



### **School Update**

Today marks the end of the Spring Term. It has been a challenging few weeks, as we have navigated the restrictions together to ensure the lockdown had as minimal an impact on our children as possible. Thank you for your understanding, support and input into your child's education during this time. Please take time to relax over the next fortnight, hopefully enjoying more of the lovely, sunny weather we have seen this week.

Hopefully, the Easter holidays will herald a continued positive move towards more stability in everyone's life, meaning we can set ourselves for a Summer Term of **smiling, learning** and **excelling** at SLE!

### **Reporting of Positive Cases During Easter**

If you do need to report a positive result for Corona Virus outside of school hours please follow the link below.

<http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/1434/coronavirus-covid-19>

### **Trees**

This week, each class has planted a new tree around our school grounds. The trees will continue to be the responsibility of the children as they grow, hopefully over many years. The children planted: two elm trees, one cherry blossom, one lime and one beech tree.

### **Charity**

Thank you for all your generous donations over the past two Fridays. Our school raised a fantastic total of **£267!** This money will be divided equally between Comic Relief and The Epilepsy Society.

### **Up to date details**

Please provide Mrs Holroyd with any changes to home addresses, email and phone numbers promptly to avoid any issues in communication. Thank you.

### **Forms**

To help make collection of information/permissions easier and to be more environmentally aware the school will be emailing forms to parents more frequently from next term. The advantages are no paper copies to get lost or left in school bags, easier tracking of returns and this is much, much greener.



**FOSS (Friends of Shortlanesend School)**

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 prize kindly donated.

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

**Hoodies:**

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

**Online Safety- Important Reminder:**

With the current lock-down situation leading to potential increased usage of the internet for learning and socializing, we would like to remind parents that the website below is invaluable for advice concerning the sadly very real risks posed to children online; along with simple and useful tips and strategies for parents to increase safety and understanding.

[Parents and Carers | Safer Internet Centre](#)

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

<b><u>Class:</u></b>	<b><u>Arrival Time</u></b>	<b><u>Where?</u></b>	<b><u>Departure Time</u></b>	<b><u>Where?</u></b>
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:**

The Summer term is planned to start on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**. 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 Easter Holiday!**