



# Shortlanesend School

## Newsletter



4th December 2020

### Autumn Term

Dear Parent/Carer

### Christmas

Two important dates to remember this week:

- **Christmas Jumper/Craft/Meal Day:** This is scheduled for **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.** This will be a non-uniform day with the idea that children wear their own clothes – festive if possible. Please do not feel the pressure to buy a Christmas jumper for the day. Aspire have asked all their schools to support Save The Children on this day, so a donation, if possible of £1, would be appreciated. Meals need to be ordered through Parent Pay please.
- **Christmas Post Box:** The first bumper delivery of cards will be on Monday. The important date to remember is **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** as this will be the **last day** for cards to be posted to ensure safe delivery; after this date the post boxes will be put away for another year, and we will no longer be able to accept cards to be sorted and delivered.

The following week sees us finishing the term on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** with the Christmas Party. For this day children will be able to wear their own choice of clothes for the day. The parties themselves will happen in individual classes throughout the afternoon. We are still hoping that we will receive a special visitor during the afternoon too!

### School Update

The staff at SLE continue to monitor and review our risk assessments to ensure that we control our environment, as soundly as we possibly can. Your support in ensuring that consistent hygiene is in place for the children outside of school, maintaining at least a 2m gap around the school buildings and informing us swiftly of any positive test or symptoms with your child or in your household all help increase the safety of our school.

**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>

The potential for our school being affected by outbreaks and having to close classes remains, sadly very real, especially with more local schools being affected, the lifting of the lockdown and with the winter conditions approaching.

Thank you for your continued patience, support and understanding.

### **Year 6 SATs Club:**

Well done to all the children for their attendance and effort. There has been a clear progression of confidence in all of you. SATs club has now **finished for this term** and will start again on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January**.

### **Poppy Appeal:**

Thank you all for your generosity during our recent Poppy Appeal – we raised an impressive total of **£254.76**.

### **Hearing Screening for Year 1**

Mrs Holroyd will be emailing all parents of Year 1 children next week with information regarding the Hearing Check planned for January and details of how you can opt in or out.

### **Parent Pay**

We would like to remind parents to check their Parent Pay account regularly. Aspire monitor all Parent Pay debts on a monthly basis and issue our school with reports at the start of each month which highlight any debts that may be escalating. If you note that there is a significant amount owing on your account, please make a payment. If you are concerned about the amount you owe and your current situation, please make an appointment to chat with Mr Wilson.

### **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/>

### **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%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoijMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=wdmkUzQ8nJmiJVJWq6qYGbFirMf0Jdv8CfOUm0wzyOA%3D&reserved=0>

### **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>
5 – Mr Easter	<b>8:30-8:40</b>	Corridor – Door nearest classroom	<b>3:00</b>	Corridor – Door nearest classroom
4 – Miss Eddison	<b>8:30-8:40</b>	Classroom - Side door	<b>3:00</b>	Classroom - Side door
3 – Mrs Ashley/Mrs Lewis	<b>8:45-8:55</b>	Class Door	<b>3:15</b>	Class Door
2 – Miss Adler	<b>8:45-8:55</b>	Class Door	<b>3:15</b>	Class Door
1 – Mrs Lewis/Mrs Stanhope	<b>8.55</b>	Through outside area	<b>3:10</b>	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 17<sup>th</sup> December**.

#### Spring Term:

We start the Spring term on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**. We break up for half term on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February** and return on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**. 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 will be a **1:30 finish**).

Have a restful weekend.