



Shortlanesend School

Newsletter



11th December 2020

Autumn Term

Dear Parent/Carer

Christmas

On Wednesday the children and adults enjoyed our **Christmas Jumper/Craft/Meal Day**. Thank you to Claire and Dawn for cooking the delicious feast. Thank you all for your kind donations; our school raised £93 for Save The Children.

Sadly we have had to put away our **Christmas Post Box** today for the year. There will be two deliveries next week on Monday and Wednesday of cards already posted.

Final editing is currently happening for our **Christmas Carol Concert** – details and a link will be emailed to parents and carers next week.

We finish for Christmas on **Thursday** with the Christmas Party. Children will be able to wear their own choice of clothes for the day. The parties themselves will happen in individual classes throughout the afternoon.

School Update

After we say goodbye and Merry Christmas on Thursday our school staff will remain alert should we have a child or member of staff test positive. If a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within **48 hours** of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Even though the school will be closed, a positive will mean that isolation of a bubble may need to take effect to those in contact with the positive case.

Any positive cases from Sunday 20th of December onwards will not require isolation of bubbles.

Fingers crossed that we have a non-isolation Christmas period, and no one from our school community tests positive over the holiday period. Thank you all for your support,

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

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

Fair Share Over Christmas

Mrs Dyer will be making two deliveries of food to The Old Plough pub over the Christmas period. Firstly, on **Christmas Eve** and secondly on **New Year's Eve**. Mrs Dyer hopes to be unloading the Fair Share donations at around **10am** on both days. Thank you, Mrs Dyer and Mrs Ashton for delivering the weekly donations.

Hearing Screening for Year 1

Mrs Holroyd has emailed all parents of Year 1 children with information regarding the Hearing Check planned for January and details of how you can opt in or out.

Parent Pay

As mentioned in previous newsletters parents need to check their Parent Pay account regularly. We have been contacted by Aspire concerning debts on certain accounts.

Mrs Holroyd will be contacting some parents directly to advise payment of debts, either in whole or in part. There is also the option to make an appointment to chat with Mr Wilson if parents are concerned about the amount owing and their ability to pay.

Aspire will become further involved as a next step if there is no communication or payment made. We understand that it is an extremely busy time of year and that some of our parents may be facing financial difficulties, however, we must do what we can to recover as much of the outstanding debt as possible, so that the impact on our school budget is kept to a minimum.

Kenwyn Church

Currently Kenwyn Church has a Christmas Carol Trail through its churchyard which is free and a lovely way to get some fresh air whilst doing something with a Christmas theme.

Methodist Chapel

The Methodist Chapel in Shortlanesend has sent cards and bookmarks to the children today as part of their community engagement, which has been hampered by the Covid-19 situation.

Both churches wish our families a restful Christmas.

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/>

Arbor App

Aspire are recommending that parents download the Arbor App to their phones. The app helps to improve communication between the school and the parents. If you have not downloaded the app yet – details can be found

here:<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.aspireacademytrust.org%2F1277%2Farbor-parent-app&data=04%7C01%7Cjill.holroyd%40shortlanesend.org.uk%7C75fe01d2df9e4fd86a2e08d8871f1e23%7C199653adc1564a05bad3084c1a30b618%7C0%7C0%7C637407915041324227%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=wdmkUzQ8nJmiJVJWq6aYGbFirmf0Jdv8CfOUm0wzyOA%3D&reserved=0>

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	Playground

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** (this will be a **1:30 finish**).

Have a restful weekend.