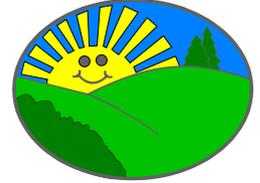




**Shinfield Infant & Nursery School**  
Autumn Term Newsletter 1  
Friday 10th September 2021  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to all our new families and welcome back to all our returning families, it is great to have you all 'on board!' We hope that your children are very happy with us.

We have welcomed some amazing new staff to our team;

Mrs Barrioneuvo and Mrs Earl in **Nursery**, Mrs Rumbly and Mrs Fisher in **Cherry class**, Mrs Hollingshead and Mrs Saunders in **Apple class**, Mrs Abulhawa in **Oak class**, Mrs Summers in **Ash class**, who is also our new Deputy Head. Mrs Kirby is working in **Birch class** and **Elm class**. We also have two new **Lunchtime Controllers**, Ms Zahrah and Mrs Mallett. Please see our website for more information about who works in each class.

I am very proud to have been chosen to lead our wonderful school. I have worked here now for 20 years and both my children came here when they were younger. It has a very special place in my heart and I hope that it becomes as special to you and your families.

This weekly newsletter will give you updates and information. Please look at our website for more information about our curriculum.

Mrs Nicky Lauchlan  
Headteacher

### Timings

Please try to be punctual when dropping off in the morning and when collecting your child at the end of the school day.

- Year 2 children may arrive from 8.30 am, they need to be in school by 8.40 am. End of the day is 3 pm
- F2 children may arrive from 8.40 am, they need to be in school by 8.50 am. End of the day is 3.10 pm
- Year 1 children may arrive from 8.50 am, they need to be in school by 9am. End of the day is 3.20 pm.

### **Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be safe**



Our School rules are really simple and really important to us. We have been reminding the children of them in class and talking about what they mean. Please ask your child about them and see if they can remember the signs that go with them.

### Birthdays

Last year we asked parents to send in a book rather than sweets when it was their child's birthday. The children really enjoyed sharing the books with their friends and many were donated to class libraries. This year we would like to continue this and ask that instead of sending in sweet treats you ask your child to choose a book for their class. It is lovely when the child writes their name in the inside cover before giving it to the class as then it is always remembered as being their gift. In the past we have had issues when sharing sweets as not all children are able to eat them due to dietary or religious reasons.

### Covid safety measures

Whilst we are enjoying working as a whole school again rather than separate year group bubbles we are regularly assessing the risk as it is vital that we keep our children and staff safe whilst delivering the best education we can. We follow guidance from the Government, The Circle Trust and the Local Authority. We are maintaining the routines of regular hand washing and use of anti bacterial hand gel. Our classrooms and shared spaces are cleaned daily.

Because we currently have very few members of our school community who have tested positive we aren't currently asking adults to wear masks whilst dropping off and collecting their children. We would be grateful if you could wear a mask if you enter the school building and use the anti bacterial gel that is provided. If you feel safer wearing a mask when bringing your child to school please do so.

The current Government guidance is that if you are 'double jabbed' you do not need to self isolate if a family member or a close contact has tested positive. Whilst this helps to keep schools and businesses running it can also raise anxieties with regards to the likelihood of the virus spreading. Please make sure that you only send your child to school if they are well. To recap, these are the **symptoms to watch out for**;

- fever
- a new and continuous cough
- shortness of breath
- fatigue
- loss of appetite
- anosmia (loss of smell)
- ageusia (loss of taste)

#### **Non-specific symptoms also include;**

- shortness of breath
- fatigue
- loss of appetite
- myalgia/muscle pain
- sore throat
- headache
- nasal congestion
- diarrhoea
- nausea
- vomiting

If your child tests positive please email me at;

**head@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk**

If a member of your household tests positive please consider testing your child before sending them into school to help to keep our school community safe.

### Rags to Riches

There will be a 'Rags to riches' collection at school on October 5th.

This gives you a chance to have a clear out at home. Please check this link to see what they collect;

<https://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/>

It is a great way for us to make money from things that you no longer need. All money that we raise will be put towards classroom resources for your children. You can put your items in any plastic bag or bin bag. We will collect them in school from Thursday 30th September. Please take your donations to the school office.

Thank you.

## Art week!

We decided that we would start the school year with an Art week. It has enabled us to spend quality time with the children, working with them, chatting with them and getting to know them. We hope that the children have enjoyed it. They have created some amazing work around the theme of our 'natural world' and 'recycling.' The week ended with the children visiting other classrooms around the school to see what others had created. We hope you like our Art displays too!



## **GOLDEN GOOD BOOK**

**Friday 3rd September**

**For following the school rules**

**Apple Class:** John and Lucy

**Cherry Class:** Harlem and Indi

**Plum Class:** Hermione and Oliver D

**Ash Class:** Dominic and Bella

**Elm Class:** Evie and Freddie

**Oak Class:** Zanna and Brenton

**The F2 children will join in with this celebration assembly very soon.**



**Well done children!**

## **GOLDEN GOOD BOOK**

**Friday 10th September**

**For Helping others to feel welcome**

**Apple Class:** Lucas and Diya

**Cherry Class:** Nancy and Jessica

**Plum Class:** Jenu and Daksh

**Ash Class:** Siri and Omer

**Elm Class:** Seren and Ayoub

**Oak Class:** William and Lola

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**Well done children!**



### **MACMILLAN SUPPORT**

We don't think that it is safe for us to hold a coffee morning this year but would like to collect donations for this important charity.

Please send donations in envelopes or wait until Friday 24th September when we will have a collection bucket on the gate in the morning.

Thank you!

### **PTA**

We are very fortunate to have a fantastic team of parents who work together to raise money for our school. They are a very friendly team who would welcome more help. You don't need to commit to lots of time and it is a great way to meet other parents.

Our PTA is called 'The Friends of Shinfield' or FOS.

They organise fundraisers like school discos and BBQs which are great fun for the children whilst helping us to buy resources that we otherwise couldn't afford.

This year we are raising money to improve the computing equipment that the teachers use in every classroom.

Please see the attached flyer about our AGM. We would love to see some new faces there!

**Wishing you all a great weekend together from everyone at Shinfield Infant and Nursery School!**