



### **Parents Evening**

From 9a.m Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May (tomorrow) you will be able to book an appointment through Arbor for a virtual 'Teams' meeting with your child's teacher during the week beginning **10<sup>th</sup> May**.

Current restrictions sadly continue to prevent us allowing parents into school, so our teachers are hoping to meet as many of you as possible through 'Teams' during that week to discuss the welfare and progress of your child and to agree some short-term goals for the remainder of the year.

You will be issued with a guest code for the meeting during next week which will admit you into the meeting at your allotted time. If you are planning on using a mobile device (phone or tablet) you will need to download the Teams app in advance of your meeting. You do not require a Microsoft email account to access the meeting.

Please see the attached 'crib sheet' from Mrs Holroyd for further support and guidance.

Finally, if you wish to receive a phone call rather than an online meeting, please inform your child's class teacher.

### **Arbor App**

For any parent who has not already downloaded the Arbor App. The app helps to improve communication between the school and the parents– details can be found here:

<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.aspireacademytrust.org%2F1277%2Farbor-parent-app&data=04%7C01%7Cjill.holroyd%40shortlanesend.org.uk%7C75fe01d2df9e4fd86a2e08d8871f1e23%7C199653adc1564a05bad3084c1a30b618%7C0%7C0%7C637407915041324227%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=wdmkUzQ8nJmiJVJWq6qYGbFirMf0Jdv8CfOUm0wzyOA%3D&reserved=0>

### **Height and Weight Measures**

On 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May Reception and Year 6 children will have the opportunity to be measured by the local health authority as part of their height and weight monitoring.

Mrs Holroyd has sent out an online form for parents to say yes or no to having their child measured. Please ensure that you let the school know your wishes, promptly. Thank you.



### **Sun Protection - Reminder**

Please remember that children will need to protect themselves from the effects of the sun and dehydration during the summer term. So, remember to send your child into school with:

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

### **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 bank holiday weekend**