



## Shinfield Infant & Nursery School

Autumn Term Newsletter 5

Friday 26th November 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please remember that on Monday 29th November school will be shut to all children as it is an INSET day. Staff will be taking part in First aid training and 'The Write Stuff' writing training. We will let you know more about our new way of teaching writing in the new year. We know that it is going to help all children with their choice of vocabulary and sentence structure.

Happy Thanksgiving to all our American friends and families!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Nicky Lauchlan

Headteacher

### Reading eggs

Last year the school subscribed to 'Reading eggs' as a way to support Home learning. This year we have put money towards resourcing new reading books to go home instead. If you would like to continue using Reading eggs as a home resource you could sign up for your own accounts.

They are offering a free 30 day trial at the moment-

[Learn to Read in 30 days for FREE! – Reading Eggs](#)



### Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

If you have any Christmas jumpers that your children have grown out of please leave them outside the school reception area for someone else to take.

Thank you!

### Face masks

Thank you to all the parents who have been wearing face masks this week when coming onto the school site. If you are able to do so we would really appreciate you doing so.

## Help needed please!

### Phonics

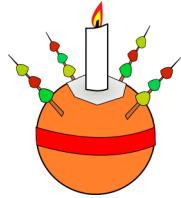
We are excited to tell you that we are introducing a new phonics and reading scheme after Christmas called Little Wandle. One of our key areas for improvement this year is the teaching or reading. The staff team will be trained on this during our INSET day on January 4th. We will then be holding parent information sessions in the new year to tell you all about it.

The scheme comes with lots of new resources which need to be labelled and organised. We would love to have a parent working party to do this. If you have time either after dropping your children off at school or at the end of the school day before you collect in the w/c December 6th we would love to hear from you. Please email Mrs Foldvari-  
[zfoldvari@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:zfoldvari@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk)

### Christingles

On Thursday 16th December members of Shinfield Baptist church will be coming into school to help the children to make Christingles. Prior to that we need help making holes in 270 oranges! We do it with a potato peeler. If you able to help during the school day on Wednesday 15th December please email Mrs Lauchlan-  
[head@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk)

Thank you!



### **GOLDEN GOOD BOOK**

**Friday 19th November**

To know how to help if someone is being unkind

Birch Class: Daniel & Imogen

Maple Class: Charlie & Isla

Willow Class: Aubree & Libby

Apple Class: To be awarded next week

Cherry Class: Iris & Amelie

Plum Class: Mia & Oliver D

Ash Class: Emel & Reeyansh

Elm Class: Ettie & Aslan

Oak Class: Savannah & Joshua

**Well done children!**

### **GOLDEN GOOD BOOK**

**Friday 26th November**

For trying to solve problems

Birch Class: Alicia & Isla

Maple Class: Ehsen & Shreya

Willow Class: Neethi & Aleksas

Apple Class: Lana & Dexter

Cherry Class: Elsie & Ruzgar

Plum Class: Orestis & Sofia

Ash Class: Vihaan & Jensen

Elm Class: Seren & Archie

Oak Class: David & Sophie

**Well done children!**

### Dates for your diaries

Monday 29th November- INSET day, school closed

Monday 6th December, 2pm - Nativity play for Birch class parents

Tuesday 7th December, 2pm - Nativity play for Maple class parents

Wednesday 8th December, 2pm - Nativity play for Willow class parents

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 - F1 Play with Santa (Via Video)

Plum class cake sale 3pm

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December - F1 Play with Santa 1.00 (via video)

Monday 13th December- Nasal flu vaccinations in school

Christmas jumper day for F1 children

Tuesday 14th December- 2.45pm Year 1 Christmas songs for Year 1 parents on the playground

Wednesday 15th December- Christmas hat making day and Christmas lunch in school  
2.45pm- Year 2 Christmas songs for Year 2 parents on the playground

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day for Nursery (Nursery Christmas Parties)

Christingle workshops for F2, Year 1 and Year 2 in school with the Baptist church

Friday 17th December- Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the children

Shinfield Showtime in year groups TBC

Christmas parties for F2, Year 1 and Year 2

School finishes at- 1pm for Year 2, 1.10pm for F2, 1.20pm for Year 1

Tuesday 4th January- INSET day, school closed

Wednesday 5th January- Beginning of Spring term

### Handyperson

We are looking for a new school Handyperson. Please see the attached advert and pass the information on to anyone you know who might be interested. We are a very friendly staff who would warmly welcome a new member to the team!

### Breakfast club drop off

We are worried that some parents are walking through the carpark after dropping their children off at Breakfast club. This is a problem because staff can be arriving at this time.

For your safety, please exit through the pedestrian gate before and after school.

### Shinfield's got talent



Congratulations to Sienna and Jessica for getting your first dance performance awards!

Congratulations to Abir who had his first stage theatre performance on 14th of November at Arlington Art Performance Centre Newbury.



### Covid update

There are a large number of covid cases within Wokingham schools at the moment.

However, we have had no new cases in our school this week.

If your child or a household member tests positive we would be grateful if you would let us know as soon as you are aware by emailing Mrs Lauchlan- [head@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk)

Please be alert for these symptoms-

A fever, a new continuous cough, a sore throat, a headache, an upset tummy or unusual tiredness.

### Plum class

Miss Lendrum has been doing a fantastic job of teaching Plum class on a part time basis since September as part of her teacher training qualification. She has sadly decided that she is unable to continue with the course due to personal reasons. We are pleased to say that she will continue to work in the school as a highly valued member of staff. She will be replaced on a Monday and Tuesday by Mrs Atika Sharma; Mrs MacDonald will teach on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Sharma will meet the children before January.

## Squid Game - Parent Advice

We would like to take this opportunity to advise you to be vigilant after hearing reports that children in our school have been talking about the Netflix series Squid Game, which is rated 15.

For your information, Squid Game is a Korean drama series on Netflix that has become one of the most popular topics on the internet for its unique plot. The show mimics children's games however it ends with participants being violently killed if they lose.

There have been some concerning reports recently in the media about children and young people in other schools 'playing' Squid Game whilst at school. Squid Game is also being viewed via other platforms such as YouTube and Tik-Tok, and given the popularity of the games in the show, developers have made various mini-games based on Squid Game on Roblox and other gaming platforms.

**Please continue to be vigilant about what your child(ren) is/are accessing and make sure the content is appropriate. Parental controls are available on apps/websites and can help keep children safe.**

For further guidance and support to help you to keep your child safe on-line please look at the following websites:

<http://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/learn-about-it/>  
<https://safeguardinghub.co.uk/protecting-children-from-harmful-content-on-television-guide-and-resources/>

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>