

# Newsletter

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## Spring Term 2022

Half Term - 21st February - 25th February

Inset Day - Monday 28th February 2022

Easter Holiday – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

### COVID Update

We are aware of two positive cases among pupils in Oaks although they do not appear to be linked. We also have a case among a part time staff member who was not in school during their incubation period. Cases are so widespread among primary and secondary school pupils that it will be difficult to avoid COVID cases occurring. Using Lateral flow tests can help to identify asymptomatic cases so please ensure you have a supply of them at home.

We strive to continue to operate as normal and have robust contingency plans in place. However, it does mean staff are doing extra duties while covering for absent colleagues, and may not be able to deal with calls, e-mails and messages as quickly as we would like. We thank you for your patience during this challenging time.

### Attitudes to learning

Pupils have made a very positive start to the new team and thrown themselves into the topic on Incredible India. Staff encourage pupils to have a readiness for learning. This includes having all the things they need in school – bookbags, reading diaries, spelling books, homework, PE kit etc. **They may need your support with this.** We also encourage and reward children who have a go, persevere and are not afraid to make mistakes and learn from them. This will help them build resilience and the determination to be great lifelong learners.

### Keeping Shipley ship shape

A huge THANK YOU to the gardening team who dug and cleared and fixed a number of things at the weekend. We really appreciate this support and it helps our children learn and play.

We also have a team of pupils who have improved the school grounds by clearing any litter or rubbish. What a difference they make – well don't team!



## Support for children and parents

### **Launch of Parentline text service - 07312 277011**

The School Nursing service has recently launched Parentline, a confidential text service which parents can use to contact the service about problems with their children's health, such as: sleep issues, continence, poor school attendance, emotional health, low self-esteem, low mood, low-level anxiety, and lifestyle concerns such as weight loss or gain. The West Sussex Parent carer forum is another supportive network for parents <https://www.wspcf.org.uk/>

### **Healthy eating and drinking**

A reminder that crisps and chocolate can only be brought in lunchboxes on Freedom Friday. School Council are discussing how we can reduce plastic waste in lunchboxes and are exploring how to discourage plastic packaging. Watch this space!



Water is the only drink allowed in drinks bottles. We did used to specify clear bottles in school but with the new Chilly type bottles, that policy is more flexible.

### **FOSS**

**'SWAP NOT SHOP' EVENT - FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, AT 7 PM** (See attached posters)

Tickets will go on sale from Monday (24<sup>th</sup> January) priced £5. Please place money for tickets in an envelope and hand to the school office with your name and 'swap not shop', c/o FOSS and your ticket(s) will be sent back to you via our child. Alternatively you can buy a ticket on Fridays from class representative at 3 pm and pay by card. This is a great way to shop without costing the planet. Catch up with friends over a glass of fizz, and raise money for the school. Ladies clothes, bags, accessories shoes, donations can be dropped to the school hall on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>/Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Reading Rewards**

Thank you for supporting your children with their reading. The following children have their certificate and bookmarks:

#### **Emerald:**

OAKS - Charlotte

ASH – Jet

#### **Amethyst:**

OAKS – Isla, Early, Florence, Macy, Olivia, Rowan

ASH – Sonny, Clara

#### **Ruby:**

OAKS – Eva

#### **Diamond:**

SYCAMORES –Elspeth

#### **Wormery:**

OAKS - Mia

ASH – Elphie

SYCAMORES – Max

## GOLDEN BOOK

When a child does something amazing we like to celebrate the event in Friday's assembly.



**OAKS** – Ella for fantastic ice ideas, Leanna for a brilliant Musical World poem, Maia for great counting in 5s and 10s.

**ASH** – Beatrix for excellent work on perimeter in maths, Sonny for really brilliant predictions in our class story.

**SYCAMORES** – Emma for wonderful, creative writing, Ruby and Ben for wonderful enthusiasm in all areas. Staff have golden tickets to give to children in Oaks. All golden tickets are put into a weekly drawer. This week's winner is Macy

Kind regards

Mrs Jen Harvey and Mrs Jill Phillips