



# Shortlanesend School

## Newsletter



23rd October 2020

### Autumn Term

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you all continue to remain safe and well. Please have a restful half term break.

### School Update

Even though the school is closed for half term until **Tuesday 3rd November**, we must remain vigilant with the virus. If you need to report a positive test for your child out of school hours – evenings and weekend use the link below.

<http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/1434/coronavirus-covid-19>

Please be aware also that should we receive information regarding a positive test for a child or a member of staff we may have to contact you concerning possible closures of classes during the half term break.

### Christmas

It may seem strange talking about the festive season before Halloween, but we wish to assure you that the staff are fully committed to ensuring that as many of the traditional Christmas events and activities still happen, albeit slightly differently due to the current situation. We are as busy as Santa's elves planning the following:

- Light Parade: A plan is hopefully being finalised to enable the Year 5 and 6 children to make their traditional lanterns and have the possible opportunity to walk around the village in the dark – we will require individual parental support for this.
- Christmas trees will be decorated in each classroom.
- Christmas lunch will be eaten and enjoyed.
- Each class will hold their own Christmas Party.
- Christmas craft day will happen – linked to Christmas Jumper day.
- Class One Nativity – Mrs Lewis and Mrs Stanhope have plans for a digital nativity.
- Classes 2 to 5 Christmas Show – Mrs Stanhope has already started planning a digital performance from the other classes collated for your entertainment and delight.
- Special visitor – We are in continuing discussions with the North Pole Elf and Safety Team about a possible visit from the man in red himself.

Whilst we hope to make this Christmas as special as possible for the children – these events are subject to changes governed by factors out of our control, and therefore are not fully guaranteed to happen; whatever the situation, however, we will tirelessly endeavor to put as much sparkle into Christmas as we possibly can.

### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies and a limited selection of Royal British Legion objects – Snap bands, wristbands, zip reflectors and zip pulls will be available in return for a donation for the first two weeks of next half term.

## Suggested Donations:

Zip Pull – 50p      Reflector – 50p      Wristband - £1      Snap Band - £1.50

## Hoodies

Thank you for your patience with ordering a school hoodie – These will be available to collect from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Payment can be made on collection.

## Health Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has completed the health questionnaire for your child sent earlier this week by email. It is important that we hold the most current information regarding medical needs and possible allergies for all our children. Please complete the questions linked to the email as soon as possible. Thank you.

## School Safety – Reminder

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain safety and provide an improved chance of remaining open, please:

- **Do not arrive too** early to collect your child – this will lead to congregation which is something we need to avoid. If you collect **at 3:00** arrive from **2:55**, if you collect at **3:15** please do not arrive until at least **3:10**.

We are in no rush to get rid of the children – honestly!

- Exit the school **immediately** after your child is released to you.
- **Do not allow children to play on the play equipment** – these are timetabled weekly for different classes to reduce the risk of spreading germs.
- Continue to enforce good hygiene routines at home.
- Please inform other members of your family or friends about the collection arrangements and times, if they collect your child.

Thank you for your support.

## Parents' Consultations- Reminder

With a current ban on mass gatherings in schools, there will be no traditional parent consultation evenings this term. Teachers will provide a short, written report at the beginning of next half term.

## School Day

Please note the drop off and collection times for different classes – thank you.

Also, as a polite reminder, unfortunately we are running a **one adult** per family system to reduce footfall around the school – thank you.

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Arrival Time</u>	<u>Where?</u>	<u>Departure Time</u>	<u>Where?</u>
5 – Mr Easter	<b>8:30-8:40</b>	Corridor – Door nearest classroom	<b>3:00</b>	Corridor – Door nearest classroom

4 – Miss Eddison	<b>8:30-8:40</b>	Classroom - Side door	<b>3:00</b>	Classroom - Side door
3 – Mrs Ashley/Mrs Lewis	<b>8:45-8:55</b>	Class Door	<b>3:15</b>	Class Door
2 – Miss Adler	<b>8:45-8:55</b>	Class Door	<b>3:15</b>	Class Door
1 – Mrs Lewis/Mrs Stanhope	<b>9:00</b>	Through outside area	<b>3:10</b>	Through outside area

### **NHS Advice**

The NHS reports that the three main symptoms of Corona Virus to be watchful for are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus, get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

### **Dates**

Autumn Term:

We will return from half-term on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and finish for Christmas on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Spring Term:

We start the Spring term on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. We break up for half term on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February and return on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The term is scheduled to finish on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Summer Term:

The Summer term is planned to start on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. There is a bank holiday on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and we break for half term on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. We return to school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The final day of the term and the year will be Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Have a restful half-term

Thank you for your continued support.

