



Shinfield Infant & Nursery School Summer Term Newsletter 6

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this finds you all well. It has been really lovely to see more of you outside the school gates, whether your child is coming in, you are changing reading books or dropping off library books, or simply passing by to say hello. It has also been wonderful to see more of the children. They have all grown so much since they left in March.

There have been a great many communications by email with regard to the bubble groups, as with changing guidance we have had to adjust our practice accordingly, often on a daily basis. We have been able to provide bubble groups to some but sadly not all Year 1 children, due to having to ensure that we can provide safe spaces and staffing for each group. To date all the groups have run well and the home learning offer has been adapted in the light of parent feedback, so if there is anything that still needs addressing please let me know. We look forward to the last day with each Year 2 class in the last week of term.

Some parents have been asking me if the school will be open during the summer holiday. As the Government has stated last Friday, 'there is no expectation that schools should open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers over the summer holiday' and that 'Teachers, support staff and school leaders deserve a break, to recharge and rest', **the school will be closed for the summer holiday** to allow for this. We are very sorry there will be no holiday club this year as we are unable to run it safely under the strict COVID-19 guidelines. We will be ready and well prepared to meet your children back in September. We will work as we have always done to help any child who is behind to catch up, and we will be following up on any children who we feel we have not seen or heard of very much in the last few months. Equally so, we will further accelerate the progress of children who have worked hard at home with the support of their families and who have improved their attainment as a result. I am sure that every child in some way will have learnt something new, whether academic or not, and they will no doubt surprise and delight us with their new skills, knowledge and greater understanding of the world around them. As far as we are aware all children are expected to return in September, so please prepare for this including making sure you have all their uniform, school shoes, book bags, water bottles and PE kit ready.

If you would like your child to work on anything over the summer holiday, let it be their love of reading and time for reading for enjoyment. This will stand them in excellent stead for coming back to school, full of new ideas and vocabulary for their writing. There is no better way to do this than to join the library Summer Reading Challenge, which has been left on the last page of this newsletter as a reminder in case you have not already read this. Please also keep reading your child stories (again if asked!) and encourage him or her to retell these to another grown up or sibling, act them out, paint or draw pictures or make models of things in them. Above all, make it fun!

Wishing you all a good weekend ahead.

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

Please return your child's school library and reading books

One of our end of year jobs is to collect in all Reading and Library books so that they can be sorted and organised ready for September. We would be grateful if all books could be returned by these dates if you have not already done this:

F2- Please return all reading books and library books to school on Friday 10th July.

Year 1- Please return all reading books and library books to school on Monday 13th July.

Year 2- Please return all reading books and library books to school on the day that they return for their farewell party.

We will put boxes for these out by the main school reception. Please make sure that you label your child's library book with a post it or paper label with their name so that we can mark it off on our system.

SUPER FUN FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

JULY 10TH at 6PM JOIN VIA ZOOM FROM THE COMFORT OF HOME!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fos>

£4.00 per family entry.

Winning family wins 25% of the prize money!

We will send a link to the quiz when it's ready.



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Nursery Corner

Nursery have made the most of the rain. There's nothing like a big muddy puddle to jump in! When the weather improved Morning Nursery were making "exploding machines" where they investigated pouring / flooding / floating and sinking. They worked together to problem solve, transporting the water around their machine. Afternoon Nursery have enjoyed trying to move heavy items down the water channels using different methods. They have investigated changing the angles of the pipes and channels, pouring less / more water along the pipes and trying out different objects to transport.



Sorry for the wet clothes!

Mrs Ayres.

Big Music Day from Berkshire Maestros

Berkshire Maestros are very proud to launch our Big Music Day which, this year, will be an online event raising awareness of all the instruments we teach at Berkshire Maestros. Between 11am and 1:30pm on Saturday 11th July there will be talks and demonstrations from our woodwind, piano, brass, percussion, guitar and strings department as well as time for questions. Parents can learn how instrumental lessons will help their child to grow, encouraging key skills such as confidence, perseverance, teamwork, concentration and communication. This FREE event LIVE on Facebook can help children discover which instrument is their perfect match, and is suitable for anyone aged six and over.

See attached promotion flyer. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Helen Bligh (Marketing Manager) helenbligh@berkshiremaestros.org.uk

Private Prayer

This is to let you know that Shinfield St Mary's church will be open for private prayer from 10 to 12 on Wednesdays, for anyone who would like this quiet time.



New Books!

Thank you to Beth Deverill for running our World Book Day Sale. Here are the lovely new books we were able to buy with the commission from the sale. They will go in the Gold and Silver reading book shelves and also in our school library.



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#SILLYSQUAD2020

Join the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge

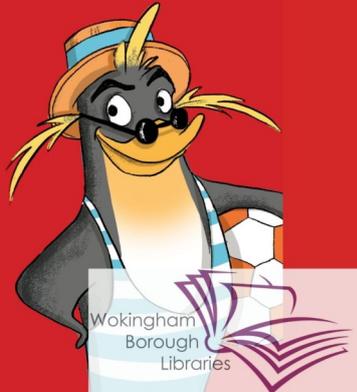
It's all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh!

Join online and set a personal reading challenge just visit:

www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

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**SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE**



Join the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge from the Reading Agency takes place every year during the summer holidays.

This year the Summer Reading Challenge is back and online with Silly Squad! It's all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh!

The Silly Squad is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books. This year, our challenge features extra special characters designed by the award-winning author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson, who you'll know from amazing reads like Amelia Fang and Evil Emperor Penguin!

Set a personal reading challenge

You can join the Silly Squad on a new adventure by setting your own personal reading challenge to complete this summer.

The online platform will help you keep track of your books, reviews and the rewards you unlock along the way.

As always, The Summer Reading Challenge website has lots of brilliant book suggestions to get you started, and tips on how you can keep reading even while schools and libraries are closed. There is also heaps of super silly activities, quizzes, videos, games and more to keep you entertained at home!

Sign up

You can sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge on the national website. This year, instead of registering at your local library, you should register online.

[Join the Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Library membership for the summer

If you are not already a member of the library, you can join the library online here <https://wokingham.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/OPAC/JOIN> to borrow e-books, e-audio books and e-comics for the challenge.

Reading lists

Why not visit our RB Digital platform and download some of these brilliant stories during the challenge?

Cookie! By Konnie Huq

Amelia Fang and the Unicorn Lords by Laura Ellen Anderson

Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai

Hamish and the Monster Patrol by Danny Wallace

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Benefits

Some of the benefits of taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge include:

- encouraging children to read throughout the summer holidays
- developing a lifelong love of reading for pleasure
- encouraging children to read a variety of genres
- encouraging the whole family to use resources in the library
- helps make sure that literacy levels do not drop over the summer
- most importantly- it's fun!

Parents and guardians can find out more on the [Summer Reading Challenge website](#).

Credits

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