



Sholing Infant School

Newsletter: May 2022

Welcome to the May newsletter, and to the summer term! It is hard to believe that our Year R pupils have been with us for almost a year now and that our Year 2 children will soon be off to junior school! We will begin planning our transition activities this term to ensure that children will be well prepared for the start of the new school year.

Current Year R and Year 1 children will have lots of opportunities to visit their new classrooms and meet their new teachers and we have planned in lots of transition activities for our Year 2 children moving up to junior school. The Year 3 teachers at Sholing Junior School will spend a day here, getting to know the children and meeting with the Year 2 class teachers and Mrs Rice. The children will have visits to the junior school too. These will be happening on the following dates:

Date	Activity
Tuesday 7 th June	Tours for Year 2 children at Sholing Junior School
Monday 13 th June	Visit and assembly by Mr Abbott
Tuesday 28 th June	Year 3 teachers visiting Sholing Infant School
Tuesday 12 th July	4:30-5:30pm New to Year 3 parents presentation in the hall at Sholing Junior School.
September 2022	Year 2 teachers to visit Year 3 children to see how they are settling in

Transition day will be on **Wednesday 6th July**, when our current Year R and Year 1 pupils will spend the morning in their new classes and Year 2 will spend the whole day at their new junior school.

Attendance

Attendance for the whole school is significantly below our pre COVID levels at 94% compared to our usual 96.5%. For many children this is linked to COVID earlier in the year, and we now have lots of children absent with chicken pox. Hopefully the summer weather will reduce illness and our attendance will increase. We will be doing our end of year attendance awards later in the year and will be awarding certificates for children with 96% above attendance, taking out absence due to COVID.

Please do not book holidays in term time, we are having increased requests for leave of absence and we are unable to authorise these. Penalty notices will be applied by the local authority. Every day missed equates to five lessons and this missed learning really does impact on progress.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time each day. Lessons start at 8:55 and missing the start of a lesson is disruptive both for the child arriving late and other children in the class.

Family Support

Mrs Harris is our school ELSA and works with families, where some support is needed, e.g. for managing children's behaviour at home, or for accessing support with housing or debt. She can also support with finances through vouchers and referrals, so please let her know if you would like to meet with her to discuss any concerns. Her email is elsa@sholinginfantschool.org.uk

Library

Remember that the school library is open every day between 8:15 and 8:40. Mrs Churcher, our librarian sent out information about what day different year groups were able to come to the library, but the library has been very quiet since it opened, so we are now happy for all year groups to come in on any day! There are lots of lovely books to borrow and children are able to take two books at a time, so why not pop in and take a look?

Reading

A big thank you and well done to all those children who took part in our Extreme Reading photo competition. The winners will all receive a £10 book voucher. The winners are: Hedgehogs – Albi, Owls – Esme, Robins – Baguo, Squirrels – Molly, Otters – Kian, Badgers – Abel, Kestrels – Joseph, Foxes – Louis.

E-safety

We have become aware in recent weeks of a number of children who are playing games about the monster 'Huggy Wuggy'. Whilst 'Huggy Wuggy' may appear to be designed for children he is a monster from an adult game and online content featuring him is not at all suitable for children. As always we would remind parents and carers to ensure that children are appropriately supervised when they are online to ensure that they do not access such content.

Events

It is a very busy term with lots of planned events. The Year 2 children are busy doing their SATs and will finish these next week. Year 1 children are busy practising their phonics for the phonic screening check that takes place the week beginning June 6th.

Reports

School reports will be sent home on **Friday 15th July** and you will have an opportunity to discuss your child's report at Parents' Evening on **Monday 18th July**.

HAMWIC Non-uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on **Monday 6th June** to raise funds for the HAMWIC foundation, aimed at providing funding for disadvantaged pupils within the trust. Children are invited to donate £1 for this event.

Jubilee Day

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum jubilee on **Thursday 26th May**. In the morning, we will be learning about the key events in the long reign of Queen Elizabeth II and making flags etc for our afternoon 'street party'. Children are invited to dress up as a king or queen for the day, or may dress in red, white and blue.

We will have a 'parade' in the hall during the day, with prizes for the two best dressed children in each class, judged by James Knight, our Chair of Governors. There will be prizes for the winners!

In the afternoon, we will have our party in the main playground. Donations of food on the day will be gratefully received (no nuts please) so that we can provide a snack and drink for the children. Teachers will talk to any parents of children with food allergies before the event.

The summer fayre is being organised by FOSI and will take place on **Friday 24th June** -3pm-5pm

On **Monday 27th June**, Year 2 children will be having a sports taster day at Woodmill Activity Centre

We will also be holding a **Sports Day** as part of our Healthy and Safe Week. The date for this will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

Leavers Assemblies

Our Year 2 children will be having a Leavers assembly for parents on the following dates:

Monday 11th July Badgers class

Tuesday 12th July Kestrels class

Thursday 14th July Foxes class

Performances will be at 1:30pm

The school disco will be on Friday 15th July

Year R & 1: 4pm- 5:15pm

Year 2: 5:45-7pm

INSET days

We have one further INSET day this academic year- Friday May 27th

INSET days for next academic year: 2022-2023

September 1st 2022

September 2nd 2022

January 3rd 2023

March 17th 2023

May 26th 2023