



Miss Shaw's Newsletter

Dear children and families,

I am going to start by saying thank you to you all for supporting us in making the tweaks to the end of the day work. These are such unsettling times and going back into lockdown was difficult for so many. We felt that we needed to respond to the national changes to make sure that we were playing our part in ensuring that rates of infection do not continue to rise. The changes we have made are:

- 1) Where at all, possible picking up your own child(ren) from school. The new Government expectations are clear that families can only make a support bubble with one other family for the duration of the lockdown. If your child to be collected by someone else, please notify school during the school day. We do ask that this is only if you are absolutely stuck.
- 2) Only one parent/carer comes onto the school site to drop off or collect their child(ren). We would like to try and reduce the number of adults we have on site at the start/end of the day, so everyone is able to safely socially distance. To further support this we will be calling parents forward class by class. Please queue along the line and your child will be send over to you as you reach the front of the queue.
- 3) As before, please leave as quickly as you possibly can to prevent a bottle neck. Please continue to move away from the pedestrian gates so other parents/carers can leave safely.

Inside school we are continuing to:

- 1) Maintaining social distancing between adults and with children where it is age appropriate. Where we can't we try and stand or sit to one side of the child, for example.
- 2) Maintaining our high standards with cleaning.
- 3) Washing and/or sanitising our hands frequently throughout the day.
- 4) Making sure that we open the windows and internal doors to our classrooms during play and lunch times so the rooms are well ventilated.
- 5) Staggering play and lunch times for each bubble.
- 6) Maintaining our one-way system and quarantine rules.

Although this is all feeling more normal, I think we all find it hard at times and need to remind each other about keeping ourselves safe.

Usually, at this time of year, we would be opening our doors and running tours for parents who are looking for Reception places for September 2021. Of course, due to Covid 19 and the restrictions, we are unable to do this. We will be publishing two short videos later this month, for new parents to have a look at. If you have friends who are in this situation please do let them know. From September 2021, we will only have 1 class of 30 children in Reception and it would be amazing to have all of our 30 places filled next academic year.

There was an ever-growing sense of excitement in school this week as we saw our Christmas play script for the first time and began to plan how we will safely film it. Every child will be involved! Thank you to Miss Owen and Mrs Starkswood for their creativity! We will be filming this later this month and will then publish it on our website nearer Christmas. We will also be enjoying a virtual pantomime during the final week of the term. It is amazing how creative companies have been in many sure that we can have some normality whilst not being able to go to the theatre.

Stay safe,

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Christmas Lunch

16th and 17th December

This year, our Christmas lunch (for pupils only) will be held on the following dates:

- 1) Key Stage 1 – Wednesday 16th December
- 2) Key Stage 2 – Thursday 17th December

You will need to book and pay for the Christmas lunch via SIMSPay, even if your child normally has a school meal.

The lunch **MUST be booked in advance** and the **deadline to book is 2nd December 2020.**

On each day, the only school lunch option available for children in the other Key Stage is a packed lunch style meal. If you wish your child to have a school packed lunch on this day, then again you **MUST** book this in advance via SIMSPay – there will be no extra lunches available on the day for children who have not booked. If you do not wish your child to have a school packed lunch, then of course they may bring their own from home.



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**We currently have spaces available for 2/3-
year olds**

FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 START

Please email us or pop by for a registration
form




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Attendance



The Grove Owl will be gaining a name over the next few weeks. The children will have the opportunity to vote for the name.

| Class Name | % attendance from Tuesday 3 rd November to Friday 6 th November 2020. |
|--------------|---|
| The Aviary | 91.7% |
| Wren | 89.2% |
| Gosling | 84.0% |
| Ostrich | 91.4% |
| Duckling | 95.0% |
| Kiwi | 94.4% |
| Flamingo | 92.2% |
| Kingfisher | 89.0% |
| Woodpecker | 95.8%  |
| Kestrel | 92.9% |
| Eagle | 86.1% |
| Whole School | 91.1% |

Well done Woodpecker Class!





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Rosettes at achievement assembly were presented to:

Friday 13th November 2020

Kestrel: Anastasia, Ezra

Eagle: Omar, Edmund

Kingfisher: Matthias, Zari

Woodpecker: Kianna, Jack

Kiwi: Lola, Alex

Ostrich: Sophie, Sienna

Flamingo: Valentine, Jahziah

Wren: Olivia, Kylan

Gosling: Zachary, Charlie

Duckling: Alan, George E

Aviary: Kye, Michael