



Miss Shaw's Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

We are busy pulling together our plans for next academic year and I will write to you next week explaining what we have agreed. Everyone's views are being considered and I am very grateful to all of you who put forward your thoughts. The Government have made it clear that we must continue to have three key mitigations in school. They are:

- 1) Continued increased hand washing or hand sanitising throughout the school day.
- 2) Continued cleaning, particularly, of contact points throughout the school day.
- 3) Continued increased ventilation of all areas of the school.

We are hopeful that these mitigations may also prevent any wide spread of viruses such as the Norovirus – which we haven't seen this academic year in school.

For the rest of term, we will be continuing with our current risk assessment and mitigations. The Local Authority have required this due to the currently high numbers of COVID cases in the community and schools in the Cambridgeshire area. Thank you for all of your support that you have shown us during this year. Everyone in school has appreciated it very much.

The end of term is upon us – just four more school days. Today we had our first Celebration Awards Ceremony and it was so strange not to have parents and carers there. There are some photographs and staff will email these to you personally. The children should all be very proud of everything they have achieved this year. We have been so lucky to have had to close only two classes which means that most of our children have had the opportunity to be in school all the days that we have been able to open. They have shown resilience and determination in their learning as well as being great fun to be around. I can still remember the complete joy of hearing our school full of laughter and chatter last September and again this March.

On the last day (next Thursday, 22nd July), we will run our staggered finish time again. We will run the same times – just an hour earlier. So:

Gosling/Duckling at 1.45

Wren at 1.50

Kiwi and Aviary at 2.00pm

Woodpecker and Kingfisher at 2.10pm

Eagle and Kestrel at 2.15pm

The Orchard will run until 4:15pm

We will be reopening our breakfast club and Orchard Afterschool Club from the first full week back in September. Bookings and payment the usual way – any problems, please contact the school office. I am hoping that we will start to see our numbers start to increase again now that bubbles are gone and as many of you possibly return to the office to work.

Stay safe.

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Classes 2021/22

As I wrote in a previous newsletter, we have had to create mixed aged classes due to the reducing number of children in the school which leads to falling finances. We had planned for this – COVID-19 was an added disruption which no one could plan for financially and it has struck our finances due to the loss of income through all of our lettings. Your child was asked to name 6 people they would like to be with and we have ensured that everyone has a minimum of 1 person from their list in their class. This may not be the first person they wrote down. The classes also have a balance of other factors such as number of boys/girls and current attainment.

Your staff teams are:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Gosling (Reception)	Miss Kiera Holland	Mrs Alison Fish Mrs Gina Rice
Wren (Year 1)	Miss Sally Rattray	Mrs Shanaz Ali
Ostrich (Year 2/3)	Miss Filipa Aurelio	
Flamingo (Year 2/3)	Miss Elisa Walker	
Kookaburra (Year 2/3)	Miss Naomi Gibson	
Woodpecker (Year 4)	Ms Esther Claydon Mrs Alison Cowe	
Toucan	Mrs Jo Robinson	Mrs Zina Ougana Mrs Nada Nicholls
Hummingbird	Mrs Helen Harwood	Mr Dan Tinkler Mrs Jackie Windmill
Aviary	Mr Dan Cumberland	Miss Helen Pham Miss Claire Murgio Mrs Mariyana Ch Mr Jack Moralee Mrs Nada Nicholls

In our first newsletter of the new term, each team will be telling you about themselves and what to expect in the term ahead. We will also be sending out to you, each half term, a Knowledge Organiser so you can see what your child is learning during their topic sessions.

Race for Life

Thank you so much. The donations keep coming in and we have now raised an amazing £1225.25. The Just Giving Page will be closed from Monday 19th July.

Sports' Day

Well done to everyone for their efforts in Sports' Day last week! And congratulations to **Darwin** who were the overall winners.

Miss Gibson is putting together a video of pictures taken on the day, which we will share with you next week!



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Uniform

Just a reminder of our uniform. We do expect every child to wear our uniform to school. Many thanks.

The school colours and clothing are as follows:

- Grey skirts, pinafores or trousers
- White polo t-shirt or shirt with the school logo on
- Emerald Green sweatshirt / cardigan with the school logo
- Year 6 may children wear a plain white shirt and school tie
- Appropriate black coloured footwear

For warmer weather

- Green chequered pinafore, grey shorts in warmer weather
- Appropriate low-heeled shoes or sandals. No Flip Flops

For PE

- Children wear navy or black shorts and a T-shirt in their house colour for PE activities. Trainers or plimsolls are worn for outdoor P.E. and indoor games. Children have bare feet for apparatus work and dance. Navy or black joggers and sweatshirts can be worn for outdoor P.E.

School sweatshirts, polo shirts, PE kit / bags, school rucksacks and book bags can all be ordered and paid for through the online SIMSPay website:

<https://www.sims-pay.co.uk/>



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Dates for your diaries:

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 19 th July	9:30	Year 2 End of Year Celebration Awards Ceremony
Monday 19 th July	14:00	Reception and Year 1 End of Year Celebration Awards Ceremony
Tuesday 20 th July	9:30	Year 3 End of Year Celebration Awards Ceremony
Tuesday 20 th July	9:30	Aviary End of Year Celebration Awards Ceremony
Wednesday 21 st July	9:30	Year 4 End of Year Celebration Awards Ceremony
Thursday 22 nd July	9:30	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 22 nd July	Staggered times	School closes for the summer break: Gosling/Duckling at 1.45 Wren at 1.50 Kiwi and Aviary at 2.00pm Woodpecker and Kingfisher at 2.10pm Eagle and Kestrel at 2.15pm
Thursday 22 nd July	16:15	The Orchard closes for the summer break

Dates for September 2021

Date	Activity
Wednesday 1 st September	INSET Day
Thursday 2 nd September	All children return to school.

Term Dates 2021 - 2022

	Autumn Term 2021	Spring Term 2022	Summer Term 2022
Term starts	Thursday 2 nd September	Wednesday 5 th January	Tuesday 19 th April
INSET Day	Wednesday 1 st September Friday 22 nd October*	Tuesday 4 th January	-
Half Term	Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th October	Monday 14 th to Friday 18 th February	Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June
INSET Day	Monday 1 st November	-	Monday 6 th June
Last day of term	Friday 17 th December**	Friday 1 st April**	Thursday 21 st July**

*Please note the October INSET day will now be on Friday 22nd October and not Friday 15th as previously published.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT 14:15 ON 17TH DECEMBER, 1ST APRIL AND 22ND JULY. THE ORCHARD WILL CLOSE AT 16:15 ON THOSE DAYS

Summer Term 2022 – please note there is an amendment to the dates for next Summer Term, 2022. The **last day of school for July 2022 will now be Thursday 21st July and NOT Friday 22nd July**, as previously published. This amendment is to make up for a change in date of the 2022 Early May Bank Holiday, meaning it now falls within the May Half Term, due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.



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Friday 16th July

Rosettes this week have been presented to:

Kestrel: Conner, Hafiza

Eagle: Francesca, Omar

Kingfisher: Summer, Andrew

Woodpecker: Ruda, Jasper

Kiwi: Cassius, Said

Ostrich: Dylan, Nyla

Flamingo: Rocco, Valentine

Wren: Samuel, Logan

Gosling: Mustafa D, Meg

Duckling: George E, Alan

The Aviary: Max, Braden