



No 21 – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

# Newsletter

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## Spring Term 2022

### **Inset Day - Monday 28th February 2022**

**FOSS Swap and Shop** – Friday 4th March

**Bags of Support** – Donations Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February/Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

**Design & Fairtrade Shipley Bake Off** - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

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

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This newsletter is coming to you during the half term holiday so that you have all the information ready for the start of the next half term. A reminder that there is an **INSET day on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February** and children return on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**.

### Storm Eunice

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February, we received a rare, red weather warning for this area from the Met Office.

The advice was not to travel unless necessary and we took the difficult decision to close the school. By 9.15am, West Sussex had issued their delayed directive to close all schools anyway so this was the right decision. We hope that you all kept safe and did not suffer too much disruption.

During the holidays, the staff and community volunteer team have been busy tidying the site ready for welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### COVID update

February brought a great deal of COVID disruption in our community and we hope that we are over the worst. Many thanks to all the families for following the isolation rules and for engaging in home learning activities provided.

While there is no updated guidance available for schools, here are some of the changes to the COVID restrictions that may affect our school community:

- From 21<sup>st</sup> February – staff and pupils in education and childcare settings no longer have to test twice weekly
- From 24<sup>th</sup> February – people with COVID are no longer legally required to isolate. Instead, there is guidance in place for anyone who has tested positive to avoid contact with others for at least 5 full days.
- From 1<sup>st</sup> April – testing will no longer be free for most people
- School premises, parents and carers no longer need to wear face coverings. We are hopeful that face to face parents evenings and events can take place. However, we are still very aware that this virus hasn't left us yet so will keep some sensible precautions in place such as enhanced cleaning and handwashing regimes.



### **World Book Day**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is national World Book day. Children are invited to dress up as a character from a book or story. We will be celebrating the day with lots of book related activities and a special visitor!



### **Swimming Survey – Sycamores Class**

This survey takes less than a minute and will help us plan our summer programme of lessons. For multiple entrants just add both names

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XJM5YDM>

### **Girls' football opportunity**

We have seen a real interest in girls' football at Shipley and some talented players emerging. Wildcats football in Southwater is looking for new players between the ages of 5 and 11.

<https://www.facebook.com/southwaterroyals/photos/a.643299506105763/1361648637604176/?type=3>

### **Parent's evenings**

These will take place this term and details will follow as soon as possible. We are working on a plan for a hybrid model with a choice of Zoom or face to face, whichever suits you best.

Kind regards

Mrs Jen Harvey and Mrs Jill Phillips