

Shortlanesend School Newsletter 05/11/21

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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. Please have an enjoyable, but safe firework weekend.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Poppy Appeal so far. Until Thursday, next week (11th November) we will continue to be offering a selection of items which can be taken in return for a donation. The Royal British Legion have provided a suggested donation amount for each item as follows:

- Poppies: No suggested donation
- Pencils/erasers/pencil sharpeners/zip pulls/reflectors/coloured pencils: 50p
- Wristband/rulers: £1
- Snap Bands: £1:50

Flu Vaccine

You will need to opt in to enable your child to be administered the flu vaccine later this term on 23rd November. If you have not clicked on the link in the letter and given your permission, your child will not be able to have the vaccine. Full details provided in the letter attached to a recent email from Mrs Holroyd.

FOSS

A purposeful meeting was held on Thursday this week by FOSS. Thank you to those who attended and contributed to the discussion. It is very much hoped that both fundraising and social events can be planned and implemented through the year. There will be more details released closer to the time of events.

Teacher Parent Meetings:

The meetings have been scheduled at various times throughout next week for most classes. These meetings will happen through TEAMS. Please book an appointment through the Arbor App if you have not arranged an appointment so far.

Opt Out of Health Screening

Please be aware that the deadline for your child in Year 6 and Reception to opt out of health screening is quickly approaching. If you do nothing, your child will automatically be measured.

School Photographs

The photographer had apologised for any missing photographs that may have happened during her last visit. She will be returning to school on **Tuesday 16th November** to rectify any errors concerning missing photos.



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Lost Coat

Please can parents check for a lost coat, largely dark blue in colour with red lower panels on the front, aged 7-8. It has been missing since just before half-term. Thank you.

Free School Meals - Reminder

Did you know that if your child is registered as eligible for free school meals, the school receives a pupil premium payment of $\pounds1,345$ per year? The school receives this payment whether or not your child has the school dinner. This premium is used by the school to organise additional opportunities, which directly benefit your child. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

How does it work?

Year 2 and below

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 they can get free school meals as part of the national Universal Free Infant School Meals Scheme.

It is important that if you receive a qualifying benefit you still need to register for free school meals under the eligibility scheme.

Year 3 and above

If your child is under 19 and in full-time education, you may be able to get free school meals for them if you get one of these benefits:

- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Support (IS)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than $\pounds 16,190$)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 if you're an asylum seeker
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Children who receive Income Support (IS) or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right can also get free school meals.

We recommend that all parents who think they may qualify whether in any year apply through the link below:

Free School Meals (servelec-synergy.com)



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Arrangements for Drop Off and Collection:

| <u>Class:</u> | <u>Arrival Time</u> | <u>Departure Time</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Gannel – Mr Easter | 8:30-8:40 | 3:00 |
| Lynher – Miss Eddison | 8:30-8:40 | 3:00 |
| Helford – Mrs Ashley | 8:30-8:40 | 3:00 |
| Fal – Mrs Lewis | 8:40 – 8:50 | 3:10 |
| Kenwyn – Miss Adler | 8:40-8:50 | 3:10 |
| Tamar –Mrs Stanhope – | 8:50 | 3:10 |

- 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

Non Pupil Days/Term Dates 2021-22

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

Tuesday 4th January 2022 Friday 18th February 2022 Monday 6th June 2022 – Platinum Jubilee Day



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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)

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

Summer Term: Monday 25th April 2022 – Friday 22nd July 2022 [1:30pm Finish] (Half-term: 30th May – 6th June – return to school on **Tuesday 7th June**)

Enjoy a restful weekend.