

# Shepherd Primary School

## Friday Letter

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents

### Nursery Applications for September 2021

Applications for places in our 4 year old Nursery for September 2021 are open, for children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018.



Applications are made via an online form on our school website:

[www.shepherd.herts.sch.uk/admissions/four-year-old-nursery-admissions](http://www.shepherd.herts.sch.uk/admissions/four-year-old-nursery-admissions)

Unfortunately we are unable to tour parents around our Nursery at the moment, but please do call the school office (01923 773478) to either book an appointment to talk to me about our Nursery, or to add your name to the list of parents who would like to tour Nursery when national restrictions allow us to.

### School Reopening on 8<sup>th</sup> March

As already communicated to you in my letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February, school will fully reopen on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March for all children. Following a review of the latest government guidance, I can confirm that our school day will operate in the same way that it did in the Autumn term.

**School Uniform** - Please remember that children must return to school in full school uniform on non PE days (this includes the correct school shoes). Children can continue to wear PE kit on PE days - next week I will confirm the PE timetable, as there are a couple of changes from the Autumn term. Please make sure that you check your child's school uniform, shoes and trainers still fit, ready for the first day back.

**Lunches** - in order to ensure that 'bubbles' of children do not mix, we will be continuing to operate our week on/week off for hot school dinners, as detailed below. As usual, those children choosing a hot meal can also choose a cold meal. School Grid will be updated shortly.

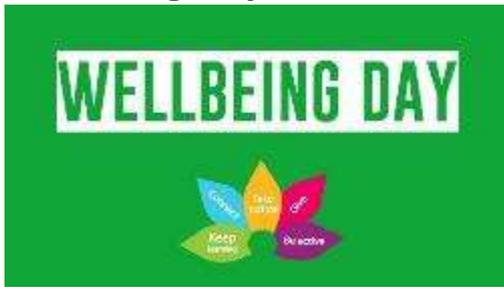
Week commencing	Children in Reception and Years 1-3	Children in Years 4-6
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Hot or cold school dinners	Cold school dinners
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Cold school dinners	Hot or cold school dinners
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Hot or cold school dinners	Cold school dinners

### Nursery Lunch Club

Nursery Lunch Club will recommence on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March for the majority of children. If you would like your child to attend lunch club until the Easter holidays, please complete the online form below by 9am on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yt3JTUeBUKkqRYYaXbnDAz6OHYyCKV95FstBd\\_KUg2iRUNUhPVDhBREFLRVRJOFEzOVgzRUozODBPSi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yt3JTUeBUKkqRYYaXbnDAz6OHYyCKV95FstBd_KUg2iRUNUhPVDhBREFLRVRJOFEzOVgzRUozODBPSi4u)

## Wellbeing Day & World Book Day on 4<sup>th</sup> March



A reminder that on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding a World Book Day & Wellbeing Day for staff and children.

Mrs Freuchen and I will be setting a range of fun activities for the staff and children to complete, which give them all time away from the screen and a break from learning online.

We will email further information to you early next week. Each child will also be receiving an envelope in the post, containing some activities and resources for the day – when it arrives, please keep it safe until Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March – thank you!

On 4<sup>th</sup> March our whole team of school staff will also be completing essential First Aid training, Health and Safety training and GDPR training, so school will be closed for all children (as we cannot release staff from their current roles in school when the children are in, without mixing ‘bubbles’).



### Loan Laptops

If we loaned you a school laptop during school closure, please return it to the school office on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please do not send your child into school with the laptop. Thank you.

## Parent Consultations

Thank you to the huge number of parents who engaged in our parent consultations this week. Class teachers received very positive feedback during the consultations, so I am glad these were useful.

## Our School Family Worker Debbie Wingfield

As a school we employ a Family Worker to support Shepherd families, as part of our work with the South West Herts Partnership. We have worked with our Family Worker, Debbie Wingfield for many years and she has supported so many families during that time. Accompanying this Friday Letter is a flyer about some of the things Debbie could support families with. If you would like support from our Family Worker, or would just like to find out more about her role, please contact Mrs Freuchen at [emergency@shepherd.herts.sch.uk](mailto:emergency@shepherd.herts.sch.uk) or by calling the school office.



Yours sincerely

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