and it is always a very entertaining event!

**SHINFIELD INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA**

# Quiz Night

**FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> 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 'TILLY ADDICT' COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN. YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT  
[HTTPS://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FOS](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fos) (INFANTS)  
[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!

## CAKE SALE

Thank you for all your support for Plum Class Cake Sale. They raised an amazing £267.25 for new classroom equipment.



## Punctuality in the mornings

Now that the A327 Arborfield Road is open again, we expect traffic to return to normal levels without further delays for the time being. This should help us all with getting to school in good time! Please can I remind everyone that children should be on the playground by 8.55am ready for the classes to line up as registration starts at 9am. If you arrive at or just after 9am your child will be late in to class. Sometimes this cannot be avoided, but there have been children arriving later every day. This not only holds staff up in the office or waiting to close the gate, but also disrupts the class when they are settled in register time, and is distressing for the child who is coming in late. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who are getting their children to school in good time every day. I hope that punctuality overall will now improve for the benefit of all.

## GOLDEN GOOD BOOK

**Friday 24th January**  
**For great class work**

**Birch Class - Mrs Foldvari:**

Jensen and Ellie S

**Maple Class - Miss Cresswell and Mrs Roedel**

Anna and George

**Willow Class - Mrs Lowes**

Ella-Mae and William

**Apple Class - Mrs Lawn and Mrs McDonald:**

Emme and Albert

**Cherry Class - Mrs Lauchlan and Miss Anderson:**

Alisha and Dolly-Marie

**Plum Class - Mrs Linkens:**

Leo and Izzy

**Ash Class - Mrs Massey and Mrs Belas:**

Robert and Gabrielle

**Elm Class - Mrs Devos and Miss Hulme:**

Thomas and Gregory

**Oak Class - Mrs Gray and Mrs Feeney:**

Louis and Atene

**Well done children!**

## Shinfield Showtime

**Congratulations to our Shinfield Showtime winners:**

F2—Rohan, who did some powerful dance moves

Year 1—Ashley, who acted like a 'Greatest Showman'

Year 2—Leon and Joe, who demonstrated some Capoeira moves and music.

**Well done to all the children who auditioned for a part!** We were very proud of you all, and we really enjoyed the huge variety of acts that showed so much skill and talent in Shinfield pupils.

**Many thanks to Mrs Belas** whose idea this was in the first place, and for her wonderful role as compere.

