



# Shinfield Infant & Nursery School

## Spring Term Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that everyone has had a good half term holiday, and that you enjoyed the special Valentine video sent out by the school. It was Mrs Lauchlan's idea and she created and filmed it. We hope you love it as much as we all do!

Today the Government will announce the road map out of lockdown and, most importantly for us, when the children might all be able to come back to school. Once we have the information we will be in touch with you about the arrangements for the school reopening fully, whenever that may be. Looking forward to hopefully sunnier and brighter days ahead for all this half term!

I would like to congratulate Mrs Roedel on her successful appointment as Assistant Head at Alder Grove, starting in September, and Mrs Elliott on her appointment as teaching assistant at Addington from next term. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Brown at the end of this term, after 14 years of teaching Music at this school. When any new appointments have been made, I will let you know. In the meantime we will enjoy our time left with these staff. I wish them every success for the future and thank them for the great contribution they have made to the life of this school.

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.

We are returning to school in class bubbles as before, prior to the full return of school in the near future. Please ensure that your child does not mix with other class bubbles out of school on play dates, sleepovers etc (we know this is impossible with siblings!) because the school staff really do work hard to keep them as separate as possible as well as staff keeping apart from each other in their own team areas. It is very likely that upon full return to school we will be staying in class bubbles for a while until infection rates go down. Please remind your child to be especially careful, including when coming in to school so that bubbles stay separate along the school path. Some children are running ahead through other people walking along. We will also remind them in school to walk and allow other people space to be safe.

### 'A View From My Window' school art competition

Thank you for all of your fantastic submissions so far for the whole school art competition 'A view from my window'. We have extended the deadline to **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February** for those who would like to create their artwork over half term. Don't forget there will be prizes for the winners! Grown-ups at home are welcome to enter too, so thank you so much to those who have entered! The winners will be announced in next week's newsletter and we hope to provide a gallery to exhibit all the entries, once we have the permission of the artists.

### Remote learning at home

This week we are trialling some live sessions for each year group using Microsoft Teams. The class teacher will lead a game or a show and tell type session. The teacher will get in touch with the parents of the children prior to the session to let them know if the children will need to bring anything to it.

**The planned session timings will be the same for each class in the year group:**

F2- Tuesday and Wednesday, 9.10-9.30am

Y1- Wednesday and Thursday 9.30-9.50am

Y2- Thursday and Friday 9.15- 9.45am

The email information will go out in the reading packets this week and the sessions will start the following day. If this is successful we will be able to do this again should the school have to close for any reason. Attendance at these sessions is not mandatory as not all children are able to access live learning at the same time, but we hope those who can will join in and enjoy them.

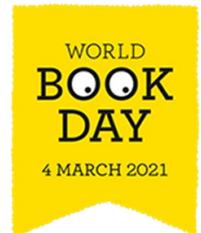
This year **World Book Day** will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Although World Book Day will be celebrated in a different way to normal, we are still planning a celebration of books. That week we will be asking children to make their favourite book character using a wooden spoon or potato and take a photo of themselves with their character to send to school. There are lots of ideas on the website if you need some inspiration.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/fun-craft-favourite-characters/> There will be a prize for the winning entry in each year group and we will be displaying the photographs in school.

We will also be having our usual optional dress up as a book character day but this will be on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March**, the same as the Junior School. If we don't return that week, we will move this to the first Friday that we're back in school, so hold onto your costumes! Please don't feel you have to buy your child a costume. If you don't have a costume, your child might like to find or make an accessory used by a book character, or maybe decorate an old T-shirt. We have some spare white polo tops in the second hand uniform boxes if you'd like one of those to decorate in any way you choose.

There will also be a way of donating or purchasing books to support school and we will be sending out the usual £1 book tokens. Look out in the newsletter for more information nearer the time. In the meantime, continue to enjoy sharing stories and have a look at the World Book Day website for more ideas of things to do: <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

**The main thing is to have fun and celebrate the joy of reading!**



### Picture News

In the week before half term, we talked about trees and the importance of them, especially planting them in the right places. Please see attached poster to talk about at home with your child.

### Thank you

Many thanks to Craig Adams from 5 Star Landscapes for his very generous donation of soil for our F2 planters. These are nearly all full now! If anybody else would like to donate any more soil or sensory plants (herbs, soft leaved plants, etc) please email Mrs Foldvari the Foundation Stage Team Leader via the school office.

Thank you so much to Simply Commerce for the very generous donation of 5 laptops for the children and to the parents who have donated spare devices they no longer need.

We are very grateful for any help with school resources and these will really benefit the children.



## GOLDEN GOOD BOOK Work of the week

**Well done to all of these children for their work of the last week before half term!**

Birch Class: Diya and Nathan

Maple Class: Prisha, Gracie and Sulaf

Willow Class: Zayn and Harlem

Apple Class: Seren and Charlie

Cherry Class: Evie and David

Plum Class: Ellie G and Shreyas

Ash Class: Jamie and Emily

Elm Class: Joel and Jake

Oak Class: Ashley and Libbi

And finally...an amazing volcano from Lexi -Mae in Year 1 who made this at home in the holiday. Well done!

