



# SHAWFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tel: 01252 320379

[info@shawfield.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@shawfield.surrey.sch.uk)

[www.shawfield.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.shawfield.surrey.sch.uk)

@shawfieldschool

Issue 20: 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Message from Headteacher

It has been great to see the children back in school and to hear all the laughter that goes with it. Thank you also for ensuring that they have returned in full uniform.

## Governing Body Items

### Chair of the Governing Body

It was with regret that the Governing Body accepted the resignation of our Chair Keith Dixon last month. Keith has given excellent service and dedication to Shawfield Primary school over a 13 year period, 6+ years as Chair. He has made a huge contribution to school and parents will particularly remember his technical expertise and hard work with the schools annual performance at the Maltings. The Governing Body wish Keith and his family well for the future. At the Full Governing Body meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, the Governors elected Michael Luck to the Chair role. The Governing Body is now looking to recruit non parent governors to the board to bring our numbers up to full strength. We look forward to welcoming a new parent Governor onto the Governing Body following the ballot that is now taking place. We encourage you all to use your vote in this election.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

A letter and ballot paper was sent home at the beginning of this week for you to vote on who you feel best suited as a Parent Governor. Please can you ensure that you return your ballot paper in the envelopes provided no later than 12:00 noon on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

### Laptops for Remote Learning

If you have used a school laptop during the lockdown and your child has now returned to school, please can you return the laptop via the School Office. This means they can be used in school and prepared should a school bubble close in the future. Thank you for your support.

### Staggered Drop Off and Collection

Thank you to all families who are following the instructions for drop off and collection. This really helps to ensure the number of people on site is kept to a minimum. We would ask parents/carers who are waiting to collect sibling to supervise their younger children. Significant effort is made during the school day to minimise the mixing of bubble and it is clear that families are not adhering to this after school. The success of our national response relies on us all following the government and local guidance.



## Attendance – Holidays in Term Time

I am writing to remind you that absence from school can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and family holidays are not considered by Surrey

County Council to be an exceptional circumstance.

If you wish to take your child out of school for exceptional reasons you will need to notify the school using our 'Leave of Absence in Exceptional Circumstances' form at least two weeks before the absence and you will be informed as to whether the absence can be authorised. The national expectation is that children attend 100% of sessions the school is open.

Unauthorised absences of 5 days or more will result in a penalty notice and fine being issued by Surrey County Council. Penalty notices and fines will also be issued to parents whose child's attendance generally falls below 90%. We are aware that some absence will be related to the pandemic. This is taken into consideration when recording attendance and this is not considered when calculating percentage absence.

## School Uniform

Due to our current uniform supplier, Brenda's, being unable to source the Yellow material for our jumpers and cardigans, an email was sent out recently with a questionnaire for Parents to complete with future uniform options. Can I please ask you to complete the questionnaire which can be found at: <https://forms.gle/wYeaUfJixq2F4DmC6> by today (Friday 12th March).

## School Library – Amazon Wish List

Thank you to everyone who has so far donated books through our Amazon Wish List.

This is a great way of supporting the school. So far we have received over £450 worth of books.

We will continue to add to the Wish List over time. All books donated will be given a 'bookplate' from families and added to the school library.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2QWOGKXP8JWT5?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2QWOGKXP8JWT5?ref=wl_share)

### **Hand Washing & Hand Moisturisation**

To minimise the spreading of germs the children are continuing to wash their hands on a frequent basis. Whilst we have now sourced a handwash with added moisturisers, the effect of frequent handwashing is obviously resulting in a number of children having dry or cracked hands. To minimise this please encourage your children to make sure they dry their hands properly after washing and if your child needs to bring in a hand cream or ointment, please complete a medical form (available at the School Office) so that we can hold on file and ensure that only your child uses the product they bring into school. Your child will need to be responsible for applying the cream/ointment themselves.

Our Risk Assessment requires the school to know what substances are on the school site and this information will just be held on file.

Please note that we do not allow the children to use hand sanitiser whilst at school. Any hand sanitizer in school is for adult use only.

### **Microsoft Teams**

The class teams pages will remain but will be monitored less frequently. Should you need to make contact with the school or class teachers please use the School Office email address [info@shawfield.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@shawfield.surrey.sch.uk) and these will be forwarded to class teachers.

### **Homework**

Half termly homework grids will resume after the Easter holidays. We would encourage the children get back into routine by reading daily, practising times-tables on TTRS or addition and subtraction skills via Numbots. Children in Key Stage 2 can access language games via Language Angels. Children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 may access Phonics Play.

### **School Lunch Menu**

As a lot of children like to know what is coming up for lunch during the week, we will be sending out the following weeks Menu with each Newsletter and today please see attached the menu for w/c Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Parking**

We have again received a complaint from a local resident with regard to parking at key school pick-up and drop-off times.

Could we please remind parents to park responsibly and not to block driveways or park on the double yellow lines which are laid out for safety reasons.

### **School Travel Survey**

In the next couple of weeks, we will be sending out, to all parent, an email on behalf of Surrey County Council's (SCC) Safer Travel Team which will contain a survey to allow SCC to better understand pupils' modes of travel to and from school across the working week.

The objective of the research is to develop a better understanding of the different types of travel, how frequently they are used and why that type is used by their child, and if their preferred type of travel has changed or been influenced by Covid-19.

This information will provide SCC with the ability to understand what their priorities should be when considering how they can improve the roads and footways around schools, and how they can encourage walking, cycling, scooting, and park & striding.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr Stephen Corcoran**  
**Headteacher**

### **CM Sports – Easter Activity Club**

Please see attached a flyer from CM Sports giving details of their Easter Holiday club.

### **Family Surrey West Magazine - March/April Issue**

Please see link to the March/April Issue of the Family Surrey West Magazine.

[https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/families\\_surrey\\_west\\_march\\_april\\_2021?fr=sZTQ5ZjMyNjEzNzQ](https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/families_surrey_west_march_april_2021?fr=sZTQ5ZjMyNjEzNzQ)

Spring Term		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April		Last Day of Term 1:30pm * staggered finish times TBC
Easter Holidays		
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April		Children return to school (normal staggered start times)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	7pm	2021 Year R Induction Evening
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	9am & 7pm	Parent Forum (more information to follow)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	AM	Year R Induction
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY – No children or staff in school</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	2pm	Year R Induction
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	2pm	Year R Induction
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 – Leave for Osmington Bay Residential (tbc)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	2pm	Year R Induction
	PM	Year 6 – Return from Osmington Bay Residential
	PM	Last Day of Term (normal staggered finish times)
Half Term		
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June		Children return to school (normal staggered start times)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm	Year R Induction
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	Family Sports Day (tbc)
	2pm	Year R Induction
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	AM	Reserve Family Sports Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	KS2 Sports Day (tbc)
	2pm	Year R Induction
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	All Day	Secondary School Induction Day (tbc)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	All Day	Secondary School Induction Day (tbc)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	9:30	Reserve KS2 Sports Day
	2pm	Year R Induction
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Tbc	KS2 Performance – The Maltings (tbc)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	PM	Change Over Afternoon (children get to meet new Teacher)
	2pm	Year R Induction – Meet the Community
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9am	Awards Assembly
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	9am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Finish for Term</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Inset Day – No children in school</b>