



# Shinewater News



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## Welcome Back! Back to School

Welcome back to a new academic year! It was great to see all of you at the gate this morning, the children were positively skipping in to school. We would like to welcome all of the new families and children who have started at our amazing school today and also to the new EYFS and Nursery children who are eager to start very soon. We are looking forward to getting to know them. The Teachers, TAs and Office Staff have worked hard to prepare for the new year and we must say a huge thank you to Mrs Wright and her team for making the school so clean and organised.

New staff: Mr Hubbard is our new attendance lead and office assistant. Do not hesitate to come in and chat with him about all things relating to attendance. We are keen to hit national standards Miss Eustace is the new teacher in Y4 and Miss O'Neill is our School Direct trainee in Y2. Mrs Morgan will be supporting in the Rainbow rooms.

### PTA



We are really eager to get our PTA up and running again. As with all schools we are experiencing budget restraints and cut backs and we would love to source additional funding to enrich the lives of our pupils, as well as run more social events for families. We have a great team of parents and carers who are keen to support the school in any way they can, however we need a person to run the

PTA for us. This person can be a parent, carer or grand parent etc. Please come and see Mrs. Kaufman who would be only too happy to guide you in the role.

### Parent Pay

Just a reminder the school is now working a cashless system. All payments for trips, clubs and lunches etc. should be made this way. Our new catering service Pabulum also requires that parents book lunches on line via Parent Pay. If you are experiencing any problems or have lost your login please pop into school and the office staff will be glad to help you get set up. The internet café in school is available for parents and careers to use before and after school.



### Marvellous ME!



The school uses a fabulous home school communication system called Marvellous ME! This helps parents and carers to learn about what has been going on in school and for us to tell you how marvellous your child is. If you have not already signed up to this come in and see the school office.

## Woodland Tots

Mrs Dyke, our specialist outdoor learning teacher, will be running sessions for pre school children and their grown ups. These sessions will take place on a Tuesday morning and you can just turn up. Please pass the information to families in our community you may know so they can come and join in as well. It is a great way to get to know other children, parents and grandparents. More information to follow next week.

Do come along, you are very welcome!



## Curriculum Information

The teachers have been working hard to provide parents and carers with additional information about the teaching and learning in the school. Information regarding the “Learning Adventures” for the term can be found under the curriculum tab on our website in the relevant year groups. We have also provided you with information regarding curriculum subjects and the units the children will be studying under individual subject information. The long term planning sections explains how subjects fit together. We will also be improving the gallery section so you can enjoy images of the learning on a more regular basis. We hope you find the information useful .

Learning Adventures Autumn 1 - 2019:

EYFS/Nursery -This is me!

Year 1 - Are we nearly there yet?

Year 2 – Into the woods

Year 3 – How would you like to rock?

Year 4 - Our extreme earth

Year 5 – Northern Lights

Year 6 – World War 1

## Computing

We are thrilled to announce our new IT suite is fully open. Mrs Boddy has changed roles and has been employed as a specialist computing teacher for the school. Mrs Boddy will be providing the latest computing learning for pupils for years 2– 6 as well as providing lunchtime and after school clubs. EYFS and Y1 pupils will also have access to the facilities, which include O-bots (robots), drones and virtual reality devices. Our academy has been supportive in providing additional funding for this initiative.

## Little Sunshines Nursery

The Nursery has a new name and will be known as Little Sunshines Nursery. The parents have requested a non compulsory uniform which is available from Miss Broder if you wish to purchase one of the sweat shirts or T shirts.

## Dates

1 October 2019—School Photos

24 October 2019—INSET Day

25 October 201—INSET Day

28 October—1 November 2019—Half Term