



Shinfield Infant & Nursery School
Autumn Term Newsletter 4
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a good weekend in the sunshine. Here are some updates:

Hot school dinners: These started up again today and have proved very popular with the children already. If your child has not tried a hot school meal yet please have a look at the menu sent home last week and encourage him or her to try one. The school meals are free for Infant children so please make the most of this offer.

Census Day: There is a special menu for this day, also attached. I hope very much that as many children will start having the hot meals from next week. We are given school funding for every meal taken on Census Day so I hope that as many children as possible will have a school meal on this day.

Coming in to school: Having been on the playground on Thursday and Friday last week, I can see that the staggered start is working very well and the children coming in by themselves are helping a lot with this. It makes for a smoother and safer start in the mornings.

Punctuality: A number of children are arriving after their allotted times, and a few are coming in after 9am which is too late for any of the year groups. All children should be brought to school on time at the allotted times: 8.40am for Year 2, 8.45am for morning Nursery and 30 hour children, 8.50am for Year 1 and 9.00am for F2. If you are having difficulties with this, please contact me to discuss this as the school may be able to help you.

Masks: Thank you to all the parents and carers who are wearing masks or face coverings on the playground.

Social distancing: Please try and keep the social distancing on the playground, and remind your child to wait quietly with you.

Exit through car park: Please note that this is open to parents and carers only from 8.25am to 9.15am and again from 3pm to 3.30pm, due to staff cars and deliveries arriving on site. Breakfast Club parents should walk back down the path which should be safe as there are very few people around at time, and if you wear masks that will also help. I would like to remind everyone not to walk into school through the car park.

Parking: If you have a disability badge or chronic medical condition and need to park closer to the school, please contact the school office and we will see how we can support you.

Kind regards,

Mrs Amanda Turner, Headteacher

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Parent Local Advisors

As part of being an academy, we have a group of Local Advisors, whose role is the same in some ways to being school Governors. Local Advisors work with the staff and myself to enable the school to work as well as possible, and they support the school in many ways. The skills they have are very useful and helpful to the school and it is an ideal role for a parent with an interest in supporting the school in this way

We are looking for at least one, possibly two, new Parent Advisors. If you are interested to know more, please email Mrs Turner at the email address to find out more about the role of Local Advisor. You can nominate yourself or someone else you know for this role. If you would like to speak to one of our parent advisors please let Mrs Turner know.

The closing date for nominations will be 9am on Friday 9th October.



Wokingham Children's Book Festival Goes Online

Wokingham Children's Book Festival

This virtual festival will be run over Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th of October 2020, and you can download the schedule for the 17th and 18th October [here](#).

Tickets and more information can be found here: www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/bookfest.

Join us for talks with Chitra Soundar, Steve Antony, Peter Bunzl, Onjali Q Raúf, Inbal Leitner, Roopa Farooki, Smriti Halls and Ken Wilson-Max. Debut novelists Elle McNicoll and Iszi Lawrence complete the amazing line up for this year's Wokingham Children's Book Festival!

Home Learning

Year 1 and 2 parents should have received an email with a sort survey about the home learning last term. We are finalising the offer that we will be making but would welcome your feedback on this. Details of the home learning offer in the event of a self isolation, closure of a bubble and closure of the school will be posted up on the Home Learning pages of the school website.

Keyworker parents and carers

In the possible event of another full school lockdown where we are required to provide an offer of education on site for children of keyworker parents and carers, we would like to have an up to date contact list ready. Please look out for a Keyworker Survey sent out by email last week, and respond as soon as possible if you think you are a keyworker.

Virtual Tour

Thank you to all who responded to say their child could take part. We had Ella Walker in to film last Thursday and we are looking forward to the finished result! In the meantime please encourage anyone looking for a school place to visit our website, look at the photo gallery and book an online question and answer session with Mrs Turner. Mrs Lauchlan and other members of school staff.

