



# Newlands C of E School Federation



## Newsletter No. 5 - 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### Dear Families

This will be our last newsletter for this term. We would both like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during the year. What a year it has been! It has been a very difficult time for everyone with the resurgence of COVID. Closures, isolating and online learning have certainly stretched everyone to their limits, and we thank you all for your patience and understanding. The decision-making process is not an easy one but we have always sought to protect the health, well-being, and education of both school communities, whilst always adhering to the many guidelines that we are obliged to follow.

Whilst many restrictions are being removed on 19<sup>th</sup> July, we will continue to follow our current risk assessment until the end of term, with bubbles remaining in place. Everyone is keen to get to the summer holidays without further need for isolation.

Let's hope September is an easier ride!

## Welcome Back!

We have welcomed back Mrs Voller to the fold this week and we are so very pleased to have her back on site. She will spend the last few days of this term at Shere as we all felt it was sensible for her to stay at the one school with current high levels of COVID cases.

We know that you will all be thrilled to see her back and join us in wishing her a gentle and happy return to work!

We are both still at Clandon to oversee everything there until the end of term.

<u>Key Dates</u>	
Last day of term	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> July
INSET days	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept
1 <sup>st</sup> day for children (Yr R have different start times in both schools)	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept



# PTA Information

Many thanks to the PTAs at both schools who work so hard to raise funds for us. Their dedication is greatly appreciated. Shere updates on totals raised and events are attached for Shere.

# Fun Times for All!

KS1 and Early Years at Shere and Clandon have had some fun with sports events over the last couple of weeks and Kestrels at Clandon have participated in a fantastic Victorian Day. Yes, it's different this year, but equally as much fun! More events are planned in the final few days at both schools, including ice cream all round! We know the children will have a great time.





## Medication

If your child has medication kept at school, please could we remind you to collect these on the last day of term and return them in September (if still required by your child). This is good time to check expiry dates on medication.

## Lost Property

The usual scenario for the end of term - at both schools, we seem to have accumulated masses of lost property! We will leave items visible at pick-ups for you to check, if you know that something has gone missing. Please can we remind you that ALL items of clothing, shoes and belongings (including snack boxes and lunch boxes) should be **clearly named**. So much time is wasted in searching for items that all look the same, not to mention the cost to yourselves! Thank you.

## To All Our Leavers

It is always sad to say goodbye to our children moving on to their new schools, but we know they will thrive and develop having had a solid start with us at Shere and Clandon. It goes without saying that we will miss them all and we wish them every success and happiness as they take their next steps out into the world. To all our Leavers at Shere and Clandon we say, work hard, have fun, be brave and go get 'em! Stay in touch and stay safe.

Some staff members are leaving Clandon, and we thank them for all they have brought to our school. Mrs Callaghan, Mrs Flanagan and Mrs Wood - good luck for your future adventures. We will miss you all.

## Thank You!

The biggest thank you of all must go to our amazing staff across the Federation. They have all stepped up in this most challenging of times and their compassion and energy has seen us all through yet another unsettled year. The consideration and effort they have shown our school families has been well beyond the normal expectations. We know that you will join with us in thanking each and every one of them. How lucky are we to have such a fabulous and dedicated team?

A huge message of gratitude goes to our newly formed Governing Body. The process of federation has been most demanding, and the governors have worked tirelessly to secure the future of our two small schools. For this we are eternally grateful. Thank you to them all.

And finally,... we thank all of you, all our families, for your loyal support. We wish you a fabulous summer holiday, where we hope you will stay safe and well and have the chance to recuperate.

With our love and very best wishes as we sign off...  
...over to you Mrs Voller!!!!

Emma Toone and Yvette Webb