



Shinfield Infant & Nursery School Summer Term Newsletter 3

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I apologise for there not being a newsletter last week as we were kept very busy responding to Government announcements! This is a double edition which I hope you will find informative and that it offers a bit of light relief from the pressures we are all under.

Following the update made by Boris Johnson on Sunday 10th May, we confirm that for this week and for the half term holiday the school will remain closed, except to the children of keyworkers and vulnerable children, with only keyworker children attending during the holiday. The staff will continue to work in their rota teams, with the team that are working during the half term holiday taking their week's holiday the week before. There will be no home learning work set for the children in the half term holiday from 25th to 29th May so as to allow staff and children a much needed break.

We are finalising arrangements for the phased reopening of the school for Nursery, F2 and Year 1, as requested by the Government. As you will be aware, every school is different in terms of layout and pupil numbers and we all have different challenges to overcome in determining what works safely for each school. Details of the phased reopening of this school will be emailed to all parents on Friday 22nd May. New work will be set on the home learning pages from 1st June and it is hoped that children who are remaining at home will continue with their home learning for the time being. Please note that as the teachers start to teach in school, the offer of home learning may have to be adapted accordingly so that it is a better blend of home and school based learning.

If you have not yet done so, please could you let us know as soon as you are able to, whether your child will or will not be returning to school once it is open for their year group.

We will liaise with Shinfield St Mary's Junior School as far as possible in all these matters to enable families to plan work and other commitments around the times when their child/ren will be in school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Amanda Turner, Headteacher
Head@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk

End of Year Reports

We have decided to send home the end of year report for each child based on their attainment and progress up to 20th March this year. The report will be emailed to parents and carers by the child's class teacher, and we invite you to reply with a comment via email to the class teacher. We would like your child to provide a comment too. Please look out for reports between now and Friday 22nd May. As this is the first time we have sent out reports this way we would welcome any feedback on the process!

Some of our school nursing team have been redeployed and are doing an amazing job working on the wards at our local hospitals, however the rest of the school nursing team is still available to help support children and young people and their families with health concerns and to stay safe. Please contact your local team:

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Reminder about online safety

Attached is information and advice for children, young people and parents to help keep children safe online. During lockdown many of us are turning online to stay in touch and this goes for children as well as adults. Sadly, some criminals are using these extraordinary circumstances as a way to exploit and target young people when they are online. Do we/you know who children are speaking to online?

Thames Valley Police have seen an increase in reports of online sexual abuse involving children since movement restrictions were introduced and are urging parents to take this opportunity to have honest conversations about online safety with their children and to review privacy settings on the apps and social networks that they are using.

To support parents during COVID-19, the National Crime Agency's Child Exploitation and Online Protection division are producing fortnightly activity packs to help discuss staying safe online with your children. These age-appropriate resources, containing two 15-minute activities for each age group, can be found at www.thinkuknow.co.uk . Key safeguarding messages can be found at <https://www.berkshirerwestsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/scp>

The Scarecrows' Wedding

Albeit a windy day, Harry O'Hay and Betty O'Barley were married on Sunday 10th May! You can watch their charming ceremony on the F2 Facebook Group 'Shinfield Infants F2/Reception Class (2019).' Harry and Betty were utterly delighted with all the distinguished guests that could make their big day, it was such a special occasion to see their community of friends and family join them. They felt very loved indeed. All the guests looked so very wonderful, incredible hats were on display, beautiful party dresses, the event was a very stylish affair. Harry and Betty have vowed to follow the three key principles of Shinfield Infant School throughout their marriage, those are being ready, to be respectful at all times and to keep one another safe. You'll also be pleased to know there was also thankfully no sign of Reginald Rake. Congratulations to our newlyweds Mr and Mrs O'Hay!





VE Day 2020

Thank you to all the children and staff who helped with the special commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.



Thank you for sending all the lovely photos of the children enjoying their home learning!



S the webbed feet
 P tiny legs
 I nose
 D a mysterious bite
 E very powerful
R aking away
from us

