



Newsletter 4th September 20

Dear Parents and Friends,

I think it is fair to say that this week has gone really well in terms of children's return to school. Our new systems and ways of working have now been tried and tested and, with a few tweaks, have proved successful.

The new ways of working have required great flexibility and good will on the part of the staff and I would like to publicly thank each and every one. New requirements for supervision and changes in the school day mean that every staff member is giving of their own time beyond their paid contract to make things work. I am sure that you will all join me in your gratitude to them. It is in no small part this generosity which has made this week successful.

Thank you as parents for your continued support and understanding. We will not get everything right for everyone all the time, so please do talk to us by email if we can help. Just a quick plea to remember that email can be a very blunt tool so please check that the tone of the email is respectful and helpful even if you have been frustrated by something! The same applies to any social media comments.

Please see important request for a response regarding before and after school clubs on the next page.

Here's to a successful week 2.

Kind regards

Simon White

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“ Thank you so much everyone, my child has come home happier than I have seen them for a very long time. They said their day in school was the best EVER!”
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	POSSIBLE date for re-starting breakfast and ASC. (We're trying hard to work out how)
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

Class Dojo

If you have not yet done so, please liaise with your child's class teacher to set up your online Class Dojo account. Moving forward, this is going to become a vital means of home school communication and will be an essential tool in any future lock down or if your family needs to self-isolate.

School Meals

Apologies for the last minute menu changes. We were only told of this by the suppliers yesterday. We have no control over this aspect of the contract. The change was made by the contractors for the good reason that they want to avoid "sloppy" food with sauces and gravy where meals are being eaten in classrooms. Hot meal are being served from a heated trolley to each classroom door. Please do make use of this valuable service.

Breakfast and After School Club

As promised, We are looking into the logistics of re-starting this provision. However, we need to be sure that the demand is sufficient to cover costs in light of the changes we will have to make to ensure they are Covid secure..

IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN USING ANY PROVISION Please email head@shaw.wilts.sch.uk with brief details of which clubs you would use, how many times a week and for how many children to aid with our planning.

Breakfast club would run from 8am but not include food and after school club would run from end of school until **5pm**.

It is probable that they would be held in the hall and that children would need to stay seated in their bubble groups with table top activities and films.

PLEASE NOTE THAT RE-OPENING IS NOT YET GUARANTEED AND DPEENDS ON US BEING ABLE TO MAKE IT COVID SECURE AND ALSO DEPENDS ON DEMAND.

Please respond and encourage others to do so.