



Shinfield Infant & Nursery School

Autumn Term Newsletter 13

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is to confirm that the last day for Nursery will be on Thursday 17th December, and the last day for school will be Friday 18th December, finishing at the following times:

12.45pm—Year 2 1.00pm—Year 1 1.15pm—F2

This is in line with Shinfield St Mary's CE Junior School to make this easier for parents. It is also very much dependent on any further notifications of positive COVID cases that may also affect staffing levels. We are contacting F2 parents separately about this prior to their planned return to school on Tuesday 15th December. If any other parents are intending to keep children out of school next week, please be advised that this may not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances.

In the meantime, please email me after school hours or at the weekend only for any explicitly urgent matters such as a positive COVID –19 case so that I can act on these as soon as possible. I would be grateful to be spared all but the most urgent matters at these times. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Amanda Turner, Headteacher

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Shinfield Schools Winter Windows Trail

Sunday 6th - 13th December - FOS and Junior School PTA Winter Window trail, open to the wider community in Shinfield, and ask for donations to school funds. There will be prizes for the best (adult and children's most favourite) windows and a quiz for the children with a prize. We hope everyone who is able to take part enjoys this. Prize winners will be announced once the week is over, and hopefully can be given to children or parents at school.

Raffle, Christmas Giving Tree and Hamper Appeal and staff thank you

Thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets so far—the main draw will be on Thursday 17th December at 12pm so please return any ticket stubs and money to the school office by then! We have a few spare tickets so if you'd like some more please contact the school office. We are delighted with the Giving Tree and Christmas Hamper donations. The office is full of these and Mrs Lewendon and Mrs Eastmond-Bye have been busy wrapping presents with the help of the staff. This really will bring Christmas cheer to many families, so thank you very much for your generosity.

We are also very grateful for the kind and thoughtful contributions made by parents, including many lovely messages, biscuits, chocolates and a hamper of goodies and beautiful flowers for the staff, a cheque for our raffle prize, and cheerful greetings on the school gates. Thank you all, as this means such a lot to us and keeps us going!

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 11th December

Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers with their normal school uniform in return for a donation to Save the Children. Cash can be sent in or you may donate online at our Just Giving page by clicking here:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200000329?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=cjd200000329&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=7ac7974b168947d88a0f4ae1c96fdd05.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Save the Children, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Children may also wear Christmas jumpers with their uniform for the Christmas dinner day on Wednesday 16th December

F2 visit from Spotty the Owl

On one beautiful December morning last week we had a very special visitor in F2: Spotty the African Spotted Eagle Owl. We've been learning all about Light and Dark this term and listening to the story Owl Babies by Martin Waddell. We've even made our own Owl fact books too!



Birthday Party Afternoon

What a lovely time was had by all, especially the birthday children! They danced and played happily with their friends and we hope it made up a bit for the many missed birthday parties. Here's to the possibility of even more celebrations next year! Our next birthday afternoon is eagerly anticipated by the January birthday children on Friday 29th January 2021. Happy Birthday to all our September, October, November and December birthday children!



Christmas Video

Unfortunately due to the self isolation of F2 we are unable to produce a whole school video. This is such a shame but cannot be helped. We will see what we can do when we have everybody back in school. It is really sad for the children and parents and we hope that next year Shinfield Infants will be onstage once more.

GOLDEN GOOD BOOK

Friday 4th December 2020

For using kind words

Birch Class - Mrs Foldvari:

Leyla and Renela

Maple Class - Mrs Roedel:

Daisy and Lauren

Willow Class - Miss Cresswell:

Chessie and Louie

Apple Class - Mrs Massey and Mrs Belas:

Abir and Savannah

Cherry Class: Mrs Hursey and Mrs Feeney:

Phoebe and Lexi-Mae

Plum Class - Mrs Milne-Smith:

Ellie R and Dylan

Ash Class - Mrs Lawn and Mrs McDonald:

All the class for great home learning

Elm Class - Mrs Linkens:

All the class for great home learning

Oak Class - Mrs Lauchlan and Miss Anderson:

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Well done everyone!



Christmas Bauble Decorating Competition

Closing date has been extended to Tuesday 15th December to allow F2 to take part.

Diary dates for events in the next few weeks. These will be updated with any new dates or changes in red each week.

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day (optional) in aid of Save The Children. Donations can be made online Cash can be donated via school and we will pay it in. if you have any Christmas jumpers you would like to donate (via school office), we could sell these with the proceeds going to Save The Children.

Monday 14th December - Shinfield Showtime in year group bubbles. Don't forget children should come to school in their show outfits plus warmer clothes on top as needed.

