

SHAW RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 - SEPT 2023

HEAD TEACHERS NOTE

Dear Parents/Gaurdians,

WELCOME BACK to the new academic year.



I hope you have had a fun summer holiday despite the challenging weather conditions! Over the last week it has been lovely to welcome all our families to school along with the sunshine! The atmosphere within school is definitely positive and purposeful. We are seeing some fantastic learning behaviours being demonstrated in all classes

I look forward to working getting to know and working with our families as the term goes on.

If you have a child looking to start school in September 2024, please feel free to sign up for one of our parent tours via the office.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS



Please contact the school office if your contact details have changed at all over the summer holidays. It is really important that should we need to reach you that the information we hold is accurate.

Where possible, the school would hold two emergency contacts for each child on roll. Please email admin@shawridge.swindon.sch.uk with any changes you need to make.

INHALERS AND OTHER MEDICATION

Medicines should only be brought into school when essential i.e. where it would be detrimental to the child's health if the medicines were not administered during the school day.

- We can only administer prescribed/non prescribed medicines that are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage.
- The adult is required to complete a parental agreement form in order for the medicine to be administered by school staff.
- In the case of antibiotics, only those prescribed four times a day may be administered at school.
- Medicines will not be accepted in school that require medical expertise or intimate contact.
- All medicines must be brought to the school office by an adult. Medicines must NEVER be brought to school in a child's possession. This includes cough medicines/sore throat sweets.



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WHAT HAPPENED OVER THE SUMMER?

Have you noticed anything new?

Newton's Nook in the Unity Garden is our new outdoor classroom!

The Friends of Shaw Ridge have managed to secure a large amount of funding that has been able to provide our children with a brand new outdoor classroom that is equipped with it's own wind turbine and solar panel. The children are going to just love being able to use the garden all year round!

WHAT A SUCCESS! Thank you FOSR.



We won first place for best fruit planting 2023 from Swindon Allotments & Leisure Gardens

Each year group is offering an introductory parent meeting on the following dates at 3:30pm. Class teachers will then share with parents information they may need; organisation, timetables, homework, expectations, curriculum etc. For those who are unable to attend all the information presented will be uploaded to Dojo.

Parent Meetings:

Yr2: 13.09.2023

F2: 21.09.2023

Yr5: 14.09.2023

Yr3: 27.09.2023

Yr4: 19.09.2023

Yr6: 28.09.2023

Yr1: 20.09.2023



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 19th Sept - Yr6 Braeside Residential

Wednesday 20th Sept - FOSR Coffee Morning

Thursday 12th Oct - FOSR AGM

Monday 16th Oct- Flu Immunisations

INSET Dates - No school

Friday 30th September 2023

Weds 03rd January 2024

Monday 03rd June 2024

Monday 1st July 2024

School gates are open from 8.30am and we welcome the children into school from 8.45am when the learning starts. The school gates are locked at 9.00am, children arriving after registration will be classed as late.

Children who are late will be missing valuable learning time. Please can we ask you to assist us by encouraging the children to come into school independently. If you need to see a teacher, and it is not urgent, please can you arrange a convenient time. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support and co-operation

*Due to unforeseen circumstances, dates can be subject to change.

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ATTENDANCE & ABSENCE - SEPTEMBER RETURN

We now have a new electronic signing in and out system called InVentry which is located in the school foyer.

Visitors:

All visitors to the school, including parents who are coming in for appointments with the Head Teacher or member of staff will now be asked to sign in via the InVentry system. This is a quick and easy process which enables us to know who is in the building at any time for safety and security purposes *i.e in case of evacuation*.

Safety Sign Out:

Once children are in school we expect them to stay for the full day. Removing children from lessons is unsettling. It not only interrupts yours child's learning, but also affects the other pupils.

Please can we remind parents where possible; medical appointments should be made outside of school hours. In unavoidable circumstance, please let us know in advance the time and date of the appointment and provide the office with evidence of the appointment - thank you.

If you do have to take your child out of school during the day, informing us prior to the appointment means we can arrange for your child to be at the school office ready for you to collect them and minimise any disruption. Going forward pupils signing out for an appointments before the day ends will need to do so through our new system and be asked to provide a reason for leaving.

Late Pupil sign in:

A reminder that the school day starts at 8.45am when all pupils should be in school ready to learn and the daily register is taken. Pupils who arrive late, after the school gates are locked at 9am and who have missed registration, will have to be signed in via the InVentry system.

If your child does arrive after the school gates are shut, we would ask parents to come to the school office to sign your child in as late and provide a reason for their lateness. This will then be recorded on your childs attendance record.

After signing in a printed late pass is then provided to the pupil to take to their class to give to the teacher and the register updated.

Thank you for your co-operation.

The new system is easy to use and we are always be on hand to help!



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REMINDERS...

The Friends of Shaw Ridge:

Shaw Ridge has an excellent **Parent Teachers Association** who work very hard to organise events to raise money for our children. All parents are automatically members of the **P.T.A.** If you would be interested in supporting the work of the FOSR the AGM is taking place on Thursday 27th September at 6.30pm in the school staff room. We are also hosting a Welcome coffee morning on Wednesday September. More information will be sent out by the P.T.A. and posted on our website. New members are always very welcome, so come along and join us.

Healthy Eating:

We continue to be a Healthy School and are delighted with the positive effect this is having on the children. Don't forget to send your child in with water, clearly labelled with their name, so they can drink regularly throughout the day. Thank you once again for your continued support.

*If you are entitled to a means tested free school meal and your child is absent please contact the office before 9am if you require a packed lunch that day. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to collect this by midday daily if required.

After School Clubs:

Most of our school led after school clubs will start from Monday 18th September 2023 and more information will follow. Our expectation is that children that register for a club attend all sessions.

SMART watches & toys from home:

Please remember that the children are not allowed to wear SMART watches in school. A fitbit or similar gadget that counts steps only is fine, but any smart watches/device that is able to send/receive calls or messages or take photographs is treated the same as mobile phones and are not allowed to be used on site. Please also remember that children are not allowed to bring in toys or footballs from home. We have had a rise in this happening since last year and it is beginning to cause issues/distract children and staff are having to waste time dealing with these issues which are completely avoidable. If a child requires a transition object for a particular SEND or Emotional, Health and Wealth Being need then this needs to be arranged with the class teacher or senco so that it can be managed successfully.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy:

We have a Lunchtime Supervisor vacancy available for an immediate start, 5 hours per week, if you would like to apply please see the office for an application form.

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