



Shortlanesend School

Newsletter



13th November 2020

Autumn Term

Dear Parent/Carer

Children In Need

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations. Seeing the children smile and wave with Pudsey was a great way to start the day. In total we raised the fantastic amount of **£195.22**.

School Update

Thank you for your continued support and understanding concerning the running of our school during the current challenging times. As a staff we constantly strive to adapt our thinking and planning to ensure that our children remain secure, happy and ready to learn. Being consistent is among our most powerful weapons currently as it allows for secure and trusting relationships to continue and grow and blossom. We endeavor to maintain our school ethos of: **Smile – Learn – Excel** at all times.

We continue to plan for the festive period and the celebrations linked to Christmas whilst following the current national guidance and the procedures schools currently have to follow.

At present we plan to organise and run the following:

Class 1 Nativity: This will be recorded and shared with parents via Youtube – more details will be issued by Mrs Stanhope and Mrs Lewis.

Carol Concert: This will involve all classes and again will be recorded and shared with parents via Youtube.

For both of these and future events updated parental consent will be sought through a forthcoming Mrs Holroyd email link to to an online survey. It is important that we obtain your permission quickly following Mrs Holroyd's communication to allow for the planning and recording of the events.

Christmas Tree Decorating Afternoon: This is planned to happen in individual classes on Tuesday 1st December. This has been a traditional House event in the past, but this year will be a class event.

School Christmas Lunch: This is scheduled for Wednesday 9th December. This day will also be **Christmas/Festive Dress Up Day** and **Christmas Craft Day** for all classes.

Christmas Party Day: This is scheduled for Thursday 17th December and will be class based this year.

Christmas Cards: We very much hope to offer children the chance to send friends Christmas cards, however, we will not be able to run a daily posting and delivery service as in previous years. We will set four collection dates to post by, this will allow for a safe amount of time between sorting and delivering.

Please be aware that as always our plans are subject to factors outside our control and none of the above events can be guaranteed to occur. Should we have positive cases in our school and be guided to close classes – this will clearly affect our capability to run these events.

If you do need to report a positive result for Corona Virus outside of school hours please follow the link below.

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

Last week our school has accepted Miss C Light to continue to gain further experience with us as she studies for a GNVQ Level 3. Miss Light has started an official apprenticeship scheme in connection with Truro College. This will see her gain knowledge and practice alongside her academic studies.

Free School Meals

Should you wish to check if you qualify and apply for Free School Meals, please follow this link:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

School Hoodies

Mrs Holroyd has sent the second orders to our suppliers. These should be arriving shortly and can be paid for through Parent Pay. A reminder that due to the current situation with extremely well-ventilated classrooms, these school hoodies can be worn every day instead of a school jumper.



Road Safety

Next week is Road Safety Week at SLE. Our Teachers have planned learning activities to re-enforce the message of staying safe on the roads. This is important at all times, but critical now as we move towards darker evenings.

You can help as parents by modelling sensible practice when crossing roads whilst walking with your child.

A reminder also that Mark and Ian very kindly allow parents to park for a few minutes at drop-off and collection times in the pub car park. Please **do not park** on the slip road between the pub car park and the school gates as this causes obstructions and increases risk.

Also, please ensure that your child is safely with you when you exit the school – thank you.

Health Questionnaire - Reminder

It is important that we hold the most current information regarding medical needs and possible allergies for all our children. Mrs Holroyd sent a simple online questionnaire to all parents before half term, 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.

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	8:30-8:40	Corridor – Door nearest classroom	3:00	Corridor – Door nearest classroom
4 – Miss Eddison	8:30-8:40	Classroom - Side door	3:00	Classroom - Side door
3 – Mrs Ashley/Mrs Lewis	8:45-8:55	Class Door	3:15	Class Door
2 – Miss Adler	8:45-8:55	Class Door	3:15	Class Door
1 – Mrs Lewis/Mrs Stanhope	8.55	Through outside area	3:10	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 finish for Christmas on Thursday 17th December.

Spring Term:

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

Summer Term:

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

Have a restful weekend

Thank you for your continued support.