

Shortlanesend School Newsletter 18/06/21

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Hello

We hope you and your families are all safe and well.

School News

The delaying of Stage Four of the government's roadmap (which was announced on Monday by Boris Johnson) in conjunction with the latest data concerning the Covid-19 virus form Cornwall Public Health means that our school will have to maintain our current procedures and practices for a while longer.

It may have been disappointing to hear the news on Monday, however, our priority is the welfare and safety of our children. There have been a significant number of bubbles closed this week in Aspire and Non-Aspie schools in Cornwall mostly due to parents contracting covid, but some sadly due to children testing positive. This meant that the children in those bubbles were sent home to isolate for 10 days, which has led to a return to remote learning for them, and disruption to the children and families involved. This remains a very real possibility of happening at our school, as despite our safety procedures, we remain at risk of a number of factors outside our control.

Therefore, we must remain consistent with our risk assessments and safety precautions at SLE. We ask you, also, to remain consistent with our routines here and your routines outside of school, following the government's current advice, to help reduce the risk of cases Covid affecting our school community.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

New Development

After some frustrating delays, we learnt yesterday that the funding agreement has finally been signed to allow the construction of our new building to begin. We will be writing to you next week in detail about our plans (including class structure) for the next academic year. It has been a challenging journey to this point, and there may be further setbacks ahead, but ultimately the new building will bring further stability to our school and the community.

Raffle Tickets

Thank you to everyone who has returned their tickets stubs and money for the FOSS raffle. Remaining stubs and tickets need to be returned by next Friday (25th June) in time for the draw. Any unsold books can be returned to school if needed, as we have had requests for extra tickets from some families.

Sports Week

Next week the children will be celebrating National Sports Week with extra activities including a range of different sports which they are unlikely to have experienced before.

• Classes 1,2 and 3 will need their PE Kits on Monday as well as they usual PE days



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• Classes 4 and 5 will need their PE Kits on Tuesday as well as their usual PE days

Cornish Singing

Currently Year 6 are busy learning some traditional Cornish songs as part of a launch for a new initiative to encourage the growth of the Cornish language. Next Friday will see the children travel to Tremough Campus for the event, which will be filmed by BBC Spotlight cameras.

Anti-Bullying Drama

Also, next Friday, Year 4 and 5 will experience a one-person drama – A Telling Tale. This is quite a challenging and thought-provoking play which demonstrates the effects of bullying, told from the point of view of a victim, with the ultimate aim of encouraging children to speak out.

Hoodies

Mrs Holroyd still has some hoodies which were ordered by parents and still need collecting and paying for please.

Parent Pay - Reminder

Please ensure that you regularly check and make payments to your Parent Pay account. Aspire Finance monitor all balances and code them red, amber and green. Red accounts run the risk of further action being taken should a balance build up over time without payments being made, this may involve a temporary suspending of access to services. As always please talk to us if you have any concerns with your accounts or your ability to pay.

<u>Swimming</u>

Years 2 and 3 continue to enjoy their swimming lessons on Tuesdays. Please can parents check their Parent Pay accounts and arrange payment for the sessions. Thank you.

<u>Weather</u>

Hopefully the weather will remain warm and sunny, so please send your child into school prepared with the following:

- Hat
- Sun protection cream
- Drink bottle
- Sunglasses if needed

End of Term

A reminder that our final day of term and the year will be Friday 23rd July. This will be a **1:30pm finish**.

Non Pupil Days/Term Dates 2021-22

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



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Monday 6th September 2021 Tuesday 4th January 2022 Friday 18th February 2022 Monday 25th July 2022 Tuesday 26th July 2022

Our Term Dates for 2021-22 are:

<u>Autumn Term:</u> Tuesday 7th September 2021 – Friday 17th December 2022 (Half-term: 25th – 29th October)

Spring Term: Wednesday 5th January 2022 – Friday 8th April 2022 (Half-term: 21st – 25th February)

Summer Term: Monday 25th April 2022 – Friday 22nd July 2022 (Half-term: 30th May – 6th June – return to school on **Tuesday 7th June**)

Drop-off and collection arrangements – Reminder

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Arrival</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>Where?</u>	<u>Departure</u> <u>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	8:40-8:50	Class Door	3:10	Class Door
2 – Miss Adler	8:40-8:50	Class Door	3:10	Class Door
1 – Mrs Lewis/Mrs Stanhope	8:50	Through outside area	3:10	Playground

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- Staggered drop off and collection times based on class
- 1-way directional system
- An adult will be at the main gate entrance welcoming the children and supporting with the direction of movement.
- One adult per family will accompany their child unfortunately, no parent or carer will be able to enter the building
- No child or adult should gather on the school site at any time
- Children will enter their classrooms via their external classroom door and will immediately wash their hands or use hand sanitizer.
- For collection, the gates will be open at 14:55. Do not to arrive before 14:55 as this would result in congestion
- Siblings to be dropped off/collected at earliest time
- To support the safe environment, <u>parents must adhere to the collection</u> and drop off times

NHS Advice – A reminder

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.

Have a restful weekend.