



# Shinfield Infant & Nursery School

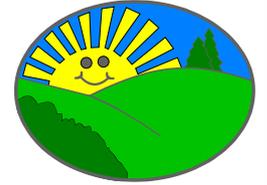
## Spring Term Newsletter 1

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we have had so much communication coming out to you I have held off sending a newsletter till now. There is quite a lot of information here so please read through and keep for future reference as needed.

The term has started off with many disruptions and we are very grateful to everyone who has shown us such support and understanding. We have had to make many quick changes to the school day, staffing arrangements and lists of children attending, which has taken up a lot of time, especially when this is from one day to the next. I am very proud of all our staff who have risen so admirably to this challenge and are doing the best they can to provide good education in school as well as at home.

At the time of writing, the Nursery has just fully reopened by Government request. We will monitor how this goes as it is a big challenge for Nursery staff. They have admirably risen to this and we wish them and the children a safe and healthy week. All school staff will be offered lateral flow testing from Monday 25th January which I hope will reassure them and parents and keep our school as safe as possible.

Fruit will be delivered again from Wednesday and milk for children aged under 5 or on Pupil Premium from next Monday. In the meantime you may wish to send your child in with their own piece or small container of fruit.

Please look out for stories that I have recorded for the children at home and at school. These will be posted up on the home learning page of the website.

We are missing everyone at home, and are thinking of you all. Stay safe and well. You are doing a wonderful job supporting your children with their home learning.

Best wishes,

Amanda Turner, Headteacher

### COVID-19 updates from school

The updated COVID-19 school risk assessment is available on the school website. This contains information that may help answer many questions asked by parents about the school procedures.

The remote learning offer is on the school website. The access to the home learning will eventually be via a password that is accessible to parents and carers only—please keep a look out for this important information.

The following information may also be helpful for families:

<https://parentinfo.org/article/surviving-family-life-under-lockdown>

If you are really struggling for childcare before or after you can form an informal childcare bubble with one other family, perhaps with a child in the same class as your child. The Government guidance is here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-childcare-bubble-with-another-household>

The statutory end of year assessment for F2 and Year 2 has been suspended by the Government but the school will still make teacher judgements as far as we are able to in the circumstances, to inform the next year group teacher and parents.

At present we are not planning to hold Parents' evenings this half term as we normally would, because the teachers and teaching assistants are in continuous contact with parents and carers and providing feedback to children on work from home and in school. If you have any concerns or would like to have an update towards the end of term, please let your child's class teacher know.

Energykidz our Breakfast Club providers have made a suggested list of lockdown activities as have the Government—please see both attached.

## **'A view from my window'**

### **Lockdown Art Competition**

We are holding a whole school art competition with the theme 'A view from my window.' You can use any media such as pencils, crayons, pastels, paint, collage or clay to create a wonderful piece of artwork which represents the view from your window. Please see attached information for more details.

You could create a representation of either the actual view from your window at home or an imaginary view, such as a window into your dreams, into the future or somewhere you would like to go.

Please leave your artwork in the box marked 'A view from my window' outside reception by the end of term on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, or alternatively email a clear picture of it to Miss Cresswell at [ACresswell@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:ACresswell@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk)

There will be a prize for each year group winner which will be announced after half term. Grown ups at home are invited to take part too!

It would be fantastic to exhibit all of your fantastic pieces of art for everyone enjoy as soon as we are all back together again.

## **GOLDEN GOOD BOOK**

From next week we will be celebrating the work of two children in each class, be they at home or at school. Please keep sending your child's work in from home as it may appear in the newsletter!

## **Lockdown Reading Award for F2, Year 1 and Year 2**

This home reading award is open to all F2, Year 1 and Year 2 children at home and at school. All they have to do is show that they have done some reading at home, be it any or all of the following:

- Reading their school reading book (and changing it when the books are left out)
- Having a go at 'Reading Eggs' - we hope they enjoy it!
- Reading online to one of the teaching assistants—parents and carers can book appointments online using the links in the home learning information on the website



## **Picture News**

Last week's Picture News was all about 'Clap for Carers'. Attached is the assembly resource to discuss with your child and there are some follow up activities that your child might like to try.

## **Allocation of devices for remote learning**

We are currently looking at ways of obtaining laptops for a number of children to help support with their Home Learning.

You may have seen that the government have allocated a number of laptops and tablets that can be requested by school to distribute to families. Unfortunately, the current criteria only covers KS2 and above, years 3-11. We have however, put in a request along with supporting evidence to the government, via The Circle Trust to see if there is anything they can do to help.

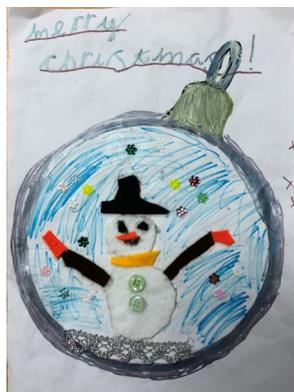
In the meantime, we are writing to you all to see if there are any parents or carers who work for an IT company that would be able to help us by donating any new or refurbished devices to the school. If you are able to help, please email [seastmond@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:seastmond@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk)

**Thank you for your continued support. in the meantime, did you know that you can use an Xbox or Playstation for school work? Please see attached information sheet for more details. This could solve the problem where you might not be able to access a laptop for your child.**

## Christmas Bauble Decorating Competition

Congratulations to all our winners and runners up. The winning designs are below: these children have won a chocolate Santa, which will be given when they return to school. The runners up have won chocolate lollies. Each other child who entered will be given a chocolate coin when we next see them.

Class	Winner	Runner up	Runner up
Nursery	Sienna F	Lilah	Scarlett
Birch	Dexter	Diya	Nova
Maple	Gracie	Oliver	Sofia
Willow	Rosie	Nancy	Oliver S
Apple	Ronav	Joshua P	James L
Cherry	Archie	Olivia	Eryk
Plum	Elena	Shreyas	Harper
Ash	Emily P	Isabelle	Suraya
Elm	Joshua	Aston	Isabelle
Oak	Ellana	Julia	Zac



**Thank you to the school office team who had the very tricky task of deciding which were the best baubles. They thought they were all lovely, so well done to all the children!**

