



SHAWFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Message from the Headteacher

It was lovely to see so many children come dressed in their favourite book character for World Book Day yesterday. I was impressed with how imaginative everyone was!

The winners of the 'Getting Caught Reading' Competition were;

Year R – Willow

Year 1 – Huda

Year 2 – Tommy

Year 3 - Teddy

Year 4 - Logan

Year 5 – Penny

Year 6 - Isla

Congratulations to the children above who all received a £5 book token. A big thank you to all parents/carers for your support. The costumes were incredibly impressive across the school.

Mother's Day Wrap

A big thank you to the SSA for organising and running the Mother's Day wrap event this morning. All children took part and it was lovely to watch the children getting excited when choosing a gift. If you didn't send your child in with £1.50, please bring it into school on Monday.

Year 5's Residential visit to Stone Farm, Devon

Year 5 will be going on their residential visit to Stone Farm in Devon next week, I hope they have an amazing time and that the sun shines! Please remember to be on time and enter school via the main office on Monday morning.

Mrs Griffith (SENDCO) – Leaving at Easter

We are sad to announce that Mrs Griffith will be leaving Shawfield at Easter due to her family relocating to the South West of England. We would like to thank her for outstanding commitment to Shawfield for a number of years and know that she will be missed by the wider school community. Her last working day at Shawfield will be Wednesday 27th March. We aim to recruit a new SENDCO for September 2024, in the meantime Mr Burford will undertake the role of Acting SENDCO during the Summer term.

Postcards

Congratulations to Arthur (Year 3) on receiving your postcard.



Please send in any pictures of your child with their postcard and we will include them in the next newsletter. **Please can we remind parents to ensure that all pictures only show the front of the postcard, so we do not publicise your home address details.**

Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March

To support Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March the children can come to school dressed in Mufti – can be a red theme (suitable for school) in exchange for a £1 donation to Comic Relief. There will be a themed lunch (please see attached menu). **Please note Fish and Chips with be on Tuesday instead of Friday next week.**

Spring Term Afterschool Clubs (Not paid for)

For safeguarding reasons, if your child normally attends an Afterschool Club, please ensure you have notified the school if your child will not be attending. If a child misses two or more weeks in a row (apart from for illness or medical reasons), the place will be offered to someone else.

If your child no longer wishes to attend a Lunchtime or Afterschool club please let the office know so they can notify the relevant teacher and offer the place to another child.

Please note that the last session for each Afternoon and Lunchtime Club (Not paid for) will be on w/b 18th March.

Volunteers Needed to Help with Reading in School

If you or any aunts, uncles or grandparents have some spare time during the week and would like to come in and listen to children practise their reading (all year groups), we would love to hear from you.

Just one hour per week would be extremely helpful and volunteers get enormous pleasure from seeing the difference that a few hours of their time can make to a child's reading ability, confidence and enjoyment.

Please contact the school office if you would like further details and, if you require a DBS certificate, we can get everything sent out and set up to allow you volunteer within the school.

Wearing acrylic nails and/or painted nails

Please ensure that any acrylic or painted nails are removed before your child attends school as the wearing of these are not permitted.

Jewellery

A reminder, as per the uniform policy, for health and safety apart from small stud earrings (please see below) children are NOT permitted to wear any jewellery to school (apart from for religious reasons.)

Earrings in PE

Just a reminder that for Health and Safety reasons if your child wears earrings they will need to be removed for PE lessons.

If your child is able to remove their own earrings then please provide them with a small container so that the earrings can be removed and stored safely prior to the PE lesson.

If your child is unable to take out their earrings by themselves, then they will need to be removed before coming to school on any day your child has a PE lesson.

If a child's earrings cannot be removed, then they will not be able to undertake PE unless the earrings are covered with plasters before they come to school that day. This should only be used as a last resort.

Therefore, to avoid this occurring, we would recommend that if your child is having their ears pierced, then this is done on the first day of the Summer Holidays to allow sufficient time for them to heal and allow removal.

Packed Lunches

Please can all parents ensure that if their child brings in a packed lunch that this is brought in with them at the start of the day. We have noticed an increase in parents dropping off packed lunches at other times which is not only time consuming but disruptive to lessons.

End of Term – Early Finish

Please note that school will finish early on Thursday 28th March and that there will be no After School Club on this day. To ensure the children are not leaving the site at the same time, the finish times are as follows:

- Years R, 1 and 2 – 1.30pm
- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 1.40pm

The children return to school on Monday 15th April.

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%

Confirmed INSET Days 2023/24

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

Monday 22nd July 2024
Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Lunch Menu

Please find attached lunch menu for w/c 11th March (Week 1). **Please note Fish and Chips with be on Tuesday instead of Friday next week.**

Confirmed INSET Days 2024/25

The INSET dates for the next academic year are as follows
Monday 2nd September 2024
Friday 25th October 2024
Monday 21st July 2025
Tuesday 22nd July 2025

There is one more INSET day to be arranged, once we have the date, parents/carers will be advised.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Stephen Corcoran
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 11 th March	AM	Year 5 Residential to Stone Farm
Friday 15 th March	All Day	Red Nose Day – Themed lunch
Monday 18 th March		Themed lunch – Spring is Here
Thursday 28 th March	PM	Last Day of Term (<i>early finish</i>)
Friday 29th March	All Day	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 15 th April	AM	Children return to school
Tuesday 23 rd April		Themed lunch – St George's Day
Friday 10 th May		Themed lunch - Eurovision
Monday 6th May	All Day	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 24 th May	PM	Break up for Half Term (<i>normal time</i>)
HALF TERM		
Monday 3 rd June	AM	Children return to school
Friday 7 th June		Themed lunch – National Fish and Chip Day