



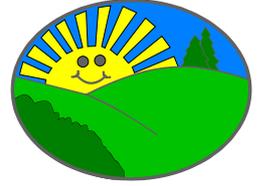
Shinfield Infant & Nursery School Spring Term Newsletter 11

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this third week of the whole lockdown finds you well and safe, and to those of you who are still working away from home in key or essential roles, or currently unwell, we send our thoughts and support.

The staff, Mrs Lauchlan and I are getting used to the 'new normal' of running a school remotely along with a small group of children of key workers and vulnerable children on site. The teachers have been working really hard out of school as well as in school to ensure that everyone has access in some way to the learning materials available. They have come up with some wonderful new ways to keep in touch with their classes through the Home Learning Page, Facebook posts for each year group and Twitter on the website. We have started making the phone calls to each class, and the teachers who have done this have all said how much they enjoyed talking with you and your children. The Home Learning Page on the website will be updated from the week beginning Monday 20th April. Please be aware that due to staff taking staggered holiday breaks in order to keep the school running throughout, we are running a 5 week rota. All teachers will be in touch with their classes and updating home learning at some point in the next three weeks. They have been simply amazing and this newsletter is a big shout out for them all, as they have gone above and beyond to help make this whole situation the best it can be for the children.

I hope that everyone who is able to, stays safe and well at home: the more we can try to do this where possible, the more this will enable those working in critical roles to help us all. Keep going and keep in touch - we will get through this because we are a great school community together.

With best wishes for the Easter holiday. The next newsletter will come out on Monday 20th April.

Kind regards,

Mrs Amanda Turner, Headteacher

Picture from author Julia Donaldson and illustrator Axel Scheffler



"All right," said the Gruffalo, bursting with laughter.
"You go ahead and I'll follow two metres after."

Home Learning Page on the school website

Hopefully you will have been able to access this already:

<http://www.shinfieldschools.co.uk/information-for/information/home-learning/>

If not, please leave a message on the school office phone or email the school office and a member of school staff will contact you. For parents who may be on the Year Group Facebook Pages, there are also some activities that have been shared from the home learning pages. To find out more about the Facebook pages or to ask any questions about your child's learning, please email your child's class teacher or the



The Circle Trust



Our school is now officially an academy and part of The Circle Trust, as of Wednesday 1st April. We hope to celebrate this as a whole school when we are all back. Many thanks to the children and parents for their pictures and photos of things they did 'around circles' this week!



Picture News

This week's **Picture News** is all about saving wild animals. Please have a look at the attached posters and talk about these with your child. There are some suggested activities if you'd like to try them.



For the children:

Share your Easter holiday fun

Please send Mrs Turner a photo of anything you have done over the Easter week-end, such as Easter art and crafts, teddies enjoying an Easter egg hunt, special baking, or even some lovely drawings or writing about what you did, to share in this newsletter on Monday 20th April when the school term officially starts again. Here is a lovely photo sent last week.



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For the children: Planner Cover Competition for F2 and Year 1

Every year, we ask children to help design the new planner cover for next year. If your child would like to take part, all they need to do is draw an interesting picture of anything to do with our school. The brighter and more colourful the design is and the more detail there is in it, the more interesting a planner cover it will be. Designs should just be pictorial, with no writing. The size should be A5, labelled on the back lightly in pencil with your child's name. Please deliver entries through the old school letterbox (behind where Mrs Turner is standing in the above photo) or post them to school to arrive by **Friday 24th April**. The winning F2 design will go on next year's F2 planner and the winning Year 1 design will go on next Year's KS1 planner (for Year 1 and 2).

Nursery Corner

Thank you to everyone who has sent photos and pictures to me this week. The Facebook group is very active which is wonderful to see. If you are not on Facebook please keep in touch via my email: mrsayres@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk . I love to see and hear what everyone is doing. One of the tasks on Facebook this week was to draw or make a representation of your family. Here are just a few of the lovely pictures we received.

Thank you to Miss Page who is keeping us entertained with "Panda Pete's Daily Treats". For those who do not know, Panda Pete is the Nursery Bear that we use at the start of every session to show us how to sit with our legs crossed, hands in our laps, ears open and eyes looking at the teacher. Panda Pete is a very important character in our Nursery Class and I'm so pleased Miss Page is looking after him so well and



is keeping him busy!
Stay safe everyone and enjoy your Easter break!
Missing you all very much.

From Mrs Ayres and the Nursery team.