



Dear Parents and Carers

This week has seen several purposeful parent/guardian consultation meetings happen across the school. Staff have reported these meetings to be very useful in terms of sharing of information, updating knowledge and agreeing a shared vision moving forward for individual children.

Thank you for those who have had to arrange postponed meetings due to staff illness. Please do not wait until the next formal meeting to discuss your child's education or welfare – all staff are here for you when needed. Please either chat with Mr Wilson at the gate or contact the school office team to request a phone call or meeting.

Next week is very busy, so please read the newsletter carefully regarding planned events.

Have a restful weekend – Mr Wilson

Staffing News

After considerable thought and deliberation Mrs Ashton has decided that it is now time for her to retire.

Aspire Academy Trust and Shortlanesend School would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Ashton for all her dedication and commitment to all the pupils, families, staff and members of the wider community that have attended Shortlanesend School during her employment and wish her well with a happy and healthy retirement.

Also, for the next three weeks, Mrs Walker will be absent from the office. Aspire will be arranging cover either in person or remotely during this time.

Odd Socks Day

Next week is Anti-bullying week Monday 13th - 17th November (every week is anti-bullying week at SLE). To launch the week, we would like all the children to come to school wearing odd socks on Monday 13th November. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun and a chance for the school community to express their individuality and celebrate our diversity. Throughout the week each class will learning about bullying, what it looks like and what to do if you experience or witness it. With an umbrella message of the importance of being kind and considerate towards each other.

Please see the anti- bullying alliance website for more information:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

Children In Need

Our school council is raising money for Children in Need by running a cake sale on Friday 17th November. This day will also be a non- school uniform day. Pudsey items/clothes are welcome, but please, no dying of hair or face-painting – Thank you.



Please bring in a donation for the cake sale - these can be home-made or shop bought. If donations can be brought in on the morning of Friday 17th November to the office. We will be selling the cakes after school. Cakes will be 50p each.

Many thanks
SLE School Council
Pippa, Connie, Tom, Ira, Joseph, Kitty, Thora, Roman, Elsie and Liam

Booking Systems

Thank you for all your increased efforts to help ensure the safety of our children and to comply to health and safety ratios by remembering – **ALL children need to be booked in advance for Breakfast Club and After-School Club**, via Parent Pay.

Children should not arrive at school without an adult and be booked into Early Birds – without these things in place, it is a significant safeguarding risk.

School Disco

Thursday 16th November will see our children and some adults busting their best moves at our disco.

KS1 Children (Tamar, Kenwyn and Fal) – 4:30 – 5:15
KS2 Children (Helford, Lynher and Gannel) – 5:30 – 6:15

Further details will be provided via FOSS

Christmas Event Dates

- Tamar and Nursery Nativity Thursday 14th December – 9:30 and 2:15
- Kenwyn and Fal Nativity Friday 15th December – 9:30 and 2:15
- Helford, Lynher and Gannel Carol Concert at Kenwyn Church – Monday 18th December – 6pm to 7pm

FOSS, reminders and dates

A reminder to please orders for Christmas cards by Wednesday 15th November. FOSS do have all the children's design details and a PIN for each child so if anyone is missing their order form we can help.

As people start their Christmas shopping, please remember to download the easyfundraising App. There are lots of shops which will donate when you buy online including eBay, Marks and Spencer, Argos, Boots, John Lewis, Wilko, Wayfair, Dunelm, Lakeland, WH Smith, Currys and most supermarkets. If you download the App you can set a reminder to pop up each time you shop. Just remember to select Shortlanesend School-FOSS as your charity!

Our Bag2School collection date is Tuesday 21st November. More details are on the leaflet sent home via bookbags.



While you are sorting out your old clothing to donate, why not dig out your children's Christmas clothing too. FOSS are hoping to add preloved Christmas clothing that is in good condition to our Autumn term uniform pop up. Keep your Christmas clothes separate, and we will collect at school.

As always keep an eye out on the FOSS Facebook page for news and notices

RBL Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your support in this worthy cause over the past few days with your kind donations.

Headlice

Currently we have reported cases of headlice in the school. Please check your children's hair and treat as required, thank you.

Year 4/5 and Year 6 Camp Trips

This year our Year 4 and 5 Camp Trip is to the Okehampton Activity Centre and the Year 6 Camp Trip is to the Isles of Scilly.

A reminder please for camp deposits to be paid via ParentPay by 30th November 2023. Thank you.

School Day

The school day is a **8:45 start** and a **3:15 finish** for all classes. The gates will be opened at 8:35 – please ensure that your child is in school **by** 8:45 for registration.

Uniform

A reminder that we ask for your child to wear a school sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie as part of our required uniform. These can now be purchased from Key Wear in Truro. The rest of the uniform can be purchased anywhere you wish. This decision is in place to ensure that the cost of uniform is kept low. However, we wish to ensure our uniform is fully affordable and accessible, therefore, high street alternatives to branded school uniforms are very acceptable.

It is important that you support our school by ensuring your child has the correct uniform. If you do have any issues sourcing or affording the correct uniform, please contact the school for help and support.

School PE Kit

- White T-shirt
- Black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers for outside activities.
- Choice of **school** hoodie, sweatshirt or cardigan



Non Pupil Days/Term Dates 2023-24

We have set our INSET (Non pupil) Days for the academic year as:

Friday 9th February 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Our Term Dates for 2023-24 are:

Autumn Term:

Wednesday 6th September 2023 – Tuesday 19th December 2023
(Half-term: 23rd – 27th October – return to school on **Tuesday 31st October**)

NOTE: We have an inset day on **Monday 30th October**

Spring Term:

Thursday 4th January 2024 – Thursday 28th March 2024
(Half-term: 12th – 16th February)

NOTE: We have an inset day on **Friday 9th February**

Summer Term:

Monday 15th April 2024 – Wednesday 24th July 2024
(Half-term: 27th May – 31st May – return to school on **Tuesday 4th June**)

NOTE: We have an inset day on **Monday 3rd June**

Have a restful weekend. Warm Regards

Mr Wilson