



# Shortlanesend School

## Newsletter



19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### **School Update:**

It will be one year ago, to the day, tomorrow that our school closed to all our pupils for the first lockdown. The past twelve months have clearly been challenging for everyone in different ways and to different degrees, however, as the children continue to adjust from the most recent lockdown their resilience and sense of understanding is truly remarkable and inspiring to witness first hand here at Shortlanesend.

I'm sure you will join me in agreeing that our staff have been fantastic in ensuring that all our children feel safe and secure back together in school over the past two weeks. Routines have been naturally and swiftly re-established, time made to chat about feelings and emotions and individual care given to all children.

As a school we have adopted the mantra of **3 Ps** as we support our children to bounce back from the challenges of the past year. We talk constantly as a staff about being **Positive, Patient** and **Personal** with our children, through our planning, delivery and assessment of their individual learning. This will support and allow all our children to continue to **Smile – Learn – Excel** at school and in life.

As mentioned last week, we truly hope to remain open until the end of the school year (and beyond) to provide constant and consistent in-school education for all our children, but we do remain at the mercy of factors out of our control concerning the infection rates locally and nationally.

Our staff continue to test twice a week, and like the majority of the country have made the necessary sacrifices and adaptations to their lives to follow current guidance. Please continue to help our community further by remembering the government advice for us all to follow as we journey along the road-map to recovery together.

### **Comic Relief:**

Thank you to everyone for supporting Comic Relief today. Personally, it was nice to have a fringe again today! The children and staff raised many smiles and giggles – which is priceless in the current situation, as well as some funds for a worthy cause. Thank you for your support.

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Epilepsy Awareness Day:**

Next Friday is Epilepsy Awareness Day. As this day is also known as Purple Day, we're asking for the children to come into school **wearing something purple** if possible. Don't panic if your child has nothing purple to wear – they can wear non-uniform. No dying of hair please for this day.

This cause is particularly significant to one of our families. and possibly more of you. If you would like to find out more about epilepsy, there are some excellent videos for adults and children at:

[www.epilepsysociety.org.uk](http://www.epilepsysociety.org.uk)

We are very aware of the timing of these events being close together, so any money raised across this day, and Comic Relief Day will be split between the two causes. Please do not feel you need to donate on both days.

### **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](#)

### **School Nurse:**

Your School Nurse is available to your child and family from when they start school until they transition into adult services. This means your School Nurse will be accessible and visible to children and young people through primary school to secondary school with the aim of promoting health and wellbeing of the school aged population. If you need advice and support for your child's health and wellbeing needs, please contact the Health Visitor and School Nurse advice line following the link below:

[School nursing - Cornwall Council](#)

### **Parent Pay Accounts:**

Please can parents check their parent pay accounts, especially those who use the wrap around care service. As previously mentioned in newsletters, Aspire Finance Team constantly monitor accounts for increasing debts. If your account shows that money is owing, please take steps to reduce or clear the balance. If you are struggling to do this, please arrange to chat to Mr Wilson.

### **School Lunches:**

A polite request from Claire and Dawn in our kitchen, please can parents check with their children carefully what meals they have chosen? This week we have seen a couple of children upset with the choices made for their lunches.

### **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.

### **Dates**

#### **Spring Term:**

The term is scheduled to finish on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**.

#### **Summer Term:**

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 weekend.