



Shinfield Infant & Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that everyone had a good weekend and that we will have many more sunny days ahead! I can hardly believe that it is a year since the start of the first lockdown, and what an unforgettable time it has been, but we have come back as a full school and I hope things will stay that way at least until the end of the school year. The children have been amazing and we look forward to talking with parents at Parents' Evenings next week about how the children have settled back at school and what their next steps will be.



Tomorrow we have the first of two days of interviews for the new Headteacher. The children will also be involved in this, as they will be having assemblies with the candidates and some of them are meeting to talk with them and ask questions. It will be exciting to find out who will be leading this lovely school through its next chapter in September!

With best wishes to you all.

Amanda Turner, Headteacher

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) are currently developing a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for the Wokingham Borough.

The aim is to determine where best to focus future investment in active travel infrastructure to support walking and cycling across in the area. This might include providing new cycle routes, improving footways and crossings, creating 'school streets' or reducing the impact of through-traffic in local neighbourhoods.

We are at an early stage in the plan development process and would like input from across the local community to help shape the outcome.

Have your say

WBC would like to hear your thoughts on the existing issues and barriers to active travel within the borough and where you would like to see improvements. To have your say please visit <https://wokinghamlcwip.commonplace.is/> where you will have the opportunity to leave your thoughts and opinions on the interactive heat map.

COVID-19 Safety reminders:

Importance of Self-Isolating

We understand that parents and carers are keen to make sure their children don't miss any more school, but it's very important that we keep going with the right behaviours. If there is a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19 in your household, you must all stay at home for the full self-isolation period and children should NOT go to school.

As a reminder, self-isolation starts from the day of initial contact, plus the 10 full days following this. This is very important for stopping community transmission – thank you for your help. It is only by reducing the numbers of cases that we can come out of lockdown so everyone needs to keep playing their part.

Please also remember to try and keep social distancing on the playground and outside the school. Please avoid sleepovers for children and keep play dates for children in the same class bubble as your child, so that we can avoid having to close more than one class in the event of a confirmed case of Covid-19 in school.

Test and Trace support payment for parents – new guidance

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a [Test and Trace Support Payment](#) or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which is administered by district and unitary local authorities in England, ensures that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities. The school can provide parents and carers with a letter that details the child's name, age, address and dates of self-isolation to support an application. Applications for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme are made via the local authority in which the parent or carer resides, not the local authority where the school is situated, if these are different. The local authority will conduct a check with the school if parents and carers apply for a payment.

The Masked Reader

Congratulations to these children who correctly identified all the mystery staff reading the stories. They have won prizes of books to read.

Nursery – Isla W F2 – Nathan (Birch) Y1 – Grace K (Apple) Y2 – Max (Oak)

We made £110 minus the cost of the prizes, so altogether about £94. We can buy a few books from the reading spines with this. Thank you to everyone for their support and we hope the children enjoyed it!



Huge thanks to Novacyt who have made a very generous donation to the school for new computer equipment, and to the many parents who have donated books or money towards the purchase of books for our new school story spine. We are immensely grateful to the wonderful support from parents and carers.

April fun from the libraries

<https://wokinghamboroughlibraries.wordpress.com/2021/03/16/childrens-virtual-activities-april-2021/>

- Tuesday April 6 - Virtual Storytime at 11am. We will be sharing some silly stories and fun tales. Suitable for families with children aged 7 and under.
- Thursday April 8 - Fun with Phonics Workshop! with Explore Learning for 4 to 6 year olds at 11am to 12noon. During today's workshop you will try to recognise and say a pair of words that rhyme!
- Saturday April 10 - Teen Writing Author visit with Simon James Green from 10.30am to 12noon.
- Thursday April 15 - Become a Maths Wizard Workshop! with Explore Learning for 7 to 9 year olds at 11am to 12noon. During today's workshop you will demonstrate counting in 3s, 4s, 6s and 8s. Being able to solve pictorial multiplication problems and be on your way to becoming a grand wizard!
- Friday April 16 at 11am - Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Messages from nature. Join artist Chris Holley in a poetry inspired art session and then create your own bird! For children aged 7 to 10 years old.
- Tuesday April 27 - Virtual Storytime at 11am. We will be sharing some pet themed stories. Suitable for families with children aged 7 and under.

To sign up just email libraries@wokingham.gov.uk with the session you would like to attend, your name and library card number and you will be sent details of how to join the day before.

Attendance at the school last week was 97%.

Paediatric First Aid Introductory courses

These are run by Wokingham Adult Education are open to parents and carers.

Wednesday 24th March 10am -12 noon or
Thursday 25th March 6.30-8.30pm

To apply go to

<https://sites.google.com/view/wokingham-acl>
to download an application form and for details on eligibility.

Parents' Evenings—Reminder

These will be held virtually via TEAMS on Monday 29th and Wednesday 31st March. The deadline is midnight on Wednesday 24th March so that the TEAMS meetings can be set up and links sent to parents and carers.

GOLDEN GOOD BOOK Friday 19th March

For keeping active!

Birch Class: Sienna and Luke

Maple Class: Anaya and Emerson

Willow Class: Oliver and Veda

Apple Class: Ella-Mae and James

Cherry Class: Jace and Olivia

Plum Class: Charlie and Dylan

Ash Class: Finn and George

Elm Class: Louie and Theo

Oak Class: Kody and Jessica

Well done to all the children in every class who have completed their Daily Mile!

Nursery Corner

Nursery are fascinated with looking at lifecycles at the moment.

We have frogspawn and caterpillars.

We are learning about showing care and respect for our natural world, and looking after all the different mini beasts and creatures we find in our Nursery garden.

