



Shortlanesend School

Newsletter



28th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer



Bottom Gate

To help ease the parking arrangements at the end of the day, we open our bottom gate to allow parents to collect via this route. This week we received a report from a member of the public who witnessed some young children running out of the gate before their parents. In fact, the witness stated there were no adults in sight. Please be aware that the gate is very, very close to the road, and ensure that you check for traffic before exiting whilst being aware of where your children are. Thank you. We are currently exploring ways to make the exit safer involving the County Council.



Lateness

Please can parents ensure that the children are in school by 8.55am. This is when the register and lunch choices are taken for the day. It is disruptive to the other children in the class when there are children arriving late, as lessons begin following registration. Also the late arrivals are missing part of their education. Remember the school is open from 8.35am to help with dropping off arrangements and an Early Bird Club available from 7.50am.



Morning Routine

To increase the resilience and responsibility of our children, and to assist in safeguarding protocols please remember parents and carers are not to enter the classrooms with their children at the start of the day. This also helps with the smooth start to the school day. Staff are available in the playground for any messages, as is Mrs Holroyd in the office. Can children arrive in the mornings with all they need for the school day. Thank you for your understanding.



Flu Vaccination

If you have a child in CLASS 1,2,3& 4 please remember to complete the online form either consenting or refusing the vaccination.



Teaching as a career

Our school will be holding an information event on Thursday 11th October from 3:15 to 5:15 for anyone who is considering a career in teaching and would like to train through Aspire. Please come along and find out more. Also, if you know of anyone who is thinking about training as a teacher encourage them to attend too.



Parents' Consultations

On Monday 1st October the booking system for appointments for you to meet with your child's teacher(s) will be made available through the school website. New parents should have received a letter with their log on details.



Take-Away containers

After School Club are putting out a plea for any plastic take-away boxes with lids please.



Parent Pay

Thank you to those who have activated their accounts. If you have not done so, please could you, as at some point during the school year your child will at least be going on one school trip. Outstanding debts from last term for school lunches, clubs and trips need to be made asap.



Data Collection Sheets

Thank you to those who have returned the forms with updated details.



Free School Meal Application

If your child has brought home an application form for FSM then please apply online today to enable applications to be processed prior to the School Census on 4th October. Even if your child is currently in receipt of Universal Free Meals please complete the online application as we will only receive additional funding if you do so. On the 4th October can you encourage your child to order a school lunch if they are Universal Free as again this helps with our funding.

If you are booking a holiday make sure it coincides with school breaks. Government guidelines need to be followed regarding holidays. The calendar dates this year are below:

Dates for Summer Term

2018

Thursday 18th October

Monday 22nd-26th October

Class 5 Production

Half Term

Monday 29th October

Monday 12th November

Wednesday 5th December

Tuesday 11th December

Friday 14th December

Tuesday 18th December

Wednesday 19th December

School Closed to Pupils

Class 3 Assembly

Christmas Lunch

Year 1 & 2 2pm & 5.30pm

Christmas Production

Reception Nativity

Christmas Party

Last Day of Autumn Term