



# Shepherd Primary School

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents,

## Covid-19 – Important Reminders

### Face Masks/Face Shields

Thank you for continuing to wear a face mask on the school playground – your support is very much appreciated.

### School Pick-Up Times

- 3.10pm: Reception and Year 1
- 3.15pm: Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4
- 3.20pm: Year 5 and Year 6

Please do not arrive on the playground early. As soon as you have collected your child, please leave the playground straight away.

### Covid Testing

If your child is tested as part of testing initiated by your family, or if they are asked to participate in the ONS-led testing study, your child will need to stay at home until the results are obtained. This is to avoid a situation where your child is asymptomatic, tests positive, and has continued to attend school, meaning that the class bubble has to self-isolate for longer than necessary. We are not discouraging parents from allowing their child to participate in the ONS-led study, and we will provide your child with home learning for the few days they are off school and waiting for their results.

## Shepherd Primary School Blog

Don't forget to check our School Blog this week

([www.shepherdprimaryschool.edublogs.org](http://www.shepherdprimaryschool.edublogs.org)) where you'll find Blog entries from me, alongside class posts.

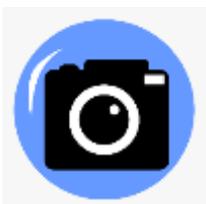


## This Week ...

### **New Covid-19 National Restrictions**

I realise that this week has been an unsettling week for many families, as the new covid-19 National Restrictions came into force yesterday morning. If you do need any help or support during the next month, please do let me know.

I would also like to take the opportunity to once again extend my heartfelt thanks to our incredible team of staff, who are continuing to provide such a wonderful, rich and exciting education for your children.



### **Image Consent Form**

Today your child will be bringing home a paper copy of our new Image Consent Form – we have updated the form to include Google Classroom. Please can I ask all parents to complete this and return it to your child's class teacher, by next Friday. Thank you.



## Reception Admissions 2021

This week, applications for Reception for 2021 opened. Please apply online, at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

## Year 4 Romney and Year 6 Merino Parents - Survey

Following on from my ParentMail, a reminder to Year 4 Romney and Year 6 Merino parents to please complete the survey passing us your feedback on the home learning experience when your child's class bubble self-isolated last half term. We will use your feedback to shape future provision. Thank you.

## Remote Learning Survey

As you know, we are following the DfE recommendation and have been developing the use of Google Classroom to help support remote learning - we have been setting weekly homework on Google Classroom and have also used Google Classroom to deliver remote learning, when classes of children had to self-isolate due to covid-19 last half term.

We know that some parents have a desktop, laptop or tablet that their child could use to access online learning if their class had to self-isolate due to covid-19. But we are also aware that some parents may not have a desktop, laptop or tablet available for their child to use.

We now have a small bank of school laptops that we are able to loan to children, for the period of their class self-isolation, to enable them to access online learning.



Please let us know, by clicking to complete the survey at the link below, if you do **not** have a desktop, laptop or tablet at home that your child could use during self-isolation and whether you would like us to loan you a laptop if your child's class had to self-isolate in the future - obviously you would need to have internet access at home, in order for the laptop to link to Google Classroom.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yt3JTUeBUKkgRYYaXbnDAz6OHYyCKV95FstBd\\_KUg2iRUNki3MTVZUTBTQUpNTFNEVIRMRVNXTTZGMS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yt3JTUeBUKkgRYYaXbnDAz6OHYyCKV95FstBd_KUg2iRUNki3MTVZUTBTQUpNTFNEVIRMRVNXTTZGMS4u)

Please bear in mind that if multiple classes were closed at the same time, we may not be able to loan every child a laptop.

## New Hooded Tops

As you may well have noticed, yesterday the new school hooded tops arrived! These were sent home with the children yesterday. If you didn't order one before half term and would now like to do so, or if you would like to order a school fleece, please visit our school uniform suppliers website: <https://gooddies.co.uk/product-category/schools/shepherd-school/> Please remember that the children cannot wear their own jumpers/cardigans in the classroom.



## Next Week...



### Children In Need – Mufti Day Fundraiser next Friday

Next week is BBC Children In Need's fundraising day. Children In Need support children across the UK - the fantastic work they do is more important this year than ever before. So next Friday we are inviting all children to come to school in mufti day clothes, in exchange for £1 which will be donated directly to Children In Need. Your child can either bring £1 cash with them next Friday, or you can pay via School Gateway. To find out more about Children In Need, please visit: <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

## Remembrance Day



Thank you all those children who have already purchased a poppy or one of the other Remembrance Day items, to support the Royal British Legion. If your child would like to purchase an item, please send the correct money into school in a named envelope (we will not be able to give change, so if you do send in extra money we will automatically add it to the Royal British Legion collection). Please make sure that you clearly state on the envelope, which item(s) your child would like to buy. Your child's class Teaching Assistant will collect your child's Remembrance Day items from the school office and pass them on to your child.

Remembrance Day items are priced as follows:

- Poppy: 30p
- Poppy zip pull: 50p
- Poppy reflector keyring: 50p
- Poppy wristband: £1
- Poppy snap band: £1.50

I hope you are enjoying seeing all the beautiful poppies appearing on the windows at school, in support of Remembrance Day – thank you to all the staff and children for carefully creating the beautiful poppies.

Please may I also draw your attention to the ParentMail sent earlier today from the PTA, with poppies that the children can colour at home and display in the window.

## School Dinners

Please make sure that you order school dinners from the right set of hot or cold choices – if by mistake you order a hot meal in a week that your child is having cold school lunches, then your child will be given whatever cold lunch is spare.

Week commencing	Children in Reception and Years 1-3	Children in Years 4-6
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Cold school dinners	Hot or cold school dinners
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Hot or cold school dinners	Cold school dinners
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Cold school dinners	Hot or cold school dinners
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Hot or cold school dinners	Cold school dinners
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Cold school dinners	Hot or cold school dinners
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Hot or cold school dinners	Cold school dinners

## General Information...



### Black History Month

During the week before half term, as part of our Black History Month celebrations, we celebrated the achievements of many significant black individuals, both from history and from the modern day. Please do have a look at our school Blog to see all the exciting learning that took place:

<https://shepherdprimaryschool.edublogs.org/>

## School Dinners

I have just been informed by Herts Catering, that as well as them being able to create special menus for children with food allergies and food intolerances, they are also able to create special menus for children who have dietary cultural preferences (e.g. no pork). If you would like to set up this special menu for your child, the instructions for how to do so are accompanying this Friday letter.



### **Celebration Assembly**

Mrs Freuchen and I are really enjoying visiting each class to do Celebration Assemblies each Friday – I am continuing to award a Headteacher's Award to a child in each class and to award a prize to a child who has earned a Role Model Raffle ticket that week. I am also continuing to post home Star of the Week postcards each week. It has also been lovely to share in some of the children's out of school achievements – ballet exams, taekwondo belt gradings and children that have earned Blue Peter badges! If your child does have a special achievement that they would like to share with me as part of our Celebration Assembly, please do email me at: [emergency@shepherd.herts.sch.uk](mailto:emergency@shepherd.herts.sch.uk)



### **Safeguarding**

If you are concerned about the wellbeing of a young person or child you are able to make an anonymous referral through Hertfordshire County Council, by calling **0300 123 4043** and selecting option 1.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Claire Foad  
Headteacher