



Shinfield Infant & Nursery School

Spring Term Newsletter 9

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone has had a good weekend. We have had a glorious day at school out in the sunshine. You should have received the great news that we have a new Headteacher for this school for September—Mrs Lauchlan! As said in the letter sent out, I know Mrs Lauchlan will bring so much to the school as its Headteacher, and we wish her every success and happiness in her new role. We will ensure that the handover is the best it can be and in the meantime we can enjoy our last term working together.

You should also have received your Teams invite to the Parents' evening meetings for tonight or Wednesday. Please note that the meetings are all online and it is hoped that everyone will be able to attend.

This is the last newsletter of the term, so this comes with best wishes to you all for a happy holiday.

Amanda Turner,
Headteacher

End of Term Arrangements and start date next term

The last day for Nursery is Wednesday 31st March at normal times. School closes on Thursday 1st April for the Easter holiday at the following times: **Year 2 - 1.20pm** **F2 - 1.30pm** **Year 1– 1.40pm**

Please do not worry if this clashes with Junior times—please just come as soon as you can. We cannot let children out early due to possible mixing of bubbles and access needed for lunch playtime on the playground before then.

School and Nursery will both reopen on Monday 19th April at the usual staggered times. We will be operating these until further notice. Class bubbles will operate for a further two weeks from 19th April. We will review the bubbles during the first two weeks back. If all goes well we will look at returning to year group bubbles when it is safe enough to do so. If there is any change after Government guidance on 12th April we will be in touch with you before the end of the holiday. In the meantime please bear our safety reminders in mind as below.

COVID-19 Safety reminders:

Notifications

Please notify Mrs Turner at Head@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk of any positive COVID cases up to and including 4th April. After that you do not need to contact school. Please notify us on 19th April if your child is self-isolating.

Class bubbles

We are continuing to operate in class bubbles throughout the day. In order to maintain this on school premises before and after school, please could we remind parents and carers that we cannot allow any pick ups of children by parents or carers of children in different classes. If you are in a childcare bubble please let Mrs Turner know in writing. This can only be with one other family. More guidance on 'Making a Childcare Bubble with Another Household' [here](#).

Waiting outside the school gate and on the playground

Please remember all that we are doing to protect your children in school and avoid congregating in close groups on the playground with parents of children from other classes. If we have another case of COVID and the child or parent has been in close contact with people from other classes, we may have to close the whole year group as a result, which is something we absolutely wish to avoid whilst in class bubbles!

Year 1

Please could Year 1 children come in to school by themselves as far as possible, to encourage their independence.

Face coverings

Please remember to wear your face covering at all times on the school site. You will not be allowed to bring your child in without wearing one. Equally so, please observe the school rules in wearing one when you come on site to collect your child. The school has a limited supply of face masks which will be offered to any parent or carer not wearing one.

Scooters and bikes

Children are welcome to bring these but must not scooter or cycle on the path or school site at the beginning or end of the day. Please can they only park these in the designated children's bike and scooter racks.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support for the safety of our whole school community

April, and Autism

The month of April will be upon us next week, and it is the month in which Autism Awareness is raised, starting with Autism Awareness Day on April 2nd. Given that half of the month will be taken up by the Easter holidays, I thought I should start today, by sharing with you a link to information about autism, how it presents, and how you can help to support autistic children and adults in your responses to them. The autistic spectrum is a very wide one – there is an argument to say that we are all on it somewhere! – and we can all harness our values of kindness and respect in making sure those who have autistic traits are assured that they are valued, their voices are heard, and they have a valuable contribution to make. <https://autismawareness.com/>



Red Nose Day

Well done to everyone who came to school with a crazy hairstyle and many thanks to all who made most generous donations online and in cash on the day. We will let you know how much was raised in the next newsletter.

Cricket Taster Day



The children in Year 2 and Plum Class were lucky enough to have Jaime from Berkshire Cricket Foundation come into school and do some cricket taster sessions with them last Monday 22nd March. The children had a fantastic time and learned lots about cricket. Many of them have said how much they would like to play more cricket!



If



your child is one of them, the link here will show you where they can do this –

www.allstarcricket.co.uk

Attendance at the school last week was **97%**.

GOLDEN GOOD BOOK

Friday 26th March

For being positive in friendships

Birch Class: Lana and Deano

Maple Class: Sofia and Ruby

Willow Class: Siara and Chessie

Apple Class: Allana and Brody

Cherry Class: Dylan and Phoebe

Plum Class: Brenton and Sophie

Ash Class: Charlie and Fierne

Elm Class: Mae and Aston

Oak Class: Julia and Max

Well done children!

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AGES 4-16
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6th -16th April 2021
LOCATIONS IN...
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