



Shaw C of E
Primary School



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Dear Parents and Friends,

What amazing weather and what a blessing when we are trying to make the very best use of our beautiful grounds.

It has been brilliant to see our new reception children settling into school so well – what a happy bunch!

Monday sees another step on our journey towards more normal working with the re-opening of breakfast and after school club. A quick plea to ensure that if you indicated that you would use the service, you go onto school money and make your bookings. We need more bookings to ensure that service breaks even. We are not allowed to use school finances to subsidise this provision and will need to review costs or even cease the provision if bookings are insufficient.

The children enjoyed their first online assembly with Rev Jane this week. We do miss seeing her in school but it was lovely to see her online. It is so important at difficult times like this that we remember the massive value of our Christian values as embodied in Mission Shaw.

Our newly elected School Council also held their first virtual meeting this week. We're all learning new skills all the time!

Kind regards
Simon White

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“ I am still amazed and so grateful for everything that the school did to keep us connected and supported during lockdown. Talking to friends makes me realise that the phone calls and ongoing support was so much more than many other schools provided. Thank you once again.”
KS2 parent.

Our current Mission Shaw Christian value is...

COMPASSION Even though our assemblies will not be all together, they will still be held regularly in our class bubbles. Compassion is such a vital Mission Shaw value. It moves our focus away from what is good for us to what is good for others. Harvest time is a great practical expression of this. Although we will not be gathering in Church, it is still our intention to celebrate harvest through our usual collections for Melksham Food Bank, who need our support more than ever. Details to follow.

Dates for your diary

Looking a bit thin I'm afraid! Don't worry, we are still planning for highlights in the year, but need to think through how they will work!

September	
Mon 21st Sep	Breakfast club - entry from 8 to 8.20 via hall gate. After school club until 5pm. BOTH MUST BE BOOKED AT LEAST 24hrs IN ADVANCE VIA SCHOOL MONEY
October	
Wed 21st Oct	Last day of term. School ends at usual bubble pick up times.
Thurs 22nd Oct	Half term holiday
November	
Mon 2nd Nov	TD Day – school closed to children
Tues 3rd Nov	Term 2 begins for children.
December	
Friday 18th Dec	Last day of term. School end pick up times to be confirmed but provisionally 2.00 and 2.15. No ASC (if it is running)
January	
Mon 4th Jan	TD Day – school closed to children
Tues 5th Jan	Term 3 begins for all children.
February	
Fri 12th Feb	Last day of term – usual pick up time
Mon 22nd Feb	TD Day – school closed to children
Tues 23rd Feb	Term 4 begins
March	
April	
Thu 1st Apr	Last day of term. No ASC. Early finish time.
Mon 19th Apr	Term 5 begins
May	
Mon 3rd May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Mon 24th _ Fri 28th May	Yr 6 to Cornwall – We hope!
Fri 28th May	End of term – usual pick up time
June	
Mon 7th June	Term 6 begins
July	
Mon 5th July	TD Day – school closed to pupil
Fri 23rd July	Last day of term – No ASC, Early finish.
September 21	
Wed 1st Sep	Provisional - TD Day
Thurs 2nd Sept	Provisional - Term 1 begins

Drop off and Pick up

Thank you for your amazing co-operation with the staggered drop off and pick up times. They are working so well because everyone sticks to their allotted times. This helps us protect our bubbles once in school and also has the unexpected benefit of making our carpark a far safer and happier place!

From Monday, we have all 30 reception children in school. Please would Yr 2 parents ensure that they now queue to the left of the school gate (ie not queuing on the clothes recycling side of the gate.) This will then give space for all 30 Reception families to queue on the path in front of the clothes recycling bin. Year 6 have now been asked to queue along the staff room fence rather than wait at the carpark entrance by the bin store. Small changes to enhance safety.

Time Capsule

We haven't forgotten the children's hard work on the time capsule idea. We plan to bury this towards the end of this term once we have asked the children about what else they think could go into it.

Library Books

We are now in a position to receive these back in school. Please check bedrooms and cupboards and return them via your child! They are quarantined for 72 hours before being re-shelved in the Library.

Over the next week, each class teacher will be selecting a range of library books to go on into a box in the classroom bubbles. It will then be possible for children to borrow these books to take home for a few days. Hands will be sanitized when looking through the box of books. On return, these books will be quarantined for 72 hours before being returned to the class collection.

It is really vital that we continue to encourage a love of books and reading by doing this. We are so lucky to have such a fabulous library.

We will also be re-starting sending reading books home very soon. Please look out for information from your child's class teacher on Class Dojo about this.