



Shinfield Infant & Nursery School

Autumn Term Newsletter 7

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter of this half term. **School and Nursery will close for the half term holiday at the current times this Friday 23rd October, and will reopen on Monday 2nd November at the current times.**

You should have received a message sent out by email yesterday with reminders about our COVID-19 arrangements. Today you should have received notification about a positive coronavirus case in F2 in our school. In order to send out communications we had ready, we have had to wait for a call from Public Health England that came this afternoon. I am pleased to report that they have verified that correct procedures were followed based on the information given. F2 will be out of school all this week but the rest of the school remains open as normal.

Don't forget, this Wednesday we have the Nasal Flu vaccination for all the children having this—please be reassured that school staff are on hand to make sure that your child is well supported with this. If you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, it is necessary to indicate this on the online form, the link to which is in the letter sent to you some weeks ago. I am pleased the vaccine is earlier this year so the children can be well protected for the winter months. F2 will now have their nasal flu vaccination on Tuesday 3rd November.

Wishing everyone the best for the half term holiday. Stay safe and well.

Kind regards,

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

Parents' Evenings (Tues 20th October and Thurs 22nd October)

Calls may only be made to parents and carers at the allotted times, as we have 30 calls to make for each class after school, and staff are committed to other meetings and school tasks the rest of this week. If you miss your call, it may not be possible to reschedule this until after the half term holiday. We hope that parents find the calls helpful and informative. F2 Parents' evenings will still go ahead.

A safety reminder for parents and carers

With the number of COVID-19 cases on the rise in the local area, please could I remind everyone of the following:

- If you or a member of your household have symptoms of COVID-19 please do not send your child to school. Please arrange for someone to pick up your child from school straight away if someone from your household is showing symptoms of COVID-19 during the day – the latter is to minimise the time that a child potentially may be sharing the virus in school.
- We ask that face coverings are worn by everyone entering the school premises, as far as possible. This includes those coming to Breakfast and After School Club, and all delivery persons. If you are exempt from wearing face coverings, please ensure that you socially distance and keep face to face contact to a minimum for your own safety and that of others.
- Please avoid waiting outside the school gates or talking on School Green in groups of more than 6 including children, and please avoid contact within 2 metres of each other, especially when not wearing face coverings as you would in any public space.
- Please stick to the drop off and collection times and allow time for a prompt start:
Year 2 children (and siblings by arrangement) come in from 8.35am for a 8.40am start
Year 1 children (and siblings by arrangement) can come in from 8.45am for a 8.50am start
F2 children should come in to school from 8.55am for a 9.00am start. There are a number of children regularly arriving late each day after 9.00am – if this is your child, please try and be more punctual
Nursery can come in from 8.45am for morning sessions or 12.15pm if in afternoon sessions
- Please contact Mrs Turner by email as above to report any positive cases in out of school hours, weekends and holidays. The office is open only between 8.30am and 3.45pm each day to receive calls and messages.

Thank you for your continued support in these difficult times for us all.

School Photographs

Unfortunately it will not be possible to arrange for new photographs to be taken this term. We apologise for this but this is due to circumstances beyond the control of the school. Parents may not have realised that because of the COVID-19 restrictions, children had to stand for the photos and this took a long time to arrange, especially with many of the younger children who found this difficult. It was also an exceptionally wet and windy day which meant that some of the children in the afternoon sessions looked less tidy than usual, and we were further restricted by the limited social contact we had with children in helping to tidy up hair, clothing etc. Despite knowing that we would have to allocate two of the office team and set aside the Hall for the whole day to take over 300 photos, and that we'd be working under restrictions, we decided to go ahead so that the children could still have their photos taken. Unfortunately despite all best efforts some photos did not turn out as well as we and parents had hoped. The photographer was very patient and did his best, but was also working under very difficult circumstances. Hopefully conditions will be a lot easier and better for children's photos next year.

