Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Please return all slips, correspondence and paperwork through the post box outside the school office rather than through book bags and classrooms.

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**Different coaches will be coming into school teaching different classes each day. Please ensure that your child has indoor and outdoor PE kit in school every day.**

**Remember Forest School for Class 4- Monday**

**Class 1 will be having forest school sessions this term with Mrs Wright again on Wednesday afternoons. Please bring in additional forest school clothing appropriate for the weather and welly boots. This will include a warm coat, fleece, hat and gloves.**

**Class 2 will be having forest school sessions this term with Mrs Wright on Friday afternoons. Please bring in additional forest school clothing appropriate for the weather and welly boots.**

**Letters home this week:**
Tennis After-school Club Term 5&6

All letters are available on our website: [https://www.shenington.oxon.sch.uk/](https://www.shenington.oxon.sch.uk/)
**Sports Person of the Week**

Foundation - Marcel E  
Foundation - Ayrton M

Year 1 - Bella C  
Year 1 - Gabija G

Year 2 - Harry B  
Year 2 - Jasper R

Year 3 - Iona G  
Year 3 - Matilda S

Year 4 - Amelie F  
Year 4 - Eden H

Year 5 - Imogen D P  
Year 5 - Charley B

Year 6 - Rilley M  
Year 6 – Sophia Mai W

**Latest News**

**Coronavirus Update**
Please see below an update from the Department of Education regarding the Coronavirus. As an extra precaution, we are washing hands across the school after every playtime (3 per day). Mr Liversage is also wiping switches and communal door handles 3 times per day.

This is your daily email to keep you updated on the government's response to COVID-19 (coronavirus).

**Government coronavirus action plan**

The government coronavirus action plan sets out what the UK has done to tackle coronavirus (COVID-19), and what we plan to do next.

The situation is constantly reviewed and action informed by expert science and advice, guided by the Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Scientific Adviser.
The action plan can be found here:


### Action plan recap

The action plan sets out a four-phased approach in response to coronavirus – Contain, Delay, Mitigate, and Research, based on the latest scientific evidence.

The current emphasis is on the Contain and Research phases, however planning for Delay and Mitigation is already in train.

As part of the Contain phase, we have been providing advice to educational settings in England. We also launched a DfE helpline to manage the flow of increasing queries, from providers parents and young people.

### How to wash your hands properly

Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water.

Watch this short NHS film for guidance:

- https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU

Teach young children how to wash their hands with the NHS handwashing song:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg

Public Health England recommends that in addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, everyone should also wash hands after using toilets and travelling on public transport.
Department for Education coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children’s social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687
Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Please note, we are currently experiencing high volumes of calls and apologise for any wait that you may experience. Your call will join a queue and we will answer as soon as possible.

If you work in a school, please have your unique reference number (URN or UKPRN) available when calling the helpline.

Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19:

- [https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Guidance for educational settings:


Guidance for social or community care and residential settings:

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:


Educational resources:

- [https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101-coronavirus-/resources](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101-coronavirus-/resources)
- [https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)

Latest Department for Education information:

- [https://twitter.com/educationgovuk](https://twitter.com/educationgovuk)
- [https://www.facebook.com/educationgovuk/](https://www.facebook.com/educationgovuk/)

**Arrival at school before 8.35am**
A reminder to parents that children should not be left alone on school grounds before 8.35am. Any child waiting alone by the gate before 8.35am will be placed in The Early Birds/Breakfast Club and charged accordingly.

**Old News- “The Junkyard”**

**Readathon**
Following on from the success of last year’s Readathon with Read for Good, we have decided to run it again. It will run for 4 weeks from the 28th February 2020 ending Friday 27th March 2020.

The children have their sponsor forms, they have a month from the 28th February to do their reading and to get as many sponsors as they can, there will also be a way to donate on-line via [https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor](https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor)

The Read for Good’s Readathon is a wonderful and time-tested way of motivating children to read for pleasure. Pupils choose whatever they like to read - from comics to classics, and audio books to blogs. The money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand new books and storyteller visits to our local major children’s hospital and hospitals all over the UK. Plus, the school will receive 20% of the money raised to buy books - it’s amazing!

Readathon is all about students having fun and reading on their own terms, in their own time. Please encourage your child to choose whatever they feel like reading - not just books - newspapers, magazines, audio books, or read a book together - it all counts!
Mid-Year Whole School Production- 6th May 2020
To celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE day, there will be a whole school production at 1pm on 6th May 2020. Class 3 (years 3/4) will be taking the lead with the acting roles but every class and every child will be involved with the singing. We hope this will encourage the children in Class 3 to be more involved with drama. The production will be followed by a good old-fashioned street party in school, with parents helping with food contribution if possible.

