



# Shortlanesend School

## Newsletter



Spring 2020

10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to yet another busy term and we again look forward to working with and your children. Wishing everyone a Healthy, Happy New Year.



### Miss Oxenham

Thank you for your support during this week, especially regarding the welfare of the staff, as we as a community deal with the news of Miss Oxenham's passing. Grief is a very personal thing and we all have different timelines in beginning to accept and understand loss, so please remember to keep chatting to us if your child or yourselves need any support in the future.

We have had a few conversations with parents this week concerning tomorrow's funeral for Miss Oxenham. It is a personal choice if you and your children choose to attend. Some of you have shared your own ways of marking the moment - walking in the woods, watching/reading Harry Potter or baking a cake are a few ideas we have heard of. These are all great suggestions and a perfect way of remembering Miss Oxenham and recognising the occasion.

If you do attend, please remember the family's wish of a black dress code and be aware that a collection will be taken for charitable causes close to Miss Oxenham's heart in lieu of flowers. Thank you.



### Rainbow Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January sees the school enjoy our annual Rainbow Day. This is an occasion for everyone to wear bright clothes instead of school uniform, whilst we enjoy Squashbox Theatre perform, 'Curious Creatures'. This event was set up to help banish the after Christmas blues, whilst supporting the local charity - Ellie's Haven, and has run for many years. Therefore, we would like to ask for a small donation of £1 to continue our support for this worthwhile cause. The theatre visit has been kindly funded by FOSS.



### Social Media

On Tuesday Year 5 and 6 will be involved in an interactive drama production and workshop based around online safety. This is timed to assist with their understanding of the risks of online abuse and bullying, especially useful for any child who has a new internet connecting device, as they move toward secondary school.



## Class 5 Trip

Your child will have brought home a letter yesterday regarding the above trip. Please notify the office if your child will not be attending by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January to enable us to make payment for the required number of tickets.



## Clubs

Clubs commence next week please complete the form and return to the office on Monday.

### Spring Term 2020 Storytime Dates



Please come in and join us to share a book.

This term our Storytime sessions will be on a THURSDAY at 2:50pm.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January = Class 1

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January = Class 2

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January = Class 3

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February = Classes 4

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February = Classes 5

### Half Term

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February = Class 1

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March = Class 2

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March = Class 3

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March = Classes 4 and 5

### Spring Term 2020

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Non Pupil Day

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> February

Half Term

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Harry Potter Trip

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Break Up for Easter

### Summer Term

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

First Day of Term

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**May Bank Holiday**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term Week

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Non Pupil Day

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**Last day of Term 1.30pm Finish**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

School Closed to Pupils