



SHAWFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Headteacher

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding over the past term. It has been one of the most challenging terms and so much has been achieved.

Although we have been unable to host audiences for our KS2 and Year R Christmas performances, I hope that you will enjoy viewing videos of them with your children and families. These will be available from the children's Microsoft Teams platform.

I would like to say a huge thank you to my incredible staff team. So much work has gone into planning and organising the events of this term, and I know how much the children really appreciate what you have done.

At present we are expecting a full return to school in January (unless further Government guidance outlines otherwise). At present the Government expect all schools to remain open. Headteachers do not have the jurisdiction to make decision about school closures and decisions of this nature are taken on the recommendation of Public Health England. In some cases, such as ours, it is staff absence that has forced these decisions. These are made after all other alternatives have been explored.

Despite the ongoing challenges this term, I have been immensely proud of what we have achieved. We have managed to operate some of our school trips and visits which broaden and extend the educational experience for our children and kept the content of our curriculum as rich as possible. I am also thankful to the SSA (PTA) who have also been able to host some events in the community and helped to organise both the Christmas Links and Christmas Shopping events in school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

COVID Testing

Over the Christmas break, if your child, or anyone in your household has COVID symptoms, please do get a PCR test and if your child tests positive, we would be grateful if you could please inform the school via:

dsl@shawfield.surrey.sch.uk or 07985 726881.

Any close contacts will be contacted via the NHS Test and Trace facility.

Postcards

Congratulations to Ethan (Year R), Zayn (Year 2) and Poppy (Year 4) on receiving your postcards.



URGENT REMINDER

Primary School Admissions for September 2022

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2022 the closing date to submit your primary application Saturday 15th January 2022.

Apply online via the Surrey County Council website, www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions. If you do not have internet access at home, you can use the internet at your local library for free or speak to the school office.

Club News

Please note below when after school clubs will restart in the New Year:

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| Football (CM Sports) | Wednesday 5 th January |
| Dance (CM Sports) | Thursday 6 th January |
| Choir | Monday 10 th January |
| Multi-Sports (CM Sports) | Tuesday 11 th January |

Open Mornings/Afternoons

We have now added some further dates to book on for our open mornings/afternoons for parents whose children are due to start primary school in September 2022.

These visits give prospective parents the opportunity to have a tour of all the classrooms and an informal talk from myself about Shawfield.

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| Thursday 6 th January 2022 | 10am* |
| Thursday 13 th January 2022 | 10am* |
| Thursday 13 th January 2022 | 2pm* |

*subject to change

If you or you have any family or friends who have children due to start school next year and would be interested in viewing the school, please contact the school office on 01252 320379 to book one of the dates above. To apply for a school place please visit surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or call 0300 200 1004. The closing date to apply is 15th January 2022.

Date for your Diaries - Parent Forum – 24th January

Our next Parent Forum will take place on **Monday 24th January 2022 at 7pm.**

The Parent Forum is an ideal way for you to work with the school leadership team to share with you our ideas and developments and to gain your thoughts before we move forward. It is a very powerful forum to enable change.

Please look out for further details at the beginning of January.

Cool Milk Charges

We wish to make you aware that effective 1st January 2022, Cool Milk will increase the price of a portion of milk for children aged 5 or over from 23p to 24p per child per day.

Under-5 children will continue to receive milk free-of-charge.

The new price is driven by recent increases in the prices that Coolmilk pay their dairy partners and also by ever-increasing overheads.

School Lunches

With effect from the 4th January the cost of a school lunch will be increasing to **£2.40 a day.**

Lunch Menu

Please find attached the Autumn/Winter lunch menu which take us up to Easter for the week commencing 4th January 2022 (Week 1).

Confirmed INSET Dates 2021-2022

We are pleased to announce the remaining INSET dates for this academic year:

Monday 21st February 2022
Friday 22nd July 2022

Yours sincerely,



Mr Stephen Corcoran
Headteacher

SSA News

Christmas Links

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas Links:



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| First Prize | Seb | Year 1 |
| Second Prize | Robin | Year R |
| Third Prize | Olivia | Year 1 |

Winter Food Vouchers

Surrey County Council continue to provide food vouchers for families whose children are eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals. These have been issued to the value of £30 per child. Please check inboxes, as these have been sent. Funding for these vouchers have been provided via the Government's Household Support Fund.

Community News

Behaviour Helpline

Mindworks has a new Helpline for family's struggling with their children's behaviour / difficulties which could be related to a neurodevelopmental need, such as ASD/ADHD.

The out-of-hours phone line provides advice to parents and carers and runs from **5pm until 11pm, seven days a week, 365 days a year.** More details can be found at:

<https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/our-services/neurodevelopmental-services/out-hours-advice-line>

Dates for your Diary

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
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| 2022 | | |
| Tuesday 4 th January | AM | Children return to school |
| Thursday 6 th January | 10am | Prospective Parent Tour of Shawfield |
| Wednesday 12th January | All Day | Young Voices – O2 Concert (Year 4-6 choir only) – Postponed |
| Thursday 13 th January | 10am | Prospective Parent Tour of Shawfield |
| | 2pm | Prospective Parent Tour of Shawfield |
| Monday 24 th January | PM | Parent Forum |
| Tuesday 25 th January | AM | Swimming Gala – Practice Session 1 |
| Monday 31 st January | Eve | Year 6 Avon Tyrell Residential Parents Meeting |
| Tuesday 1 st February | All Day | Year 6 Visit to Houses of Parliament (<i>more details to follow</i>) |
| Thursday 3 rd February | AM | Swimming Gala – Practice Session 2 |
| Thursday 10 th February | PM | Swimming Gala – Farnham Swimming Pool |
| Friday 11 th February | PM | Break up for half term (normal finish time) |
| Monday 21st February | All Day | Inset Day – No children in school |
| Monday 28 th February | AM | Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons |
| Wednesday 2 nd March | AM | Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons |
| Thursday 3 rd March | All Day | World Book Day |
| Monday 7 th March | AM | Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons |
| Wednesday 9 th March | AM | Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons |
| Monday 14 th March | AM | Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons |
| Wednesday 16 th March | AM | Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons |
| Friday 18 th March | All Day | Red Nose Day |
| Monday 28 th March | AM | Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons |
| Wednesday 30 th March | AM | Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons |
| Friday 1 st April | PM | Break up for term (early finish – times to be advised) |
| Tuesday 19 th April | AM | Children return to school |
| Wednesday 20 th April | AM | Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons |
| Monday 25 th April | AM | Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons |
| Wednesday 27 th April | AM | Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons |
| 2nd May 2022 | All Day | Public Holiday – school closed |
| Wednesday 4 th May | AM | Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons |
| Friday 27 th May | PM | Break up for half term |
| Monday 6 th June | AM | Children to return to school |
| Thursday 21 st July | 1:30pm | Break up for term (early finish at 1:30pm) |
| Friday 22nd July | All Day | Inset Day – No children in school |