



# Shinfield Infant & Nursery School Summer Term Newsletter 5

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter of this half term. School and Nursery will close at normal times this Thursday 27th May. We are closed on Friday 28th May for staff training, then from 31st May to 4th June for the half term holiday. School and Nursery will reopen at normal times on Monday 7th June. It has been a very full half term and the children and staff have all worked really hard to catch up on lost learning. Extra interventions are in place and we have more to add after the holiday. Tomorrow we are interviewing for a new Deputy Head for September. We hope to inform you of the outcome as soon as we can.

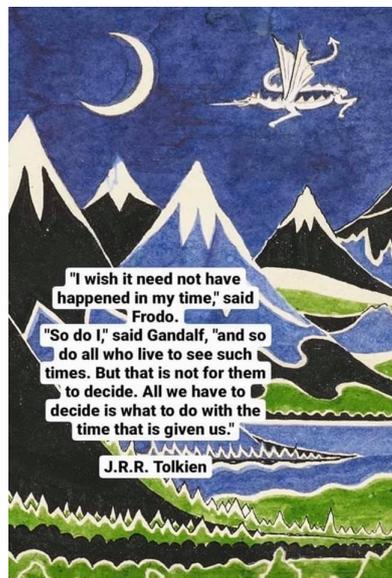
Wishing you all a happy week and relaxing half term holiday ahead. Hoping for lots of sunshine that we can all enjoy after these long wet weeks!

Amanda Turner, Headteacher

## COVID Keepers Survey

We have had quite a few responses to our survey asking parents and carers what they would like us to continue doing after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. The time to complete this has been **extended to Monday 7th June** so please do let us have your views. We have also decided to create a lasting record of what school life was like for children and parents during the pandemic, so please record your thoughts in the survey. These will be saved in our archives for future generations. We're sure that when they read them they will marvel at how parents and children coped during this unprecedented time. Here is the link:

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## Mouse Reading Award

Very well done to all the children who have achieved a Mouse Reading Badge for working on reading at home, and thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported them! Congratulations to Plum Class on 100% of their class achieving this. They will have some new books for class storytimes. We will be running a new reading award next half term and there is one for the half term holiday (see below). If you are unable to support your child with reading at home please speak to the class teacher as there is help available if you need it.

### Mouse Reading Award results by class:

**F2:** Birch 93%, Maple 90%, Willow 67%

**Yr 1:** Apple 80%, Cherry 86%, Plum 100%

**Yr 2:** Ash 83%, Elm 77%, Oak 77%

## Reading Eggs Competition!

We are running a competition to see which class uses Reading Eggs the most during half term. The winning class will receive new books for their reading corner. Reading Eggs is a great way to improve phonics and reading by having fun playing games. Your child's login is in their reading diary. Please email the school office if you can't find your child's login. If your child does not have access to a device, please contact the school office as we may be able to provide one for use during the half term holiday.



**Good luck everyone and have fun!**

**Reminder about water bottles:** If not already doing so, please only fill children's water bottles with plain still water, as the children are drinking from these throughout the school day. Squash, fruit juices etc can be provided separately with packed lunches if parents wish.

**Menu change: School dinner on Thursday 27th May will be the Friday 28th menu of fish and chips. Jacket potatoes will be available as usual.**

### A Big Thank You!

These are just some of the books that we have bought for our reading spines with the money raised from recent fundraising. Thank you for supporting us in buying quality texts that can be shared with the children. A special thank you to Dylan too for buying books from our Amazon wish lists! We have a few more books left to purchase and then we will be able to start sharing these with our classes.



National Book Tokens are running a competition for schools with a prize of £5000 for library school books. To help us win this, please nominate our school at the link below: <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>.

Please share this link with your friends and family as we need lots of nominations to win!

### Please find attached:

- Flyer for booking our holiday clubs in May and August and our breakfast/after school care from September: Please note that bookings made before 31st May this year are at a reduced price, and you can book for the whole year ahead, saving some money on any possible future price increases.
- European Cup Day menu for school dinners on Thursday 10th June.
- Dates for after half term: Please be aware these may change due to COVID restrictions possibly not lifting if the Government roadmap is changed. Hoping so much that this is not the case!

**Thank you to Shinfield View** who kindly donated some sweet smelling sensory plants for our F2 garden planters. It was very kind of them!



We are most grateful for any donations of plants!

### Heroes Stamp Competition

Many thanks to all the children who have sent in beautiful designs for the Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Competition. The closing date for us to get entries off is Friday 21st May so there is still time for your child to submit an entry if they would like to. It would be amazing if one of our pupils won a prize in this competition. We hope they all enjoy taking part.

### GOLDEN GOOD BOOK

**Friday 21st May**

**For helping others**

**Birch Class:**

Isabel and Leyla

**Maple Class:**

Gracie and Iris

**Willow Class:**

Zahra and Orestis

**Apple Class:**

Lola and Savannah

**Cherry Class:**

Jesse and William

**Plum Class:**

Charlie and Ainhua

**Ash Class:**

Hermiony and Finn

**Elm Class:**

Leo and Betsy

**Oak Class:**

Emily and Zac

**Well done children!**

### Attendance

Attendance for the school is currently 96.18%. The class with the best attendance and the Shinfield Cup for the week is Apple Class with 100% attendance.



## Dementia Awareness Week in school

We made a special visit to Shinfield View on Friday with a small group of Year 2 children to take all the beautiful blue flowers and cards that children had made in school during this week. They are true Dementia Friends!



## Walk to School Week

Well done to everyone who braved the elements last week to walk to school for some of the way every day. The children also worked hard on their Daily Mile too so lots of them earned their 'Superpower' stickers. It's great to see the children's energy coming back at school and to see them running in to school each morning! We hope that if you have enjoyed the walking to school, you will be able to keep this up for the benefit of your child - it is very true that a walk to school means they are more alert and ready to focus when they come in to class.

## Foundation Stage Farm Visit



Last week Foundation Stage were visited by Farms to Ewe. Due to Covid19 we haven't been able to take part in our usual farm visit but that wasn't going to stop us! We had a super day whereby our F2 garden was turned into a real farm. As you can see from the photographs, our children were simply delighted! Farmer Danielle taught us lots about the animals we met. The visit gave us a super writing experience as we discussed our day.



## Year 2 Medieval Banquet

Year 2 had a wonderful time at their medieval banquet last week. The 'Great Hall of Shinfield' was full of merriment and dancing and they had a really delicious feast!