Safeguarding
Safeguarding and keeping children safe is our top priority. Please go to our website to view our policies linked to safeguarding.
https://www.shenington.oxon.sch.uk/safeguarding/

Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education
There is a new curriculum being implemented in September 2020. We will be starting to look at this next term with the view of trialling some of the curriculum next term onwards.

Please look at the link below for parent information We will advise you when we have an update on this introduction.

Pupil Premium Strategy 2019-2020
Our Pupil Premium Strategy is now available to view on the school website. To view, please follow the link below.
https://www.shenington.oxon.sch.uk/pupil-premium/

P.E
As the cold weather is with us, a reminder that joggers and a long sleeve top is advisable for Games sessions outdoors.

Anti-bullying Approach
We adopt a clear and rigorous anti-bullying approach. We promote awareness all year and support Anti-bullying Week in November. We display an Anti-bullying tree in the hall which we review twice a year, with a hand for each child with kind words. On our tree children each have cut around their hand and written five kind words to say. A Buddy Bus Stop gives pupils a place to go at playtime and lunchtime if they need help or friendship. Our younger
children all have an older buddy. Children in Class 4 take turns to be play leaders and also use their training in The Make Me Smile project whereby three children each day help support happiness and well-being- "Happiness First Aiders". Our Anti-bullying Policy has again been reviewed annually by staff and governors this week. To view our Anti-bullying Policy please click on this link. https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/sheningtonoxon/UploadedDocument/e056e9501cd4478c96690b66c6915560/anti-bullying-policy-sep19-sep20.pdf

The governors have also completed their annual review of our Behaviour policy as well. We are proud of the high expectations for our children and how much they aspire to them.

**E-safety and Acceptable Use Policy and IT Code of Conduct**
We strongly promote E-Safety. Children start each term (Autumn, Spring and Summer) with an IT safety sessions and are reminded how to keep themselves safe. Each weekly IT session starts with a few minutes reminding themselves about key golden e-safety rules. Sessions have been booked in for parents to join us to learn about IT and e-safety. Our Acceptable Use Policy has again been reviewed annually by staff and governors this week. To view our Acceptable Use Policy please click on this link.


**PE Kits**
Please ensure your child’s PE kit is in school on Monday and remains in school all week. The kit then needs to go home on Fridays. Class Teachers will take a register on a Monday. By doing so we have been able to reduce missing kits! Well done to everyone. Please note children will need School PE kits for all physical after-school clubs (including football).

**Swimming at Sibford -Pick-up arrangements**
For those parents who have other children to pick up from school then please collect from swimming first and then collect your child from Shenington. They will popped into a club until you arrive. Come to the Office doors and we will collect your child for you (see swimming letter sent out this week).

**Parent Code of Conduct**
We wish to remind all parents that they are expected to comply with a parent code of conduct. All staff have the right to be treated with respect and not subject to abuse. There are clear policies and procedures in place for any abuse of this code and the school will take appropriate action. Parent should also be mindful of staff workload and reasonable times should be given for any request which increases the expected workload for any staff.

**Nut-free School**
We have a new pupil who has a nut allergy so on advice from the school nurse we are to be a nut-free school so please refrain from bringing in nuts nor nut-based products with immediate effect.
**Absence Policy**
We are making our absence policy clear for this academic year. If pupils are unwell and unable to attend the morning session of school then they will not be able to attend a later session in the day, including assemblies, events or trips of any kind. However, this does not apply if they absent due to an appointment.

[https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/]  

*We have an open door policy and always welcome feedback from parents at any point.  
Please feel free to come and talk to myself or teaching staff. Details of our complaints procedure can be found on the school website.*

*Miss Sarah Reynolds (Designated Safeguarding Lead Person)*

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**School Diary 2019/2020 – New dates in blue, PTA events in orange**

Class 1 (Foundation)
Class 2 (Year 1 and Year 2)
Class 3 (Year 3 and Year 4)
Class 4 (Year 5 and Year 6)

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**Diary for Academic Year 2020**

**2020**

**March**

- 20th In2Hockey Festival- Year 5-6 – Dewey Centre Bloxham 1pm-3.30pm  
  CANCELLED- MESSAGE SENT TO CLASS 4 PARENTS 20/3/2020
- 20th 2.30pm Class 2 Assembly in school hall
- 27th 2.30pm Church Service- join us in church- every class will perform- park at school. Pick up from church.
- 30th Visit to Hadham Farm- Lambing- KS1
- 30th 3.30pm Class 4 Parent meeting for Residential- Please ensure you attend- important forms distributed.
April
2nd  Warriner Family year 3-4 Racket Festival- Warriner School
3rd  Drop Off- Open Morning- books will be out in each class- join us for
     refreshments. Lost property out. Non-uniform raising funds for PTA.
3rd  9.30am Egg Roll- Each child will need to boil an egg and decorate it. Parents
     welcome to take part too.
3rd  2.30pm Target Assembly at school- letters will be in Book Bags Friday before.
Also, Easter Bonnet Parade, School Council will sell spare uniform
3rd  Break Up. Last day of term for pupils. Cloakrooms cleared.
20th First Day of Term 4- pupils back in school. Clubs will start.
25th Car Wash
30th Bags2 School

