



Shinfield Infant & Nursery School

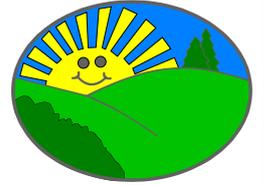
Autumn Term Newsletter 6

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are well into the first half term, and seeing all the children playing on the playground and having fun with each other is a real joy and privilege. The difference in their confidence from a few weeks ago is very apparent in the way many of them are so much more independent in coming to school and are making the right choices for our three school rules of 'Be ready, be respectful and be safe'. I hope very much that we can continue to keep all of the school open for as much time as possible and free from COVID-19 so that we can offer a full school experience for all children, but we can only do this with the support of everyone. We are trying to keep the school healthy and safe and are very grateful to all of the parents who follow the Government rules and keep their child safe at home when the child or a family member has COVID-19 symptoms. Please find attached an updated Quick Guide for parents about symptoms of coronavirus, which may be helpful to you.

Please can parents keep children away from the climbing equipment in the playground in the mornings—it should not be used then in any case. As children were seen playing on it before school today, this has sadly meant that Year 2 now cannot use this equipment until Wednesday as we have to allow 72 hours between bubbles using it. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter of safety and well being for all the children attending this school.

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

Exciting news!

Our very first **Virtual Tour** is now on the school website. We think it captures a lot of the life and fun in a school day here, and the children who took part are the real stars! Thank you to Mrs Lauchlan who organized the whole day of filming and to Ella Walker, one of our many talented ex pupils who so aptly demonstrates 'Everyone shining in their own field'. Ella has used her skills in filming to produce this lovely video for us. Thank you so much Ella!

There are also some photos of the school alongside the tour, which are also on the school website.

For prospective parents looking for a school place for their child, there are also online 'Meet the Headteacher' sessions every Thursday morning between 9.30 and 10.00am. These can be booked via the link on the school website. We have run a couple of these now. They have been a great opportunity to speak to Mrs Lauchlan the Deputy Head and I, and answer any questions that parents may have.

Look out for this new welcome area on our website—the link to the video is accessible from here:

Welcome to Shinfield Infant and Nursery School



[CLICK HERE](#) TO TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF OUR SCHOOL

REMINDER: Booking for Parents' Evenings (Tues 20th October and Thurs 22nd October)

Parents and carers should have received information by email on Friday 2nd October for bookings for Parents' Evenings on the above dates. Nursery have two additional evenings on Tues 13th and Thurs 15th October. Please book a 10 minute telephone appointment with your child's class teacher to talk about your child's progress. Due to the current restrictions, conversations with parents will be held over the phone this time. Parents' Evening appointments are available to book online. Please see the **'Booking Parents' Evening'** guide that was sent out with last week's newsletter. In order for you to be able to book a slot, you will need to set up an account. A letter was sent home recently in your child's book bag with instructions and your child's unique reference. This will also allow you to make online payments for Clubs and Activity Fund in the future. If you have any queries or would like help with booking your call with the teacher, please contact the School Office after 10.00am.

Congratulations to the children in Years 1 & 2 who earned the **Frog Reading Award** this term!

Here is the % from each class:

	Apple 87%	Ash 90%
F2 will be joining in with the reading award soon—please keep practising!	Cherry 90%	Elm 93%
	Plum 100% - well done!	Oak 90%

Children's bikes and scooters

A small number of children are still parking scooters in the staff bike rack but for the safety of everyone, all children's scooters and bikes must be left in the children's bike and scooter rack outside Elm Class on the way in to school. These can be picked up on the way into the playground at the end of the day so that the one way system is adhered to. There are certain restrictions on the use of the car park, and the staff bike rack is for the use of staff only for insurance purposes as well as safety reasons. Thank you to all the parents who are supporting us in this matter. Children will also be reminded to use their bike rack. We are very grateful to Friends of Shinfield who helped raise the money for a safe parking space for the children.

F2 New Class Photos

These will be in the Wokingham Today newspaper published on Thursday 22nd October. There will be an opportunity to buy a card copy of your child's first class photo. Please look out for more details coming soon.

School photographs

Unfortunately a number of parents have been disappointed with their child's school photograph. It was difficult for the photographer taking these due to COVID-19 restrictions but we will look into this and see if anything can be done to help the situation.

Other class photos

These will be taken for the class calendars, which will go on sale in December this year.

GOLDEN GOOD BOOK

Friday 9th October 2020

For working well with others

Birch Class - Mrs Foldvari:

Aadhya and Belle

Maple Class - Mrs Roedel:

Evie and Ruzgar

Willow Class - Miss Cresswell:

Phoebe and Siara

Apple Class - Mrs Massey and Mrs Belas:

George and Freddie

Cherry Class: Mrs Hursey and Mrs Feeney:

Dylan and Frankee

Plum Class - Mrs Milne-Smith:

Viahaan and Mati

Ash Class - Mrs Lawn and Mrs McDonald:

Florence and James

Elm Class - Mrs Linkens:

Amber and Dominic

Oak Class - Mrs Lauchlan and Miss Anderson:

Maisie and Dolly

Well done everyone!

Remembrance Sunday 2020 in Shinfield

Each year, as a village community we have been very strong in coming together to give thanks for and honour those who gave their lives on our behalf at our annual Remembrance Service. Last year 700 people gathered at our annual Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial at School Green.

In these changed times organising a physical service with such numbers could put the safety and lives of people in the community at risk. Yet many of us will still want to gather as a wonderfully diverse, yet unified community, to show our thankfulness and mark our respects before God. To this end we are looking to have three socially distanced 'parades' of no more than six people each, that will process through the village. The parades will be composed of people representative of the forces and local community, both young and old. Each parade will take a different route through the village to take in as many houses as possible before converging on School Green. As the parades pass, the hope is that people might like to come to their front door to show their respect in some way. For example, children may like to draw, or make a poppy picture, to hold up as the parade passes. At School Green, where the parades converge, though maintaining a social distance from one another, a service will be conducted where poppy wreaths will be laid on behalf of the village. The Parish Council Chairman will lay a large wreath that lists the 20 plus people and organizations who usually lay wreaths. A silence will be observed at 11am. The service will be live streamed so that people can watch it at home. This means everyone can be part of the service, while staying safe. Following the service and throughout the day personal wreaths may be placed on the war memorial but please follow social distancing rules and do not congregate around the war memorial.

We hope this will be an event that will allow people to pay their respects, bring us together and strengthen our sense of community. We welcome thoughts and comments and will be releasing more details as we approach the date. With thanks for your support.

Half Term Holiday Clubs

Please find attached details of a 'Get Active' holiday club being run locally. Hopefully with this and other local holiday clubs in operation, parents will be able to find safe and affordable child care for the half term holiday.

Friends of Shinfield News

Year group tea towels with your child's self portrait on them are on sale for £6 each. Please look out for an order letter and see the sample on the office door. We will send home a digital picture of the completed tea towel designs when they are done.

The children who ordered **hanging star decorations** will be painting these this week and next week, ready for glazing over the half term holiday.

Children's Christmas Card Designs

To be more environmentally friendly the company who produces Christmas cards for us based on your child's artwork has changed how you order from them. This year, we will send your child's original artwork home for you to see. It will have a code on the back of it and within the pack there will be a postcard explaining how you order. You need to then return their artwork to us so that we can send it to the company. Please see the deadlines below. Any artwork that is not returned to school by the date specified will not be sent to the company.

We will send the artwork to you by Wednesday 14th October

You need to order online and return the artwork to us by Wednesday 21st October

The children have been working hard. We hope that you love their Christmassy pictures!

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