



# Shinfield Infant & Nursery School

## Spring Term Newsletter 6

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! What a great day it was today to have all the children back! The smiles on their faces, their laughter, chatter and their excitement filled the whole school. The children have all grown so much as well. They were as surprised to see each other looking taller too!

Thank you again for everything you have done to support your child and the school. Your efforts have been absolutely amazing. I have reminded them today in each year group assembly just how much they have learnt while at home with you, be it academic work, or perfecting the skill of riding a bike, cooking or learning to play games and talking with family online—so many things that they might not have had time to do otherwise. We talked about all the new things they did, or things they did differently, like online birthdays or simple parties and walks out with the family. Mums and Dads, parents and carers being their home teachers. Bright rainbows and clapping on their doorsteps for the NHS. In school, tiny classes, desks in rows and lunches served in boxes, airline style!

Your children have had some very precious times with you (and us at 'lockdown' school), that will always stay with them throughout their lives. They have learnt resilience and how to manage when things are difficult. They have come back today stronger than before. I have told them that this is one of the greatest things they could have learnt this year, and that they have done what no other child in the past has ever done because they have been through this pandemic. They really have made history.

We look forward to a happy and successful continuation of learning and teaching in the rest of the year ahead, and hopefully no more lockdowns!

With my best wishes to you all.

Amanda Turner, Headteacher



This lovely old building has seen many of the greatest times in history.... Here it is on Monday 8th March, 2021 ready for the return of all the children!



## Competition Time...The Masked Reader!

As we're not running a book fair this year, we are running a competition to raise money to buy books for each year group's reading spines. Staff members in school have been recording themselves reading stories in disguise. Can you guess who is reading the story? Look out for the entry form in book bags on Monday with video links which will be coming home with the children. It's £1 to enter so don't be shy and give it a try! Good luck!



## Nursery Corner

We have been looking at the story of the Gingerbread Man. We have been story sequencing, re-telling the stories in our own words and making our own exciting versions. We have made gingerbread playdough and our own gingerbread people biscuits. We have weighed, measured and counted our ingredients. We are looking forward to eating them when we get home!

## GOLDEN GOOD BOOK

### Work of the week Friday 5th March

Well done to all of these children for their work of the last week before return of the school.

Birch Class: Sienna and Romao

Maple Class: Teddy and Isaac

Willow Class: Lewis and Sebastian

Apple Class: Ronav and Lottie

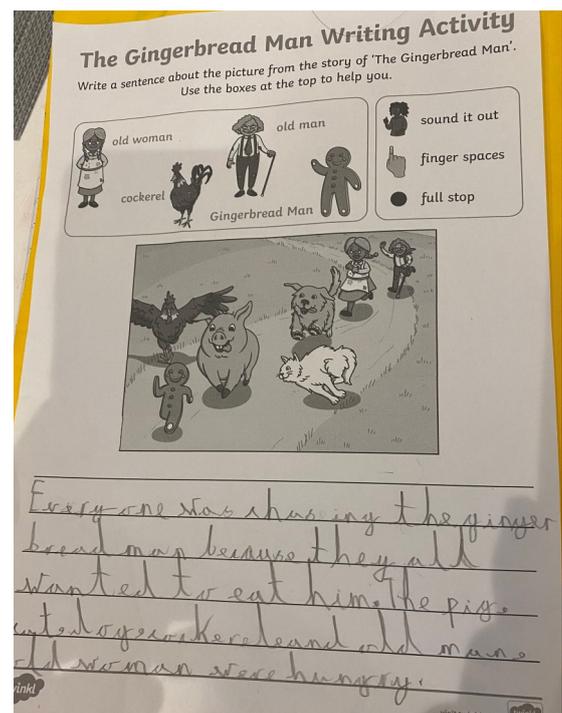
Cherry Class: Sienna and Isabella

Plum Class: Ayoub and Callum

Ash Class: Sathvik and Jacob

Elm Class: Ben and Isaac

Oak Class: Orla, Olivia and Leo



**World Book Day** continues in a special day on Friday 12th March where children can dress up as, or bring things related to, books and book characters. Here's some fabulous work —what fun children have had with their favourite books! It's so hard to choose some for this newsletter with so many lovely ideas. We'll put a display up at school for everyone to see.



# Preparing Your Child For the First Day Back in School

*As schools begin to open to more children, parents and children may well be feeling anxious. Here's some ideas of how best to prepare.*

## Be Calm.

Your child will take their lead from you and be reassured if you are steady and matter of fact.



## Be Curious.

These are strange times and their imagination may run away with them. Listen, and try not to dismiss or minimise their fears but validate how they are feeling – "it's completely fine to feel like that at the moment" or "I can really understand why you would feel like that"



## Be Positive.

Remind them of all the ways they have learnt to keep themselves safe: washing their hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into their elbow, not hugging others and staying in their own space.



## Be Thankful.

Help your child think of things they are looking forward to: being with their friends, seeing their teacher, favourite activities but be mindful some of these may not be available for them



## Be Supportive

Younger children particularly may struggle with separation anxiety and may become tearful, clingy or act out. Reassure them that you will miss them too and think of them through out the day. It might be helpful to draw a little heart on their wrist and one on yours too. You can call it the hug button and when they find they are missing you they can press the heart and know that you will be doing the same at home. Sometimes having a little object to remind them of you through the day helps but please check this out with your school first.



## Be Prepared.

Support your child to be aware of changes that may have happened to their classroom environment since they were there last and rehearse any new routines that school may have shared. Rehearse and practice your 'goodbye' routine and create a 'hello' greeting for the end of the day for them to look forward to.



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# I Opened a Book - Julia Donaldson

I opened a book and in I strode  
Now nobody can find me.  
I've left my chair, my house, my road,  
My town and my world behind me.

I'm wearing the cloak,  
I've slipped on the ring,  
I've swallowed the magic potion.  
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king  
And dived in a bottomless ocean.

I opened a book and made some friends,  
I shared their tears and laughter.  
And followed their road with its bumps  
and bends  
To the happily ever after.

I finished my book and out I came,  
The cloak can no longer hide me.  
My chair and my house are just the same,  
But I have a book inside me.



Thank you to **DCN Landscapes** for their very generous donation of soil for the F2 planters.

These are now all full, hooray!  
Happy gardening F2 children - we look forward to your sunflowers coming soon!



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