Packed lunches

If you are providing a packed lunch for your child, please do not send in any nut products due to allergies in school. Please do not pack in sweets or chocolate bars. Please try and include a good mixture of foods for your child such as a sandwich, wrap or chapatti filled with protein such as cheese or ham, a yoghurt (please pack a spoon wrapped in kitchen paper so the spoon can be wrapped up to take home again), a piece of fruit and vegetable crudites. If you do wish to, you can put in one packet of crisps, or one chocolate coated biscuit or cake.

On the gate

Many of you might have seen Mrs Runciman the Junior School Headteacher at the school gate with me last week. I hope to visit the Junior School and do the same in future. Mrs Runciman and I talk most days about school matters and supporting the schools between us. We also have a joint Junior Governors/Infant Advisors group meeting coming up soon and this is another time where we discuss different ways of working together. Thank you Mrs Runciman for coming over to support the Infant School— it is the first time we have seen each other face to face for a few months, as we have had many online meetings in the meantime!



Thank you to these two lovely ladies who kindly helped supply and distribute much needed soil for our F2 planters at the weekend! It was very generous and is much appreciated! They worked really hard and made such a difference. Mrs Foldvari and the F2 team are on the look out for more soil for these planters and others around the school. We would welcome any further donations of unwanted but good quality soil. Please contact Mrs Foldvari via the school office.



GOLDEN GOOD BOOK

Friday 4th September 2020

For keeping safe

Apple Class - Mrs Massey and Mrs Belas:

Seren and Freddie

Cherry Class: Mrs Hursey and Mrs Feeney:

Lucas and Lexi-Mae

Plum Class - Miss Hulme:

Callum and Ellie G

Ash Class - Mrs Lawn and Mrs McDonald:

Teddy and Emme

Elm Class - Mrs Linkens:

Vaughan and Sophia

Oak Class - Mrs Lauchlan and Miss Anderson:

Libbi and Maddy

Well done children!

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Friday 11th September 2020

For helping others to feel welcome

Apple Class - Mrs Massey and Mrs Belas:

Lola and Rohan

Cherry Class: Mrs Hursey and Mrs Feeney:

Eryk and Julia

Plum Class - Miss Hulme:

Sienna and Charlie

Ash Class - Mrs Lawn and Mrs McDonald:

Valentina and Jacob

Elm Class - Mrs Linkens:

Leo and Grace

Oak Class - Mrs Lauchlan and Miss Anderson:

Jessica and Oliver

Well done children!

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Friday 18th September 2020

For making our school community a better place

Birch Class - Mrs Foldvari:

Deano and Indi

Maple Class - Mrs Roedel:

Mylea and Daksh

Willow Class - Miss Cresswell:

Elliott and Mia L

Apple Class - Mrs Massey and Mrs Belas:

Lubayd and Ettie

Cherry Class: Mrs Hursey and Mrs Feeney:

Beth and William

Plum Class - Mrs Milne-Smith:

Jensen and Shea

Ash Class - Mrs Lawn and Mrs McDonald:

Isabelle and Jai

Elm Class - Mrs Linkens:

Abby and Josh

Oak Class - Mrs Lauchlan and Miss Anderson:

Ediee and Ary

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Friday 24th September 2020

For thinking about everybody's right to learn

Birch Class - Mrs Foldvari:

Jessica and Maisie

Maple Class - Mrs Roedel:

Grace and Kai

Willow Class - Miss Cresswell:

Jenu and Harry

Apple Class - Mrs Massey and Mrs Belas:

Zoha and Grace

Cherry Class: Mrs Hursey and Mrs Feeney:

Wen Wen and Archie

Plum Class - Mrs Milne-Smith:

Brenton and Jocelyn

Ash Class - Mrs Lawn and Mrs McDonald:

The class

Elm Class - Mrs Linkens:

Amy and Reece

Oak Class - Mrs Lauchlan and Miss Anderson:

Leo and James