



Sholing Infant School

Newsletter: **September 2021**

Welcome back to the new school year! It has been lovely to welcome the children back to a more 'normal' way of working. They have all settled into their new classes well and are enjoying the space of the playground rather than playing in their class zones!

Year leaders have sent out the half-termly overviews of what your child is learning in school. Please email your class teacher if you need any further information.

I would like to welcome the following new staff members:- Miss Aust has joined us as Rabbits teacher and Mr Bradley is our new site manager.

Mrs Rice continues to be our SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) and should you have any concerns or questions regarding your child, please email her at senco@sholinginfantschool.org.uk or telephone the school.

Timings

We are pleased to be opening/closing at our old pre-Covid bubble times now. The gates open at 8:30 and children are welcomed into class at 8:45. The school gates close at 8:55am and any child arriving after this time is arriving after registration and should enter through the main door to reception as classroom doors are closed at 8:55. School ends at 3pm.

The one way system is working well, thank you for adhering to it if possible – the Heath Road gates will become more congested once our new YR children start school. If you have a child in KS1 and YR, please feel free to go out through either gate.

Children may bring bikes and scooters to school now-please store your child's bike/scooter on one of the racks provided. Please ensure that your child dismounts once through the school gates to avoid accidents.

School place applications:

The Southampton admissions website is now open for parents to make applications for September 2022 YR and Y3 places. You must apply before January 15th 2022. Should you need any help, please contact the school office.

School Events

We are excited to be able to welcome parents back into the school for the events and learning opportunities we offered pre-Covid!

This term is already looking busy-please see the dates listed below:

Tuesday 14 September	2.00pm Year 1 Parents Welcome meeting
Wednesday 15 September	2.00pm – Year 2 Parents Welcome meeting
Thursday 23 September	2.00pm - Year R Parents Welcome meeting-
Tuesday 28 September	Beaulieu trip-Y2
Thursday 30 September	9-10 YR Parent workshop
Thursday 7 October	9.00am Year R Parent workshop
Tuesday 12 October	School Photographer in school
Thursday 14 October	9.00am Year R Parent workshop
Monday 18 October	Parents Evening- 3:15-5pm
Tuesday 19 October	1.15 Year R tour
Wednesday 20 October	Parent evening 3.15 to 7.00pm
Thursday 4 November	1.45pm – Sleeping Beauty Pantomime in school.
Monday 15 – Thursday 18 November	Phonics drop-ins for parents-observe how phonics is taught to your child- invitations to be sent out to parents.
W/C Monday 22 November	Year 2 pupils Phonic screen
Wednesday 24 November	'Flu vaccinations –information and consent to be sent out to parents in advance.
Monday 6 December	2.00pm - Year R Nativity
Tuesday 7 December	9.15am – Year R Nativity 2.00pm – Year R Nativity
Thursday 9 December	9.15am Year 1 Nativity 1.30pm Year 1 Nativity
Friday 10 December	1.30 Year 1 Nativity
Tuesday 14 December	9.15am - Year 2 Nativity 1.30pm – Year 2 Nativity
Thursday 16 December	9.15am – Year 2 Nativity
Friday 17 December	Christmas party in school.

INSET days for the remainder of this school year are:

Tuesday 4 January 2022

Friday 18 March 2022

Friday 27 May 2022

Please note that Tuesday 3 May will also be a school closure as the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday falls in school half term holidays.

Absence

Please report any absence as soon as possible in the morning, preferably before 8:55am. **The school is then able to code** absences correctly. Should absence be unexplained, the school office will contact you by phone to check the reason for absence. Should no contact be possible by phone, a home visit will be undertaken as any child unaccounted for becomes a safeguarding concern.

Lisa Houghton and Trevor Steward are Designated Safeguarding Leads at school. Please contact them should you ever have concerns about a child. Alternatively, anyone can contact MASH- the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on **023 8083 3336**

Reading

Teachers are currently assessing children on their phonic knowledge and their reading, ensuring that your child is reading a book that is at the correct level of challenge. Once teachers have completed this for their classes, they will give your child a reading book at the correct level to bring home along with a reading diary. Your child's reading book and diary must be in school every day please. Children will also bring home a 'love of reading' book to share.

Reading aloud for five minutes, five times a week will make a huge difference to your child's fluency and will mean that he/she will be rewarded in school for his/her reading.

Please comment in the reading diary or just sign to say you have heard your child read. Remember that children can read library books and/or comics etc not just their school reading book. If you have any concerns regarding home reading, please talk to/ email your child's teacher.

Children currently in Year 2 will be required to do the statutory phonic screen that they would have done at the end of Year 1-see dates above. Children who reach the required standard at this point will NOT need to retake the screen again in June 2022, alongside the current Year 1 children. Children who do not meet the standard WILL need to retake the test. We are checking the children's phonics on a past paper shortly and will ensure that if children require lots of catch up before the December check, teachers will send packs home for you to practise. We will also be providing catch up sessions in school. If you wish to watch the DFE phonic screening video to get an idea of how this check is administered to pupils, please follow the link: https://youtu.be/IPJ_ZEBh1Bk.

Behaviour

Our Behaviour Policy is published on our website for your information alongside a range of other school policies including attendance and safeguarding and complaints. Please email the school office if you require a paper copy.

Influenza vaccinations

Solent NHS Trust is again offering the nasal influenza immunisation to pupils in all year groups in school. This will take place on 24 November. Information and consent forms will be sent home in due course. The vaccination is painless and the vast majority of parents took up the free vaccination last year. However, the decision is made by parents and **NO child will be vaccinated unless the NHS Trust has written consent from parents.**