



### **School Update**

Welcome Back! We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing Easter break. The start of a new term is always an exciting time at SLE as new topics are launched across the school. This term our theme is, 'Journey Through The Past'. Each class will be immersing the children creatively into a different aspect of history throughout the term:

- Class One will be exploring Cornish History
- Class Two will be very regal; investigating Kings and Queens
- Class Three will travel far back in time to the Stone Age
- Class Four will be pondering the legacy of Ancient Greece
- Class Five will learn and experience about life during both World Wars

### **Sun Protection**

The weather has been sunny and at times quite warm this week. Which is great in lots of ways as it means we are able to maximise our outdoor areas more. However, it also means that children will need to protect themselves from the effects of the sun and dehydration. So, remember to send your child into school with:

- Hat
- Sun protection cream
- Water Bottle
- Sunglasses – if they have them

### **School Uniform**

As shops begin to open-up and we move hopefully further away from lock-down we will be expecting our children to return to wearing the correct school uniform on a more consistent basis.

We keep the requirements for uniform as simple as possible meaning that parents can source items relatively inexpensively. Our uniform requires black shoes, grey or black trousers, shorts or skirts, a white polo-shirt and a cardigan, hoodie or jumper with our school logo. There is also the option of summer dresses for this time of the year. Pinafores are also allowed throughout the year.

We have a well-stocked donated rail of clothes for families to use if needed. We also have some items of new clothing if parents are finding it difficult to afford purchasing uniform, which we are able to provide.

Looking to the future, Mrs Holroyd sent a questionnaire out this week regarding different uniform options. We have listened to parent suggestions and are in negotiations to have our school jumpers, cardigans, hoodies and a possible return to



fleeces (which some parents and children report missing) stocked locally at Key Wear (based in Truro). This will mean that parents should be able to purchase items locally and be able to size the item up much more easily against their child. We also understand that there have been stock issues with our previous supplier, which we hope will not be the case with Key Wear.

If you have not responded to the questionnaire yet, please complete it by Monday, when we will analyse the results to help inform our uniform options in the future.

### **Hoodies**

Please can parents who have ordered school hoodies arrange payment through Parent Pay as soon as possible.

### **Non Pupil Days/Term Dates 2021-22**

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

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Our Term Dates for 2021-22 are:

#### Autumn Term:

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

#### Spring Term:

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

#### Summer Term:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022  
(Half-term: 30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June)

### **FOSS (Friends Of Shortlanesend School) - Reminder**

FOSS are planning on holding a raffle next term to raise funds for our school. Obviously, the Covid situation has hampered our usual fundraising opportunities. We have unfortunately not been able to hold any discos, the popular bingo night, or a Christmas Fair.



We are asking for any kind donations of raffle prizes from parents and families, perhaps linked with businesses. We already have a £75 photo shoot, vouchers for The Old Plough Pub, a pamper pack from Eco Bliss Beauty and a cake voucher for Mrs B's Cakes kindly donated.

If you can help in any way, please contact Mrs Holroyd.

**Drop-off and collection arrangements – Reminder**

<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	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

- 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, **parents must adhere to the collection 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.

**Summer Term Dates:**

There is a bank holiday on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** and we break for half term on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**. We return to school on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**. The final day of the term and the year will be **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** (this day will finish at **1:30**).

**Have a restful weekend**