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 from the school at a cost of £2.50, with a small profit going towards additional classroom equipment for F2 children. Please look for a letter coming out in F2 children's bookbags after the holiday.

Christmas Card Orders—Please place these online using the postcard that was sent to you with your child's art work last week, and send the art work back to school by **Wednesday 21st October**. Art work returned after this date may not be sent back to the card manufacturer.

School Teatowels

These can be ordered online via Friends of Shinfield, or the orders can be sent in to your child's teacher with the exact money, which is £6 per tea towel. Cheques should be made payable to 'Friends of Shinfield'. There will be a tea towel for each year group. Our school animals will also feature on each tea towel along with your children's charming self-portraits and the portraits of their teachers and TAs and other school staff!

Mrs Devos

This is to wish Mrs Devos and her husband all the best for her maternity leave, starting today! We look forward to hearing of the safe arrival of their baby and sharing the news with you.



GOLDEN GOOD BOOK

Friday 16th October 2020

For always choosing to follow the school rules

Birch Class - Mrs Foldvari:

Isabel and Edward

Maple Class - Mrs Roedel:

Sophia and Ibraheem

Willow Class - Miss Cresswell:

Mia C and Ashrith

Apple Class - Mrs Massey and Mrs Belas:

Alexa and Bella

Cherry Class: Mrs Hursey and Mrs Feeney:

Siri and Reeyansh

Plum Class - Mrs Milne-Smith:

Nathan and Emel

Ash Class - Mrs Lawn and Mrs McDonald:

Albert and Fierne

Elm Class - Mrs Linkens:

Aston and Rawan

Oak Class - Mrs Lauchlan and Miss Anderson:

Ellana and Skylyn

Well done everyone!

Remembrance Sunday 2020 in Shinfield—more details



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. This year there will be three socially distanced 'parades' of no more than six people each, that will process through the village. Please see attached maps of the routes.

We have been asked to 'Fill Shinfield with Poppies for this remembrance' and families are asked to fill windows with drawings of wreaths, poppies and soldiers. Maybe paint rocks with poppies on them and place them around the village for others to find and pay their respect for fallen soldiers and don't forget, that you can share your creations on the Shinfield Baptist Church FB page. They would also love people to come out to their front door, perhaps even wearing red, as the parades pass to show their respects as the parades pass. I have attached maps of the routes.

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, people might wear red, or 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.

Shinfield Remembrance Service Organising Team

Note from school: It is hoped that our school will have lots of poppies in the windows and along the railings and fences at the front to show our support. If your child would like to make a poppy or picture at home please come and attach it to the railings or fence at the front of the school for Sunday 8th November. The school will be organising its own Remembrance on Wednesday 11th November, and we will let you have more details. Sadly this year the whole school will not be out on School Green as usual because with social distancing this is not possible.

Our School Nursing Team

Please find attached a letter from the school nursing team. This is full of useful details should parents have any concerns about their child's eating, sleeping, toilet training or anxiety, amongst other helpful advice. The school nursing team do a great job of supporting our schools so please do call them for confidential advice. If you wish to refer your child for any further support from the school nursing team the school is happy to help you with this.

Energykidz Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club are staying in our school Hall until next summer when we will review the situation with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is much safer for the children as the year group bubbles can be spread out across both Infant and Junior schools. The club is working well in our school Hall and we are sure it will benefit the Infant children to be that much closer to their classes in the mornings. We are also delighted that the Energykidz team have said how much they are enjoying working in the new club. They have told me how well behaved the children are, how charming they are and what a credit they are to the school and their parents. Well done to all the Breakfast Club children and many thanks to India, Maya and the Energykids team for all their hard work.

Building resilience - What parent and carers can do at home to help: Talk about the characteristics that we see in people we might consider role models - determination, effort, overcoming adversity. Praise your child's effort and how hard they have worked more often than the outcome

Please see attached poster for ways in which to foster your child's well being at home during the half term holiday. Thanks to Mrs Lowes for her ideas!