



The purpose of the Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth is to educate children
In an atmosphere of Christian love where all achieve the very best
They can, now and throughout their lives.



Headteacher: Mrs E Grainger

Shalfleet CE Primary

Newsletter

14th September 2018

Welcome

A warm welcome back to school for our new and existing families. We hope you all enjoyed the summer break and made the most of the lovely weather! We have entered our new term with our amazing new building project ongoing. We are delighted and it was lovely to see the children so happy and settled. We look forward to working with you all. Please make sure you read the newsletter and check Dojo's to keep up to date with our events.

Warmest regards
Mrs E Grainger

Contacting the School

We thought this would be a good opportunity to let you know who to come to if you have any concerns about your child's learning or the wider school community.

If it is a concern about your child please see their class teacher in the first instance and they will be able to either deal with the concern or direct you to someone who can help.

If you have a concern about any school matters you can always come and speak to Mrs Shynn who as Deputy Head is based on the Shalfleet site, Tuesday to Friday, and she will again be able to either deal with your concern or signpost you to someone who can!

We operate an open door policy here at Shalfleet and are always on hand to chat through any matters with you.

Just a few housekeeping reminders:

- Our newsletters are sent via dojo every Thursday. They are also available on our website www.fosay.co.uk.
- Trip letters and other correspondence will be sent home via your child's book bag so please make sure you check regularly. Please do try to return forms promptly.
- Due to nut allergies, please do not send your child in to school with any nut products containing nuts.
- If your child has long hair (boys and girls) please remember to tie back for school
- No nail varnish
- Only stud earrings to be worn (please remove or tape up on P.E days).
- Dinner money should be paid in advance. Acceptable methods of payments are:
Cash
Cheque
Online via Scopay (preferred). Please contact the office for registration details.
If your child has a food allergy and we are not aware of it (medical proof will be needed) please let us know.
- Please notify the office by 2.20pm, via email or call the office and leave a message on option 3, should anyone other than yourself be collecting your child from school anytime.
- If your child is unwell, please call or email the school office by 9am to report your child absent and the reason for the absence. Should your child have a medical appointment, please notify the office and provide a copy of the appointment letter.

Why Does Attendance Matter?

As a parent/carer you want the best for your children. Having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life. Did you know that:

- a child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all
- poor examination results limit young people's options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable
- poor school attendance is also closely associated with crime a quarter of school age offenders have truanted repeatedly
- at least 1 million children take at least one half day off a year without permission
- 7.5 million School days are missed each year through unauthorised absence.

GCSEs may seem a long way off for you and your child but all absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning. This in turn can:

- mean that they fall behind in work
- affect their motivation
- affect their enjoyment of learning
- lead to poor behaviour
- affect their desire to attend school regularly
- affect their confidence in school
- mean they miss out on the social life of school and extra-curricular opportunities and experiences
- affect their ability to have or keep friendships.

Please see the attached information leaflet from The Department of Education.

Our school attendance target has been set at 96.5% for this academic year. Let's all work together to achieve this. Your support as always is much appreciated.

Little Explorers - Building Update

The new pre-school building will be delayed by two weeks, from the 14th September until the 28th September. This therefore means that they will be unable to open as planned from new facility until Thursday 4th October 2018.

They will now be postponing the planned closure days until Monday 1st October, Tuesday 2nd October and Wednesday 3rd October and will reopen in their new premises on Thursday 4th October. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you would like to rebook your child's normal hours for Monday 17th September, Tuesday 18th September and Wednesday 19th September please contact Little Explorers via email. Any funded hours can be reclaimed at a mutually agreed time.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Universal Free School Meals

Please remember all Reception and KS1 pupils are entitled to a free hot meal. To support the uptake of this initiative pupils willing to try the meals are perfectly entitled to order a meal and still bring a packed lunch. Please talk to the school office or class teacher if you need further details.

Wellow Post Office re-opening

On Thursday 27th September at 3.30 Bob Seeley and the County Press will be there for the 'grand opening'. Riley will be cutting the ribbon and if any other local school children would like to come along there will be 'drinks and nibbles'.

Tuck

Every Monday and Thursday children can bring to school money for tuck. Money must be in a names envelope and handed to the class teacher during morning registration.

50p per item.

Toast x 2

Crumpet

Toasted Teacake

Juice Carton

Water bottle

Fruit

Open the Book

Monday 24th September - Shalfleet

Monday 15th October - Shalfleet

Monday 12th November - Shalfleet

Monday 3rd December - Shalfleet

Dates For Your Diary

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September	
20 th	School photos
October	
5 th	Harvest Festival
19 th	Last day of term - half term
29 th	Back to school

Collective Worship Dates

September

21st - Year 6 sharing
28th - Gold awards/Gold tickets

October

5th - Harvest Festival
12th - Year 5 sharing
19th - Achievements

November

2nd - Gold awards/Gold tickets
9th - Year 4 sharing
16th - Gold awards/Gold tickets
23rd - Year 3 sharing
30th - Gold awards/Gold tickets

December

7th - Christingle
14th - Gold awards/Gold tickets
21st - Achievements

January

11th - Gold awards/Gold tickets
18th - Year 2 sharing
25th - Gold awards/Gold tickets

February

1st - Year 1 sharing
8th - Gold awards/Gold tickets
15th - Achievements

March

1st - Gold awards/Gold tickets
8th - Year R sharing
15th - Gold awards/Gold tickets
22nd - Year 6 sharing
29th - Gold awards/Gold tickets

April

5th - Easter Service
26th - Gold awards/Gold tickets

May

3rd - Year 5 sharing
10th - Gold awards/Gold tickets
17th - Year 4 sharing
24th - Achievements

June

7th - Gold awards/Gold tickets
14th - Year 3 sharing
21st - Gold awards/Gold tickets
28th - Year 2 sharing

July

5th - Gold awards/Gold tickets
12th - Achievements
19th - Leavers service

Attendance Matters

Our attendance is recorded in line with the Education Welfare guidelines.

Congratulations to Reception Class and Years 2,3,4 and 5 who achieved top attendance last week with 100%

Hello from Medina College,

Hope everyone's term is off to a flying start.

Attached is a copy of our Open Evening poster- we will be opening our doors on Tuesday 9th of October between 6-8:30pm. There will be an opportunity to meet our students, staff, tour our campus and attend a theatre presentation at 7pm.

We will also be running Open Mornings on the Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th October- again all are most welcome!

Before choices have to be made I would very much like to visit your school and talk about Medina College with your Year 6 classes- if you are able to let me know which time suits best or if I can contact the Year 6 teacher directly that would be fantastic!

Thanks so much- looking forward to working with you over the coming academic year.

Jo

Girls' Brigade as an organisation is celebrating 125 years.

It would be wonderful if you could help us celebrate this milestone by promoting the organisation in your school newsletter.

Girls' Brigade is celebrating 125 years. Come along and join in the fun, make new friends, do badges, uniform, camps and much more at 1st Newport Co. We meet at Castlehold Baptist Church, High Street, Newport on Wednesdays from 6.00pm starting 12th September. Contact Sandra Brailsford on 07580268051 email 1stnewportgirlsbrigade@gmail.com or www.1stnewportgirlsbrigade.org.uk

Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Sandra Brailsford
Captain
1st Newport GB