May
May period for Key Stage 1 SATS- please ensure your child is in school
1st  2.30pm Class 1 Assembly in school hall
4th  Internet Safety – Parent session 3.30pm
6th  Mid-Year Whole School Production- VE Celebration. Class 3 will be leading
     the acting- rest of school will be singing.
8th  Bank Holiday-school closed (Please note that this is a Friday this year)
11th-14th Key Stage 2 SATS
15th  2.30pm Church Service- join us in church- every class will perform- park at
     school. Pick up from church.
22nd  Non-uniform- fundraising for school PTA.
22nd  Drop Off- Open Morning- books will be out in each class- join us for
     refreshments. Lost property out.
22nd  circa 9.30am Spring Music concert- music concert for instrumentalists tbc
     with music teachers
22nd  2.30pm Target Assembly at school- letters will be in Book Bags Friday
     before. School Council will sell spare uniform
22nd  Break Up. Last day of term for pupils. Cloakrooms cleared.
22nd  Last day of term- cloakrooms cleared.

June
1st  First Day of Term 6- pupils back in school. Clubs will start.
6th  Summer Fayre
8th  Year 6-Two week window starts for selected schools to complete Sample
     Science papers- schools will be informed late Spring Term.
8th  Three week window starts for Year 4 statutory Multiplication Check.
8th-12th June Phonics Screening for Year 1-please ensure your child is in school.
10th Whole School Photo
15th-19th Class 4 Residential
22nd  IMPS visit Horton Hospital - Year 6
22nd-26th Sports Week- tbc-children to wear sports gear-tbc. Other ideas from Sports
     Crew.
26th  Sports Day- First Race at 1.00pm. Parking on school field. Donations of
     cakes please. Sports Day will go ahead unless there is torrential rain! Children need
     school P.E shorts and a team colour t-shirt.
29th  Parents to sign up for Parents Evening on-line.
July

1st - 7th  Children to deliver invites to village community for Key Stage 2 production.
2nd     Proposed Take Over Day for Class 4-tbc
3rd     Reserve Sports Day- same as above
8th     1.30pm (planned date) Key Stage 2 Production it may change depending on transfer dates for Secondary school- we will not know until Term 3.
8th     3.30-6.00pm Parents Evening
9th     3.30-5.30pm Parents Evening
10th    Drop Off- Open Morning- books will be out in each class- join us for refreshments. Lost property out. Class 4 Residential powerpoint presentations.
10th    Activity Day- Non-uniform Tombola donations for Village Church Fete.
10th    2.30pm Target Assembly/ End of Year Achievement Celebration in school hall- letters will be in Book Bags Friday before. School Council will sell spare uniform
11th    2-4pm Village Church Fete
13th    1.30pm Garden Party- dress up in summer frocks etc and a chance for the instrumentalists to play. Parents welcome
14th    Non -uniform- fundraising for school PTA.
14th-15th Proposed Warriner Transfer Days
16th    School Football match-adults versus the pupils
16th    2.00pm Church Service- Join us in church- Year 6 Leaver's Service. Park at school. Pick up from Church. Year 6 will need a spare top if they wish to use one to be signed in school.
16th    Break Up. Last day of term and school year for pupils. Cloakrooms cleared.
17th /20th / 21st  July Inset Days

General Reminders:

Reminder of Start and Finish Times
Just a reminder that children can be dropped off from 8.35am, when they will be supervised by a member of staff on the playground. Please note children should not arrive on site before this time unless they are attending Breakfast Club which runs from 8-8.45am. Children go into class at 8.45am ready to start lessons by 8.55am. Please avoid missing out on important teaching input and learning, by ensuring that your child is in their classroom ready for register at 8.55am. In the event of wet weather, parents and children will go in to the hall from 8.35am until 8.45am.

Please note some small intervention groups begin at 8.45am. Please ensure your child is in school at 8.45am if they are involved in these groups.

All children need to be picked up at 3.15pm, after this they will be sent to the office. This will ensure our teaching staff, who are kindly offering a wide range of after school clubs, can supervise children in their after school clubs straight away.
Non-uniform for Birthdays
Following on from last year’s successful launch we are continuing to say that if it is your child’s birthday they can choose to come to school in non-uniform. If their birthday is over the weekend they can wear it on the Friday or Monday, similarly for a holiday birthday.

