



# Shinfield Infant & Nursery School

## Spring Term Newsletter 9

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What strange times we are in, but it is reassuring that when I walk around the school the staff are all as positive as ever in their teaching and your children are still enjoying their day. We continue to follow Government advice and I am trying to run the school as normally as possible whilst keeping your children and the staff safe. I would like to thank all of you for your support for the school, and hope that we can keep going as long as it is safe to do so. It is a bit of normality for us all and hopefully helps those of you with other commitments to family, friends and work.

Here is some information below for your information, along with additional precautions that we are taking in school with regard to Covid –19. This may differ in some way from the Junior School because we are on separate sites, but as far as possible Mrs Runciman the Junior Head and I will work together to make things manageable for everyone. In writing this letter I have been advised that a member of staff at the Junior School who has been self isolating since Saturday but had not been in school since last Thursday, is likely to have Covid 19. On the advice of Wokingham Children's Services, Mrs Runciman has advised me that the Junior School is remaining open as is this school, with all the precautions we have both put into place to protect children and staff.

Kind regards, Mrs Turner, Headteacher

### Updated advice from school on Coronavirus Covid-19

We are continuing to follow Government guidance on Coronavirus for educational settings. For more details see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

The school and Nursery will remain open unless we are directed by PHE (Public Health England) to close. If staffing levels fall to the point where it is impossible to run the school safely we will take advice from PHE about closing parts of the school and sending some year groups home. We will avoid this if at all possible due to the disruption for parents and families.

**Staff and children should stay at home for 7 days if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, to avoid spreading infection to others.** Otherwise they should attend school as normal. If staff, young people or children arrive or become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they will be sent home and should not come back to school for 7 days. This absence will be authorised, as will absences for children who are vulnerable to infection due to severe medical conditions or whose family members are immunosuppressed and have been advised to isolate by PHE.

**Children who are well are expected to attend school as normal.** If you have difficulty bringing your child in please contact the school office for advice. We are unable to authorise absences for children whose parents choose to keep their child at home when their child is well.

As an added precaution we are reducing the number of larger gatherings in school including assemblies and the school discos, and we are extending lunchtimes so that children are more spread out. **Breakfast and After School Club will operate as normal and activity clubs will still run before and after school for now**, but it is the decision of parents whether or not to send their child to these. We are continuing with the regular handwashing and thorough cleaning of the school, including regular sanitisation of touch points throughout the building.

**Home Learning pages on the school website** will be populated from Wednesday this week, and in the meantime if your child is at home they could read any books, practise their handwriting and practise any Maths targets.

Please see below for events that have had to be postponed, with alternative dates that will be confirmed once the Coronavirus has, hopefully, slowed down.

**WILLOW CLASS CAKE SALE - Postponed to Friday 19th June** We hope to offer ice cream and lollies as well as cakes then, weather permitting!

**APPLE and CHERRY CLASS ASSEMBLIES - Postponed until further notice** New dates to be confirmed. Many children are away and staff absence means that the rehearsals have been affected.

**SCHOOL DISCOS - Postponed until further notice** New date to be confirmed. Current bookings will be held and transferred to the discos at the same time on the new date.

**DECORATED EGG COMPETITION - Will still go ahead.** If need be, we will ask for parents to send a photo of their child with the decorated egg that they have made and prizes will be awarded when we come back to school and Nursery.

We will keep you updated with notice of any further changes to school diary dates.

## Fun on World Book Day!



### GOLDEN GOOD BOOK

Friday 13th March

#### For working well with others

##### Birch Class - Mrs Foldvari:

Mati and Sienna

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

Grace and Bella

##### Willow Class - Mrs Lowes

Lexi-Mae and Omer

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

Ashanti and Fierne

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

Iliana and Libbi

##### Plum Class - Mrs Linkens:

Millie and Zane

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

Izzy and Ethan

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

Joseph and Amber

##### Oak Class - Mrs McDonald and Mrs Feeney:

Ayat and Millen

**Well done children!**

### Attendance in the last week

Whole school attendance: 91.84%

**F2** Birch 97.33%, Maple 88%, Willow 85.33%

**Yr 1** Apple 93.33%, Cherry 91.94%, Plum 92.33%

**Yr 2** Ash 92%, Elm 93.29%, Oak 93%

**Thank you for your support for Rags 2 Riches and recycling unwanted clothes too!**

Friends of Shinfield raised £148.45 for school funds through this. Here are some of the children who kindly helped to hand over the bags to the collectors.

