



# Shinfield Infant & Nursery School

## Summer Term Newsletter 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It really feels like we are getting back into a more normal way of life at school. Please find attached Friends of Shinfield events and school diary dates planned for the weeks ahead. I hope we will be able to enjoy all of these. A new COVID-19 risk assessment will come out next week. Restrictions will still be very much in place to ensure that the school is as safe as possible whilst we gradually reintroduce phonics groups and other year group activities to enhance children's learning experiences.

Wishing you all a good week ahead. Amanda Turner, Headteacher

### Theme of the Week

The theme for assemblies this week and over the next few weeks is Friendships and Relationships. We will be talking about what makes a good friend, and how to help friends who are falling out, or who may need help to feel part of a group. We will reinforce our rules: Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe.

### Donations

Thank you very much to Maya Rani for her kind donation of toys to F2, Max and Nathan for their donation towards our Reading Spine Books, and Alisha for the donation to school on her birthday. Parents also donated a total of £1750.29 in circus ticket money after we sadly had to cancel our booking for Happys Circus. We are extremely grateful to you! We are creating a new wish list for what we will spend any fundraising on for this year and next year, and will put this in next week's newsletter.

If parents would like to buy a book for the school, we have created lists below of the books that we use to share a good range of literature with children. These books can be bought online or from a bookshop:

Year 1 list: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2UCHXF3M32094?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2UCHXF3M32094?ref=wl_share)

Year 2 list: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2BVJ97P87VG43?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2BVJ97P87VG43?ref=wl_share)

Nursery and F2 would welcome good quality picture books, perhaps any that your child enjoys at home.

### Holidays in term time

Just a reminder to parents and carers that if you are taking your children out of school for any time, even for just one day, you still need to complete a leave of absence form. Days out or holidays will not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances but we still need the forms filled in so we can prove that the school is complying with Government guidelines. Leave of absence forms are easily accessed from our school website and can just be completed online and emailed into the school office. Paper copies are available from the school office as well. Government guidelines state that holidays should not be taken in term time, so if you have to take a missed holiday in term time, please be aware that five days or more of unauthorised absence could result in a penalty notice being issued by Wokingham Borough Council. We have every sympathy where rebooked holidays cannot be authorised, but have a duty of care to let you know, as it is parents' legal duty to ensure that children attend school regularly.

### New Maths Calculation Policy

Our Maths Calculation Policy has been updated and is available on our website. This shows the progression of skills and concepts taught in Key Stage 1 for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. There are a number of video clips linked to this which will help you to support your child's learning at home. We hope you find these useful.

Here is the link for the Maths pages: <https://www.shinfieldschools.co.uk/maths-2/>

Both Year 1 and 2 have the same Maths pages now so this will take you to a Maths page with all the documents, including the calculation policy and videos.

## Reading Awards

Our new Reading Award is starting on Monday and this half term the children are working to earn a Mouse badge. We would like every child to read at home at least 20 times between Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May. We count up to two reads a day so there is always an opportunity to catch up if you miss a day.



Any of these things could be counted as a read:

- 5-10 minutes reading part or all of a school reading book
- Practising the coloured words that they don't already know, which are stapled in their planners
- Reading from a library book or other book you have at home
- Sharing a book with someone else where they read alternate pages/passages
- Completing activities from the extended reading activities on the home learning section of the school website.

It would be great if every child was able to be awarded a badge in our special Reading Badge Assembly at the end of this half term so please support your child with this.

Thank you,

Mrs Feeney, Reading Subject Leader



To celebrate our love of reading and books, we're inviting the children (and staff!) to come into school wearing their pyjamas (this can be a onesie, tracksuit or leggings/jogging trousers and Tshirt) on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. We are asking for a contribution of £2 in cash. £1 will be donated to Book Trust to help all children in the UK have access to free books and the other £1 will go towards our fundraising for the books on our book spines. During the day, we will be reading, enjoying and sharing stories, all in the comfort of our pyjamas!



The school has been nominated by Just Giving as one of the top 20% fundraisers, thanks to your generous donations to Children In Need. Thank you for your support.

## **Class Calendars**

After delays due to COVID-19 we have managed to get these printed for those parents who ordered them, and we will be sending them home in book bags by next week. We apologise for this and hope that the calendars coming home will also herald the arrival of brighter days coming, starting off with a sunny heatwave in June. Just in time for all those long awaited days out!

## **Attendance**

Attendance for the school is currently 97.01%.

The class with the best attendance and the Shinfield Cup for the week is Birch Class with 96.31% attendance. The Education Welfare Service are checking attendance next week. Letters have been sent to parents of children whose attendance is currently below 90% (excluding all COVID-19 related absences). This is just to keep parents updated so that they are aware. In the majority of cases attendance is improving, which is encouraging so please keep up the good work.

## **GOLDEN GOOD BOOK**

**Friday 23rd April**  
**For being brave**

**Birch Class:**

Aaliyah and Harry

**Maple Class:**

Ibraheem and Grace

**Willow Class:**

Kiarah and Rudrini

**Apple Class:**

Greha and Allana

**Cherry Class:**

Siri and Remy

**Plum Class:**

Reem and Dylan

**Ash Class:**

Halimah and James

**Elm Class:**

Josh and Rawan

**Oak Class:**

Harrison and James

**Well done children!**