



Newsletter 16th October 20

Dear Parents and Friends

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With only a few days to go until we break up for half term next Wednesday, it is good to reflect on what has been achieved since September. The children have shown amazing resilience and adaptability. Even those few who found the return to school incredibly tricky have worked hard and been supported to talk about and manage their feelings. There is not a single child in the school who can not be proud of themselves for the way they have overcome challenges this term.

The staff too have been adaptable, resilient and incredibly hard working.

I would also like to thank you as parents and carers for the words of thanks and encouragement which you continue to give to us all. It really does make a difference and makes the hard work even more worthwhile.

I am aware that there is talk of extended half terms and lockdowns in the media. As ever, I am afraid I will most likely know the detail at exactly the same time as you. I hope you know the school well enough to know that we will endeavour to communicate swiftly and clearly when there is information you need to know, but not to bother you with possibilities and hear say. We will keep you informed during the half term if necessary.

Please note that we cease to use Teachers2Parents from 31st October, so texts and emails will now come from a system called Pupil Asset. If we need to provide online learning then this will be done through Class Dojo.

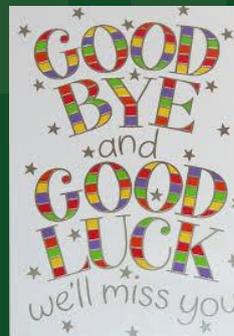
Kind regards

Simon White

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Farewell Mrs Galloway – we will miss you.



**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. Thank you for supporting our harvest through your donations.

Dates for your diary

October	
Wed 21st Oct	Last day of term. Time capsule to be buried today. 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.
WB 23rd Nov	Telephone parents evenings – details to follow.
December	
Friday 18th Dec	Last day of term. School end pick up times 2.00 and 2.15 . No ASC
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	
Wed 31st Mar	Provisional Easter Service - afternoon
April	
Thu 1st Apr	Last day of term. 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 – Early finish.
September 21	
Wed 1st Sep	Provisional - TD Day
Thurs 2nd Sept	Provisional - Term 1 begins

Wraparound Care

Numbers have picked up slightly – thank you. Price rises and work to reduce staffing costs have the potential to mean that the provision is close to becoming self-sustaining.

As promised before, a full review of take up, income and costs will continue into next term and a decision on viability made by early December.

Thank you for your continued patience and thank you to those who are supporting the business by sending your children to club!

Inspections

In the last two weeks we have had two inspections relating to Health and Safety and our provision relating to Covid in the school.

The first was our annual Food Hygiene inspection which resulted in us retaining our 5 stars.

The second was a more unusual one, conducted by the Health and Safety Executive. An inspector spent half a day studying our Risk Assessments and systems and observing them in action on the ground.

I am pleased to say that he found everything to be as it should be and described our systems of control relating to pupils to be very good.

Although stressful at the time, it is good to have an external pair of eyes to verify that what we are doing is right and that we are appropriately protecting our children, staff and visitors.

These Covid inspections are being undertaken in a small random sample of schools and the lessons learned fed back to the HSE to share with other providers. It is gratifying that Shaw School has been part of this process to make all schools safer.