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Newsletter 1
Spring Term 2012

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to our new children and families! We have new staff joining us this term too. I would like to welcome Lisa Naish, a new member of the lunchtime team.

Friends of Shinfield Meeting
Come and find out how you can be part of our supportive and active Parent Teacher Association. They work to raise money for the school and run exciting events for both children and adults at school. Please join us at the Friends of Shinfield meeting on Monday 9th January at 7.30pm in the dining room. You can park on the playground and enter via the Year 2 doors.

Diary dates
Please find these attached. A copy of the term dates for next year is available on the school website or you can obtain a paper copy from the school office.

Before you have a post Christmas de-clutter…!!!
As part of our "Healthy Schools Week" we will be having an "Eco Day". To teach the children all about re- using and recycling we would like to hold a "Carrier bag sale". The children can bring in their old toys from Monday the 23rd January ready to be sold at the carrier bag sale on Thursday 26th January. Each class will be invited into the hall on Thursday to buy a new toy. The aim of the day is to educate about recycling and therefore the toys will be sold for a few pence each. Please could your children bring some change into school that day in a named purse or envelope, a suggested amount would be up to £1.00. The carrier bag sale will be open to Nursery children as well. Times will be confirmed by the Nursery staff.

Clubs – Judo, Drama and Recorders starting again next week
These are open to Mrs Edwards' F2 class, Year 1 and Year 2. Recorder Club is only for Year 2 children. It is hoped that the Foundation Stage children can join in next term as part of their transition to Year 1. There are still a few places left in each club. If you have already applied for a club you should have received a letter today confirming your child's place.

Please can you help?
Please can every child bring in a box of tissues for their class? With the onset of winter colds and runny noses we get through a lot of tissues.
We also urgently need more supplies of girls' and boys' underwear – if you can donate any new pants or clean used ones we would be most grateful.

'Everyone shining in their own field'

PE Kit
Please make sure that your child brings his or her PE kit to school every Monday for the week's PE lessons. Kit will be sent home on Fridays for washing. There are too many children sitting out of PE lessons unable to join in because they do not have their kit, and this disrupts the class as well as those children missing vital PE lessons.

Kit should all be named and should consist of a T shirt and shorts (leggings or tracksuit bottoms can be put in for cold weather) and trainers or plimsolls. Hooded tops and jewellery cannot be worn. Earrings must be taken out unless they are covered with micropore tape which should be supplied by the child's parent in a named container.

PE kit and bags can be bought from the school office at a very reasonable price.

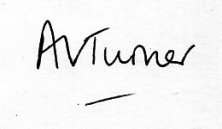
Weekend visits from the school guinea pigs
Our two school guinea pigs would love to visit with you for the weekend. They can be collected from school on a Thursday or Friday afternoon and will come cleaned out with food and instructions. If you would be interested in having them please let the school office know or speak to Mrs Lauchlan the Year 2 teacher.

Lunchboxes
I would like to remind everyone that there must be **no nuts or products containing nuts in any of the children's lunchboxes.** This includes Nutella chocolate spread. This is because we have a child in school with a nut allergy so severe that it is life threatening. The slightest trace of nuts on other people's hands or things they have touched are a risk to this child. There should also be no sweets or fizzy drinks in children's lunchboxes. One chocolate covered biscuit per lunchbox is allowed.

Reading Awards
The next Reading awards for all F2, Yr 1 and Yr 2 children will start on Monday 9th January. Your child needs to read at home at least 20 times between then and **Friday 3rd February** in order to gain an award. Numbers will be counted and signed by the staff in the morning of Friday 3rd February so please ensure that you record in the reading record book every time that your child reads at home (no more than twice a day at the most). We hope that even more children will be able to have an award next time and that Foundation Stage children will enjoy this new challenge. We will let you know what animal will feature on the badges as soon as the Year 2 children have helped me choose one.

We look forward to a happy and hard working term ahead. The next newsletter should follow in a couple of weeks by Parent Mail. Please check the Learning Platform for year group news.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Amanda Turner
Headteacher

Shinfield Infant and Nursery School Dates for Parents for Spring Term 2012		
January 2012		**Time**
3rd	**BANK HOLIDAY**	**All day**
4th	Term begins and new F2 class starts / Nursery Home visits	9.00am / All day
5th	Nursery Home visits	All day
9th	Clubs start this week Friends of Shinfield meeting in school dining room	 7.30pm
10th	Open Morning at Infant school Shinfield St Mary's CE School Junior School Open Morning	9.15am 10.00am
13th	Mrs Lauchlan and Mrs Linkens' class Cake Sale	3.00pm
17th	Junior School feedback meeting on recent Ofsted inspection (free crèche)	7.00pm
19th	Year 2 parents information meeting about End of Key Stage 1 assessments	7.00pm
23rd	Healthy Schools Week Lists go up for appointments for parents' evening	 9.00am
26th	Carrier Bag Sale (Nursery times to be confirmed)	All day
27th	Governor Day in school	All day
February 2012		
1st	Reading workshops for parents – Come and find out more about phonics!	Afternoon – time tbc
3rd	Nursery visiting Red Kite Children's Centre	Both sessions
7th	Open Morning at Infant school Shinfield St Mary's CE School Junior School Open Morning Parents' evening	9.15am 10.00am 3.45 – 5.45pm
8th	Mrs McDonald's and Mrs Massey's class assembly – Parents invited!	9.15am
9th	Nursery Cake Sale Parents' evening	Both sessions 5.30 – 7.30pm
10th	Non Uniform Day in aid of Down Syndrome Charity – Nursery children invited to wear their pyjamas	
13th – 17th February HALF TERM		
29th	Miss Anderson's class assembly	9.15am
March 2012		**Time**
1st	Gardening Day – all offers of help gratefully received	All day
2nd	World Book Day – Children invited to come to school dressed as a book character	
7th	Mrs Edwards' class assembly	2.45pm
8th	Gingerbread Man Show for all children including Nursery	1.15pm
13th	Mothers' Day assembly	2.30pm
21st	Mrs Belas' class assembly	2.45pm
28th	Miss Cadman's class assembly	2.45pm
30th	End of Term	1.15pm
2nd – 13th April EASTER HOLIDAY		
16th	**INSET Day (School and Nursery closed)**	
17th	**School term begins** / Nursery home visits	**9.00am** / All day
18th	Nursery home visits	All day
19th	Nursery starts back	Both sessions

Note: Nursery and Year 2 will be putting on special concerts in the summer term so they will not have class assemblies this term.