



Shortlanesend School

Newsletter



20th November 2020

Autumn Term

Dear Parent/Carer

Odd Socks Day

It is always important in life to: **Be cool, be you**. This was celebrated today as many children and staff showed the power of individuality by wearing odd socks. The important message is that bullying is never okay – whether it is unintentional or not. This week the children have enjoyed a range of activities that reinforce this whilst providing them with tips and the confidence to talk to people.

School Update

We hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. This week has seen continued uncertainty around Christmas regarding the lock-down and an increase in the number of local schools reporting positive cases and sadly having to close year groups. Both of these can cause increased anxiety in people, especially as we approach what for many is a very emotive time of the year.

We fully understand the challenges that families currently face; therefore, we continue to strive to make our school as consistent, welcoming and supportive as possible, however, we must always be aware that we may very well find ourselves with a child or member of staff with positive test, which may result in a class or two being temporarily closed. This may happen at short notice, so please be prepared. You can support the school further by ensuring consistent hygiene habits at home and informing the school quickly of any incidents concerning the virus in your household.

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>

Christmas Lunch

This is scheduled for **Wednesday 9th December** and can be ordered and paid for via Parent Pay. Please note that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 do not have to pay for the meal, but do need to order a FSM as normal.

This day will also see the children enjoy a Christmas themed craft day and be encouraged to attend school in festive clothing.

Free School Meals

Should you wish to check if you qualify and apply for Free School Meals, please follow this link:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

Parental Consent for images

Mrs Holroyd has emailed every parent a link to a form concerning parental consent for a range of areas including photographs on website/Facebook/Twitter etc. Currently we have about 75% of responses. We need your permission or non-permission as soon as possible, especially as the current situation means we are looking to communicate more through social media with you. Thank you.

Arbor App

Aspire are recommending that parents download the Arbor App to their phones. The app helps to improve communication between the school and the parents. If you have not downloaded the app yet – details can be found here:

<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.aspireacademytrust.org%2F1277%2F-arbor-parent-app&data=04%7C01%7Cjill.holroyd%40shortlanesend.org.uk%7C75fe01d2df9e4fd86a2e08d8871f1e23%7C199653adc1564a05bad3084c1a30b618%7C0%7C0%7C637407915041324227%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6k1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=wdmkUzQ8nJmiJVJWq6qYGbFirMf0Jdv8CfOUm0wzyOA%3D&reserved=0>

School Hoodies

Mrs Holroyd has sent the second orders to our suppliers. These should be arriving shortly and can be paid for through Parent Pay. A reminder that due to the current situation with extremely well-ventilated classrooms, these school hoodies can be worn every day instead of a school jumper.

Road Safety

This week was Road Safety Week at SLE. The children enjoyed a range of activities which encourage being safe when crossing the roads. Please remember to support your child by always role-modelling good awareness and road sense.

A reminder also that Mark and Ian very kindly allow parents to park for a few minutes at drop-off and collection times in the pub car park. Please **do not park** on the slip road between the pub car park and the school gates as this causes obstructions and increases risk.

Also, please ensure that your child is safely with you when you exit the school – thank you.

Health Questionnaire - Reminder

It is important that we hold the most current information regarding medical needs and possible allergies for all our children. Mrs Holroyd sent a simple online questionnaire to all parents before half term, please complete the questions linked to the email as soon as possible. Thank you.

School Safety – Reminder

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain safety and provide an improved chance of remaining open, please:

- **Do not arrive too** early to collect your child – this will lead to congregation which is something we need to avoid. If you collect **at 3:00** arrive from **2:55**, if you collect at **3:15** please do not arrive until at least **3:10**.

We are in no rush to get rid of the children – honestly!

- Exit the school **immediately** after your child is released to you.
- **Do not allow children to play on the play equipment** – these are timetabled weekly for different classes to reduce the risk of spreading germs.
- Continue to enforce good hygiene routines at home.
- Please inform other members of your family or friends about the collection arrangements and times, if they collect your child.

School Day

Please note the drop off and collection times for different classes – thank you.

Also, as a polite reminder, unfortunately we are running a **one adult** per family system to reduce footfall around the school – thank you.

| <u>Class:</u> | <u>Arrival Time</u> | <u>Where?</u> | <u>Departure Time</u> | <u>Where?</u> |
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| 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/Mrs Lewis | 8:45-8:55 | Class Door | 3:15 | Class Door |
| 2 – Miss Adler | 8:45-8:55 | Class Door | 3:15 | Class Door |
| 1 – Mrs Lewis/Mrs Stanhope | 8.55 | Through outside area | 3:10 | Playground |

NHS Advice

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

Autumn Term:

We finish for Christmas on **Thursday 17th December**.

Spring Term:

We start the Spring term on **Tuesday 5th January**. We break up for half term on **Thursday 11th February** and return on **Monday 22nd February**. The term is scheduled to finish on **Thursday 1st April**.

Summer Term:

The Summer term is planned to start on **Monday 19th April**. There is a bank holiday on **Monday 3rd May** and we break for half term on **Friday 28th May**. We return to school on **Tuesday 8th June**. The final day of the term and the year will be **Friday 23rd July** (this will be a 1:30 finish).

Have a restful weekend

Thank you for your continued support.