



SHOREHAM BEACH NEWS

Shoreham Beach Primary School

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Our Vision

Shoreham Beach Primary School will be recognised as a leader in educational excellence and community involvement which creates life-long learners.

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the start of this year, I was looking forward to all the usual Summer events at school, the children's residential trips, Sports Day, the school show etc. Obviously, things changed dramatically in March and I could not have predicted this for my last term in teaching.

We had just less than 100 children in school yesterday, less than half of the school, yet all the classrooms were 'full', due to social distancing and all the staff are employed. It is odd to think that I'll never see the school back to normal or see all of the children together again in an assembly.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say what a fantastic group of people make up Shoreham Beach Primary School. All the staff have adapted to the constantly changing arrangements since March and have been both flexible and resilient. The children have done everything that has been asked of them in terms of making sure that themselves, and others, are safe. Both the children of the key workers and the Y1, Y6 and Reception children that have returned to school have come through the doors with a smile and ready to continue their learning. I am so proud of everyone.

It is clear that our values of Respect, Enjoyment, Acceptance, Confidence and Honesty have stood them in good stead and I am sure they will continue to do so. I wish everyone at and associated with Shoreham Beach Primary School every success in the future.

This will be my last newsletter, but I suspect not my last communication with you all. I'm sure that we will receive information and updates from County, the Department for Education and Public Health England about the arrangements for returning to school in September, which of course will be clearly communicated to you all during the summer break.

Pete Winstone, Sally Edwards and I have been working closely with Darren Vallier – your new Head teacher, to ensure a smooth handover and to prepare for September safely. Although term ends next Friday 17th July, strictly speaking I am in post until 31st August, so the four of us will work together to ensure the very best return to school for your children.

Next term begins for staff on Thursday 3rd September. Both Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September will be inset days for staff training, Staff will work on the annual safeguarding training, medical and First Aid training and Covid19 safety updates amongst other things.

I know that Darren Vallier and the whole staff team look forward to inviting all the children back on Monday 7th September. During the summer, you will receive information about how this will happen as start times and routes into school will be organised to ensure social distancing for everybody's safety.

Learn, Aspire, Achieve



I hope you've all managed to download the School Ping App – isn't it great? So easy to use. Teachers2Parents just really wasn't answering our needs anymore which is the reason for the switch. School Ping can also be used for bookings when it gets to Parent Consultation Evening – it should be much quicker and easier for all concerned.

School Security.

Please could we ask all of you and particularly anyone who is a close neighbour to the school to keep an eye on the premises during the holidays? We have occasionally had 'unwelcome' visitors onsite who cause damage and even local residents filling up our bins! (We have to pay for these to be emptied!)

Well, I'm not only leaving Shoreham Beach Primary, but the teaching profession. It has changed a great deal since 1987 and I'm very sad to say not all for the better. An ex colleague contacted me last weekend and said, 'I can't believe you won't be a teacher!' But once I'd begun to think about not being in teaching I knew that it was time to call it a day. It only remains for me to say a big thank you to my hard-working staff and Governors and thank you, to you, our parents for all your support over the years.

I hope that you have a fabulous summer break and all the staff look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 7th September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Woodman".

Miss Bob Woodman

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Thursday 3 September	INSET DAY – School closed for children
Friday 4 September	INSET DAY – School closed for children
Monday 7 September	9:00 – 10:00 YR – Group 1} 1 hour in YR class. Presentation to
Monday 7 September	1:30 – 2:30 YR – Group 2 } parents & school uniform purchase
Monday 7 September	Years 1 – 6 return to school (details tbn)
Friday 11 September	9:15 - 11:00 YR - Group 2 – morning in school
Friday 11 September	1:15 – 3:00 YR – Group 1 – afternoon in school
Monday 14 September	9:00 - 12:00 All Reception children in school & go home for lunch
Tuesday 15 September	9:00 - 12:00 All Reception children in school & go home for lunch
Wed 16 September	9:00 – 1:00 All Reception children in school & stay for lunch
Thursday 17 September	9:00 – 1:00 All Reception children in school & stay for lunch
Friday 18 September	9:00 – 3:15 All Reception children in school all day
Friday 2 October	8:00 – School Photographer (Individual Photos)
Mon 26 – Friday 30 Oct	Half Term
Wednesday 9 December	Years R – Years 6- Flu Immunisation Vaccination
Friday 18 December	End of Term

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4 January	Start of Spring Term
Mon 15 – Friday 19 Feb	Half Term
Wednesday 31 March	End of Term
Thursday 1 April	INSET DAY – School closed for children

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19 April	Start of Summer Term
Monday 3 May	Bank Holiday
Mon 31 May – Fri 4 Jun	Half Term
Monday 7 June	INSET DAY – School closed for children
Friday 2 July	INSET DAY – School closed for children
Friday 23 July	End of Term