



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

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Staffing Update

Ms McAulay will sadly be leaving us to start her maternity leave and Friday 8th October will be her last day. We wish Ms McAulay all the best.


Mrs Shoebridge will teach 1MS full time.

In other news, I am delighted to inform you that Miss Johnstone, who is currently teaching in Year 6, is pregnant. On behalf of our school community (parents, staff and children), we would like to congratulate her on this wonderful news.

Mrs Witham, who started her maternity leave at the start of the this academic year, has just given birth to a baby boy. Congratulations to Mrs Witham and her family.



Dear All

 I would like to start off the newsletter by thanking you for your continued support over the past fortnight. Unfortunately, we have had our first positive cases within the school and I can appreciate how unsettling this can be for children, parents/carers and staff. As a school, we are continuing to adhere to government guidelines and are implementing the four control measures. These are: maintaining good hygiene, increased cleaning, ventilating classrooms/spaces and following advice on testing. The whole school celebration assembly, on a Friday, will continue to take place via zoom. However, we will continue to regularly review the situation based on the current government advice and make the necessary amendments where required.

Whilst times are feeling a little uncertain, we are still continuing to provide our children with a broad and balanced curriculum, immersing them in their learning. Our year 6 children enjoyed their Evacuation Day linked to their World War Two topic of 'Battles, Bombs and Bravery'. They took part in Operation Pied Piper where they were evacuated from Southwick to Fishergate and were met by their host families. The children looked incredible and we would like to thank staff, pupils and parents/carers for making this day a memorable learning experience for all.

Miss Johnstone took a group of year 5 and 6 children to a Tag Rugby competition at Shoreham Academy. As always, the children behaved impeccably and worked extremely well as a team.

In other news, Mrs Groves (our Reception teacher) has been working with a not for profit organisation called Tree Action CIC to fundraise for a water pump to be installed and additional trees planted in our Forest School woodland area. We have very nearly reached our target so would like to thank you all for your donations.

This week, we have had visitors from our Academy sponsor, REAch2. Time was spent talking to leaders in charge of Early Reading, PE, RE, Maths and History about our curriculum offer in these subject. They spent time in classes, speaking to pupils and looking at the wonderful work produced so far. The visitors were very impressed with the school and would like to thank parents/carers who completed the online survey or spoke to them on the playground.

Natalie Naylor (Interim Headteacher)

Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance currently **stands at 96.5% of** pupils in class.

Please be reminded that classroom doors open at 8.45am and registers are taken from 8.50am. It is extremely important children are in school to avoid missed learning.

As a community we will continue to work together to ensure attendance remains as high as it can be in. Please see additional information in this newsletter regarding COVID –19 symptoms and latest advice from the government.

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby



Miss Johnstone took our Year 5 and 6 children to a Tag Rugby tournament at Shoreham Academy on Wednesday 22nd September. The children worked well as a team and showed some impressive skills during their matches. Well done to all involved.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Last Friday, the school held a dress down day to raise money for Macmillan. I am delighted to say, the school raised over £400. We would like to thank you for your generosity in supporting this worthwhile cause.



Coats for Kids—Shoreham

Coats4kids will be once again be collecting coats, hats, gloves and scarves that are no longer needed and can be used for other children within our community. If you would like to donate any of these items, baskets will be located in the main office. Additionally information as to where you, as a parent/carer, can get a coat from, will be sent out shortly.

Hello Yellow—Wear yellow on Friday 8th October

Just a reminder that on Friday 8th October, we will be holding a dress down day where children will be encouraged to wear yellow.

Thank you for supporting this well-being and mental health initiative.



COVID Information for Parents



Latest government advice from [Schools COVID-19 operational guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance)

Symptoms of COVID-19

The government recommends that if your child has any of the three main symptoms (see below) associated with COVID-19, then it is advisable to order and take a PCR test. Your child will need to remain at home until they have the test result back and are not allowed visitors. They may leave the house to have the PCR test.

The three main symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Tracing close contacts and self-isolation

Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education and childcare settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. Contacts from a setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent or carer specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. You may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated.
- they are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Children who are aged under 5 years old who are identified as close contacts will only be advised to take a PCR test if the positive case is in their own household.

Staff will continue to take twice weekly lateral flow tests



Harvest Festival

Just a reminder, we are once again be supporting the local food bank as part of our Harvest Festival Celebrations.

If you would like to donate any of these items, baskets will be located on the playground at drop off and pick up time for you to add your donations. There will also be a basket in the foyer.

As you will know, food banks have been used by more families than ever during the pandemic so all donations are really appreciated—thank you.

School Tours

We are currently in the process of organising school tours for new parents/carers whose children will be starting school during the academic year 2022/23. Dates and times will communicated shortly so please keep an eye on the fortnightly newsletters or the school website.

Term Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 7th October	All	Flu Spray
Friday 8th October	All	Hello Yellow Dress Down Day
Monday 11th October	All	Astra Colour Individual Photographs
Tuesday 12th October	EYFS	The Argus Photographs supplement
Thursday 14th October	Y2	Bakers WOW Day
Friday 15th October	Y6	Newhaven Fort Trip
Tuesday 19th October	Y1	Lewes Castle Trip
Tuesday 19th October	Y4	Greek WOW Day
Thursday 21st October	Y1/2	Road Safety Roadshow
Mon 25th Oct - 29th Oct	All	Half Term Holiday
Sunday 31st October	Y6	Secondary School Application Deadline
Mon 1st November	All	First day of Autumn 2 Term
Friday 12th November	Y3	Egyptian WOW Day
Tuesday 16th November	Y6	Height/Weight with School Nurse
Friday 19th November	Y5	Mary Rose Trip
Friday 17th December 2021	All	Last day of Autumn Term
Tuesday 4th January 2022	All	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

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Term Dates 2021/22



Autumn Term

Half Term Monday 25th October until Friday 29th October

Last Day of Term Friday 17th December

Spring Term

Tuesday 4th January until Friday 8th April 2022

School will be closed on Tuesday 4th January for INSET

Half Term Monday 21st February until Friday 25th February 2022

Last Day of Term Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term

Monday 25th April until Thursday 21st July 2022

School will be closed on Monday 25th April for INSET

School will be closed on Friday 22nd July for INSET

Half Term Monday 30th May until Friday 3rd June

Last Day of Term for pupils Thursday 21st July

Please note that INSET dates are subject to change.