

# Shotley Community Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year. The children have settled into their new classes well and many have already made an impressive start with their work. We are looking forward to another great year!

Miss Sterling is well and is enjoying the final few days of peace before the birth of her baby. She came in to school for lunch on Monday and is blooming!



## Sick Children

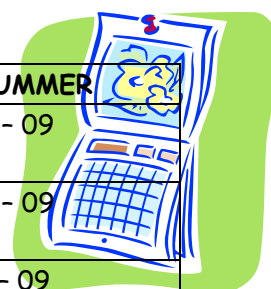
If your child is away from school, please let school know before 10am via e-mail or a telephone call. Thank you.

**Asthma** We have, for many years, ensured that children with asthma have access to their inhalers at all times, and that the children take responsibility for administering their medication as and when needed. Although this will remain the same, we now require written information about the level of medication, i.e., how many 'puffs' of which inhaler and when, and at what point we need to contact you. You also need to ensure that your children's equipment is clearly labelled and that all inhalers are in date.

**Medicines** If your child requires medicine four times a day or more please bring the medicines to the school office. We are not allowed to return the medicine to children at the end of the day, so please arrange for an adult to collect it.

## Dates for your Diary

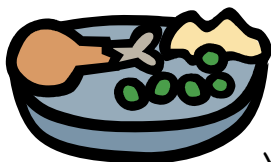
	AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
Term starts	03 - 09 - 08	06 - 01 - 09	20 - 04 - 09
Half Term last day	23 - 10 - 08	13 - 02 - 09	22 - 05 - 09
Term starts	03 - 11 - 08	23 - 02 - 09	01 - 06 - 09
Term ends	19 - 12 - 08	03 - 04 - 09	17 - 07 - 09
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Swimming starts for Year 6		
12 <sup>th</sup> September	EDF Energy Presentations and workshops for KS2 children		
25 <sup>th</sup> September	River Trip for Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3		
26 <sup>th</sup> September	River Trip for Years 4, 5 and 6		
29 <sup>th</sup> September	10am - Proposed Harvest Festival at Church. Parents and friends welcome.		



3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Jeans for Genes Day
20 <sup>th</sup> October	'Rhythm and Beans' - music presentation for Year 6
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	(afternoon) Parents and Friends Assembly END OF HALF TERM
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	START OF HALF TERM
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Photographs
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evenings
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service at Church
15 <sup>th</sup> December	(afternoon) Christmas Performance
16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> December	(evening) Christmas Performances
18 <sup>th</sup> December	(morning) Nursery Nativity
19 <sup>th</sup> December	(afternoon) Carol Service END OF TERM



### School Dinners



School dinners are £1.80 per day, and there remains a selection of the hot lunch of the day, baguettes or jacket potatoes with cheese/ham/tuna. There is always a selection of salads, fruit and yoghurts, in addition to a pudding. You can decide each week when and if you wish your child to have a hot dinner, but please inform school and send in the money each Monday morning in a named envelope, as this helps with the banking. If you wish to pay for hot dinners by cheque, please make it payable to 'Suffolk County Council'.

### Library and Reading Book Amnesty

Mrs Packard has discovered that we are over one hundred books short in our library. If you have any school books at home, please bring them in. There will be a box outside the office for the books and there will be no retribution - just our grateful thanks!!



### Cars and Pedestrians on the drive



Parents who drop children off at KIDZONE: Please do not come up to the staff car park after 8.20am. Thank you.

There have also been increasing numbers of adults and children walking on the drive, rather than on the pathway. There have been a few narrow misses with cars not expecting to meet people on the drive. Please do use the path and not the drive.

All staff are due to send out their termly curriculum letters shortly, so you should be well informed as to what the children will be learning this Autumn. If you would like to meet staff informally, please do make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Melanie Newman  
Headteacher

*If any of you would like to start to receive these letters via e-mail, please inform the office*