



Shaw C of E
Primary School



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Dear Parents and Friends

It hardly seems possible that there is only one week left of this term!

As ever, it has been a busy one. Part of this has been in the fact that we have had four external reviews from professional partners over the last few weeks!

One of the great benefits of being within a Multi-Academy Trust is that access to these kinds of challenge and support visits is much easier.

I am pleased to say that all four visits were very successful and enabled us to celebrate the good things we do and helped to focus on next steps for action in each area.

The first visit was to look at our Safeguarding systems and practices which all passed well.

Visit 2 was from the WHF Senior Leadership team to look at how well we have supported children over lockdown and since their return. Again, this was a very positive visit and some of the Shaw approaches have been shared with all WHF schools as best practice examples.

The next visit was from the Diocese of Salisbury. We have a new advisor and he was extremely impressed with the clarity of Mission Shaw and how it supports all we do in school.

The final visit was from a team of 3 experienced SENCOs who worked with us to audit our provision and approaches to supporting children with SEN across the school. They were impressed with the detail of knowledge that the school has about our SEN pupils and could see that limited resources were well targeted to support children. They also shared some best practice ideas around using visual timetables and some ideas around supporting TAs with differentiated planning which we will be developing and using.

It is always good to have external verification that what we are doing is effective and also good to hear new ideas to support us to further improve.

Kind regards

Simon White

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“I couldn’t be happier with this wonderful school. Everyone made the transition from nursery to school so easy for my daughter. She has come on so much and her confidence has improved! Also, the support we received throughout lockdown was second to none. The staff live and breathe the values and mission of Shaw and the children are at the centre of everything they do!”

Our current Mission Shaw Christian value is...

TRUTHFULNESS - Being truthful is such an important aspect of being kind. It’s not always easy. This term our assemblies explore the importance of truthfulness and look at the lives and stories of people whose truthfulness or deception have impacted themselves and others around them.



Dates for your diary

May	
Fri 28th May	End of term – usual pick up time
June	
Mon 7th June	Term 6 begins
Mon 21st June	Government target date for end of restrictions. Some future events provisional on this.
July	
Mon 5th July	TD Day – school closed to pupils
Tues 6th July	End of year reports home
Mon 12th Jul and Tues 13th July	Provisional - Yr 6 Play performances
Wed 14th, Thu 15th, Fri 16th, Mon 19th	Provisional - Yr 6 Trip days
Tues 20th July	Provisional - Whole School Sports Day – am
Thu 22nd July	Provisional - Yr 6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 23rd July	Last day of term – Early finish, no ASC
September 21	
Wed 1st Sep	TD Day 1
Thurs 2nd Sept	Term 1 begins
Thurs 21st Oct – Sun 31st Oct	October Half Term Holiday
Mon 1st Nov	Provisional TD Day 2
Sat 18th Dec – Mon 3rd Jan 22	Christmas Holiday
Tues 4th Jan 22	Provisional TD Day 3
Sat 19th Feb – Sun 27th Feb	February Half Term Holiday
Sat 9th April – Sun 24th April 22	Easter Holiday.

Easing of Restrictions – no new information so a repeat of info...

As I write, there is no new guidance for schools and the expectation is that all current restrictions and systems remain in place until further advice is given.

Therefore, please continue to help us to keep everyone safe by observing our bubble, facemasks and distancing rules, especially at drop off and pick up.

I will let you know of any changes as soon as I am informed.

Even when restrictions are lifted, we intend to keep to the staggered entry and exit times as they are for the remainder of the year as this has had massive benefits in managing the difficult carparking and traffic situation at the school.

From September, we will be looking to move to a staggered system whereby KS1 and KS2 have staggered entry and exit times. Details later in the year.