Stars & Learners
Each week a child in each year group is nominated to be either a Star or Learner. Stars are selected by class peers for promoting our values and Learners by staff. The children will receive a certificate in Friday’s Assembly, a sticker and be noted on our Friday Newsletter.

VIP
Everyday two children from each class are selected as “VIPs” for excellent effort and learning in the morning. They receive a sticker and then sit on the VIP table in the hall at lunchtime and are fast-tracked out at the end of lunchtime.

Targets
Children have to show evidence of each target three times.
First Target – 1 target
Bronze Target – 10 targets
Silver Target – 25 targets
Gold Target – 50 targets
Platinum Target – 70 targets

School Emergency Closure Procedures
In the event that we are forced to close the school before the school day commences, due to inclement weather, loss of heating or a power failure etc. we will post an announcement on the front page of the school website. The scrolling bar at the top of the home page which currently says "Welcome to Shenington School Website," will be changed if the school has to close.

School Uniform
Detailed below is a list of the uniform which can be ordered online from our suppliers My Clothing (http://www.myclothing.com/) and School Trends (https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/)

a. Sweatshirt – Blue with logo.
b. Cardigan Sweatshirt – Blue with small logo.
c. Short Sleeved Polo Shirt – Gold with small logo.
d. School Bag (for books).
e. Sunhats – School Sunhats are obligatory. Other sunhats may not be worn.
f. Shower proof fleeces.
g. PE Bag.
h. PE shirt.
i. PE shorts.
j. Jogging bottoms (dark colours).

The school uniform requirements are:

Autumn and Spring Terms: Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress worn with a gold school logo polo shirt and a blue school logo sweatshirt or cardigan.

Shoes should be sensible, black school shoes and without a heel. We request that children wear plain grey tights or white or grey socks. Please provide a pair of trainers and/or wellington boots for outside play.
Due to the very changeable nature of the British weather we strongly recommend that your child has a coat/waterproof, with a hood, in school every day.
Long hair is to be tied back and hair braids are not permitted. Also please note that jewellery is not permitted. Any under layers i.e. vests, thermal t-shirts must not be visible, please ensure polo shirt buttons are done up or jumpers worn to cover under layers. All uniform and shoes should be clearly marked with the owner's name.

**Car Park Safety**
It is the responsibility of all of us to ensure that the school car park is a safe environment for pupils, parents, carers and staff alike. To minimise the risk of an accident occurring and maximise everyone's safety we request that the following protocols are observed:

- Cars should be parked in the car park within a marked bay.
- Cars may be parked on the tennis court; please park considerately.
- All vehicles should be reversed into car parking bays.
- Vehicles are never to be parked in a way that could obstruct entry/exit for emergency vehicles.
- A space is clearly marked for disabled users and may only be used by holders of a valid badge issued under the government Blue Badge Scheme. The badge is to be displayed in the windscreen.
- Vehicles should not be parked and left in the 'drop off' zone.
- Normal highway rules apply in the car park (e.g. use of seatbelts and the non-use of mobile phones etc.)
- Children should be escorted across the car park at all times to ensure their safety under supervision of a responsible adult.

Please drive at a speed suitable to a school car park environment. Children are very excitable and therefore unpredictable at the start and end of the school day and unfortunately may not be as traffic aware as everyone would wish. Please drive carefully and considerately through the villages of Alkerton and Shenington, taking particular care whilst on the narrow approach to school along Stocking Lane.

**Break Time Snacks**
As part of the Oxfordshire Healthy Schools initiative we encourage children to eat healthy snacks. The children in Class 1 and 2 are provided with a free piece of fruit at snack time. Pupils in Class 3 and 4 are encouraged to bring in their own piece of fruit or vegetable to snack on. Please do not send them to school with snack items such as cereal bars, oatcakes or chocolate bars.

**Foods in School- Healthy Schools**
We appreciate your generosity and wanting to supply cakes/ sweets for birthdays etc. Unfortunately, due to our Healthy Schools approach we cannot allow this. One-off cake events like the Macmillan morning are allowed under government guidance. The school nurse visited school last Friday and she endorsed the school's position on this. Furthermore, a number of children have allergies and we are unable to ensure parent contributions will be safe for children to use for regular events such as birthdays. This can also cause the disappointment where those with allergies have to miss out as they have not been catered for. Unfortunately, due to data protection we are unable to release this information. Government guidance on healthy schools is enclosed.

http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/actions/school-food-standards/
**Mobile Phones**
Mobile phones are not accepted beyond the front doors. Please ensure you leave yours either in the office or your car. For Health and Safety, bags will be stored in the staff room. For Data Protection reasons, access to the staff room is restricted to members of staff.

**Doors**
School exterior doors cannot be opened by the children. Please do not ask children to open exterior doors as they know they are not allowed to open them. Doors should only be opened by school staff.

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