



Shortlanesend School

Newsletter



27th November 2020

Autumn Term

Dear Parent/Carer

Christmas

Four weeks from today we hope that you and your families are happily enjoying a wonderful Christmas Day, albeit perhaps different from previous years. Between now and the big day itself, we have just under three weeks of Christmas activities and events in school to enjoy:

- **Christmas Post Box:** We will not be able to offer our usual same day delivery service this year, due to safety arrangements involving time needed to quarantine the cards. The postboxes will still be in operation from Monday 30th November and a timetable will allow for four bumper deliveries of cards. **Friday 11th December** will be the **last day** for cards to be posted to ensure safe delivery; after this date the post boxes will be put away for another year, and we will no longer be able to accept cards to be sorted and delivered.
- **Christmas Tree decorating afternoon:** This will be a class based activity this year and will happen on ***Tuesday 1st December*** during the afternoon.
- **Christmas Jumper/Craft/Meal Day:** This is scheduled for the ***Wednesday 9th December***. Aspire have asked all their schools support Save The Children on this day, so a donation, if possible, would be appreciated. Meals need to be ordered through Parent Pay please.
- **Christmas Party:** This is scheduled for the final day of term – Thursday 17th December. More details will be issued closer to the day.
- **Christmas Carol Concert recording day:** Next Wednesday (***2nd December***) Mrs Stanhope hopes to record the majority of our Carol Concert to allow time for editing. On this day, children are asked to bring in a hat and scarf, as the recording needs to happen outside – this will also hopefully add to the Christmas feel of the concert.

IMPORTANT: We need to have your parent permission for your child to appear – This can be provided through the link in Mrs Holroyd's recent email, or by using the Arbor app. If we do not have your permission, we will assume for safety that your child can not be filmed for this event. We fully understand that some children are not allowed to be filmed for very good reasons, and will sensitively include these children in the process, whilst continuing to ensure their safety.

School Update

The staff at SLE continue to work hard to maintain normality in these challenging times, whilst ensuring that our school community remains as safe as possible. We are a small school in comparison to others in our area and our mixed year classes present further complications.

We try to ensure that our bubbles are as stable as possible, however, sometimes matters out of our control mean that certain staff may have to temporarily move across bubbles. To maintain safety levels, during these times, staff may wear a clear safety visor to increase protection for the children and themselves.

Many schools locally and nationally are now recommending that adults dropping off and collecting their children wear a face mask to aid protection. Some of our parents and carers already choose to wear a facemask at these times. We would encourage all adults who feel safer with a mask and wish to wear one – please do.

A reminder please to maintain social distancing rules when on the school grounds – it is recommended that a 2 metre space is maintained between people. Also, please continue to be consistent with hygiene at home and report any incidents of positive tests or symptoms to the school immediately.

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>

We have remained positive for the term so far, but are also very aware that the potential for our school being affected by outbreaks and having to close classes is very real, especially with more local schools being affected, the lifting of the lockdown and with the winter conditions approaching. Thank you for your patience, support and understanding.

Parent Pay

We would like to remind parents to check their Parent Pay account regularly. Aspire monitor all Parent Pay debts on a monthly basis and issue our school with reports at the start of each month which highlight any debts that may be escalating. If you note that there is a significant amount owing on your account, please make a payment. If you are concerned about the amount you owe and your current situation, please make an appointment to chat with Mr Wilson.

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 now taken delivery of the second order of hoodies. Those which have been paid for have been issued to the children today. The remaining hoodies will be issued after payment is received through Parent Pay. Thank you.

Parental Consent for images

As mentioned above, Mrs Holroyd has emailed every parent a link to a form concerning parental consent for a range of areas including photographs on our website/Facebook/Twitter etc. Currently we have about 80% of responses. We need your

permission or non-permission as soon as possible, especially as the current situation means we are looking to communicate more through social media with you. Thank you.

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%2F-arbor-parent-app&data=04%7C01%7Cjill.holroyd%40shortlanesend.org.uk%7C75fe01d2df9e4fd86a2e08d8871f1e23%7C199653adc1564a05bad3084c1a30b618%7C0%7C0%7C637407915041324227%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6k1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=wdmkUzQ8nJmiJVJWq6qYGbFirMf0Jdv8CfOUm0wzyOA%3D&reserved=0>

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	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

Thank you for your continued support.