Wednesday 16th December - Children's Christmas dinner—**The children can wear their Christmas jumpers on this day as well.**

Thursday 17th December - Last day of term for Nursery . Nursery will have their Christmas party this day. Fred in The Shed separate performances for F2, Year 1 and Year 2. F2, Year 1 and Year 2 parties to be confirmed. Christmas Raffle draw at 12pm. Winners will be notified by phone or ScoPay. Prizes will be given to parents/carers at home time or can be collected from the office

Friday 18th December—Last day of term for F2, Year 1 and Year 2.

Monday 4th January 2021 - Term begins for school and Nursery (no INSET day)

Thank you Friends of Shinfield!

We would like to express our grateful thanks to Friends of Shinfield and all the parents on the committee who have worked so hard behind the scenes to bring extra fun and sparkle to our school term while raising money for new school equipment. The ceramic star painting provided by Mrs Cannon raised £285—thank you Mrs Cannon! The 10 week challenge, invented by Mrs Foldvari, raised £639—thank you Mrs Foldvari for your fun idea and to all the people who sponsored the children! Certificates will be coming out soon. Finally, at the last count the year group teatowels organised by Miss Wells have sold for £1821. They have been very popular and there are just a few remaining if anybody would still like to buy one. All these things have enhanced the children's school experiences and are also great keepsakes and memories for the children. Our grand raffle tickets are selling fast—the last day to buy these is the morning of Thursday 17th December.

A special thanks also goes to Mr Alexander for providing us with a COVID safe tree that looks as beautiful as our giant tree, but is small enough for one or two people to put up.

It looks so pretty and festive in the corner of our school Hall.



COVID-19 updates and reminders

Most recent Government guidance for parents and carers:

[Changes to schools and education during the coronavirus outbreak](#)

[Supporting your children's education during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

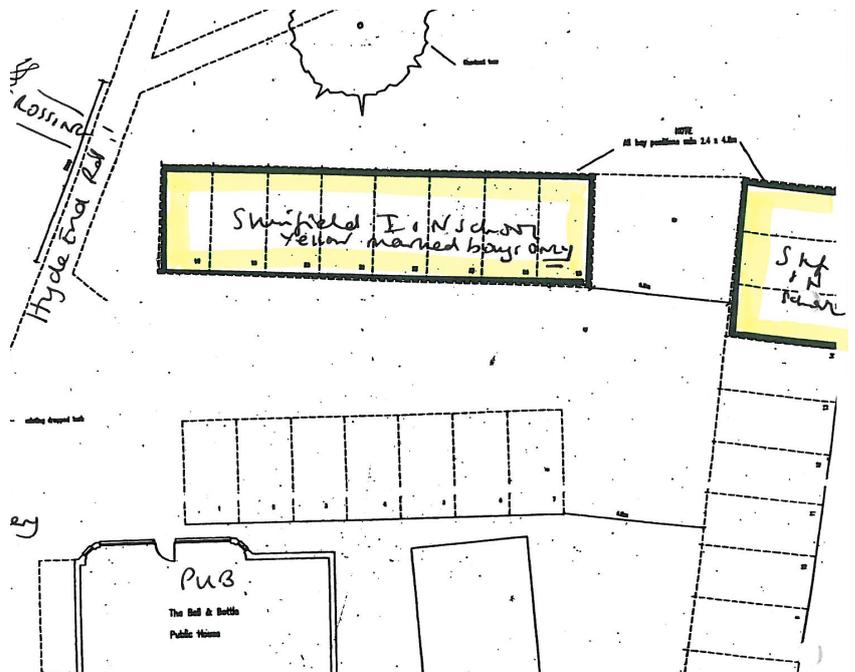
[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term](#)

Social distancing on the playground

Many thanks to all we see keeping a safe distance on the playground or on School Green when coming in with children in the mornings and when collecting children at the end of the day. **Please allow for 2m social distancing at all times on the school site.** If you are on the playground in the mornings please stand back, well away from the children who are lining up by themselves. Please do not stand close to other people's children or other parents in the line, or in groups talking to other parents less than metre away. Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe.

Parking at the Bell and Bottle

Please can all parents parking at the Bell and Bottle pub car park use only the yellow marked bays on the left hand side of the car park and the three bays at the top left as in the opposite diagram. Please do not park elsewhere in the pub car park as this is not part of the agreement that we have with them. Please remember that we are privileged to have the use of this car park and so should respect the wishes of the landlord in reminding parents of the allocated spaces. Unfortunately I have received a complaint about a parent being rude to them, possibly as the parent might not have known about or understood the agreement on the car parking spaces. I hope that this message makes it clear what bays can be used so there can be no further misunderstanding.



F2 Home Learning

We have had lots of positive feedback about home learning in F2. Here are some photos of what they have been doing.

Well done to all the F2 staff team for all their hard work in planning and setting this up each day.

