



Shelley First School Newsletter

End of Year - July 2021

Care, fairness and respect... No barriers to learning... Celebration and joy

September

Many thanks for supporting us during such a difficult year. Unlike many other schools we have all classes still at school to enjoy the end of term which is brilliant. As we break up for the Summer we wanted to share the plans for September. These are based upon current guidance. Hopefully things will not change but we will keep you updated if they do.

Start and end times

We will return to our usual times in September. Doors will open at 8.45am and close at 8.50am. Please try to be on time so that we can maximise learning time. Entry/exit doors are as follows:

Mrs Peake & Mrs Col-	Door opposite the Eco-Lodge
Miss Ellam	Door at the rear of her classroom next to the Early Years play
Miss Barker	Door opposite The Cabin
Miss Grist	Key Stage 2 ramp
Mr Pritchard	Key Stage 2 ramp
Mrs Westerman & Miss	Key Stage 2 ramp
Miss Dempster	Key Stage 2 ramp

As there will be no need for restricting parents accessing the site we will return to our usual routes into school: either via Far Bank (main entrance) OR via the gate next to The Cabin. We will no longer be using the staff car park as we will be locking this at 8.30am as happened previously. The same applies at 3.30pm. Staff may be exiting the car park at 3.30pm to attend meetings/courses etc and it is not safe for children to wander about in that area. We will be instructing all staff to park there once again so that we do not cause congestion on Far Bank.

We appreciate that parents are busy in a morning but would encourage you to walk to school if this is at all possible.

Thank you.



Uniform



We will expect full uniform in September please, with shoes that are appropriate to run and play in. In PE the children should wear dark shorts and a white tee shirt and they will need trainers please. In Autumn and Winter it is preferable to have jogging bottoms and a long sleeved top as we try to do PE outside if we can.

Teachers will be writing to you to let you know when PE will take place. On these days please send your child in their PE kit. This will mean that we have more time for PE rather than spending time getting changed.

We have organised swimming for Year 5 next year—Miss Dempster will write to parents about this. We are trying to also organise swimming for Year 4 as usually happens. We are aware that this has been a life skill that has not been developed due to Covid.

Leadership Team

As you are aware, we have had some changes in our leadership.



From September Mrs Westerman will be our lead for Special Educational Needs. She will use Thursday mornings to fulfil this role and respond to any queries/concerns that parents may have.

Her email is: AWesterman@themast.co.uk.



Mrs Smith will remain as Assistant Head Teacher and will work Monday-Wednesdays alongside Mrs Knowles.

Their email addresses are: CSmith@themast.co.uk and DKnowles@themast.co.uk



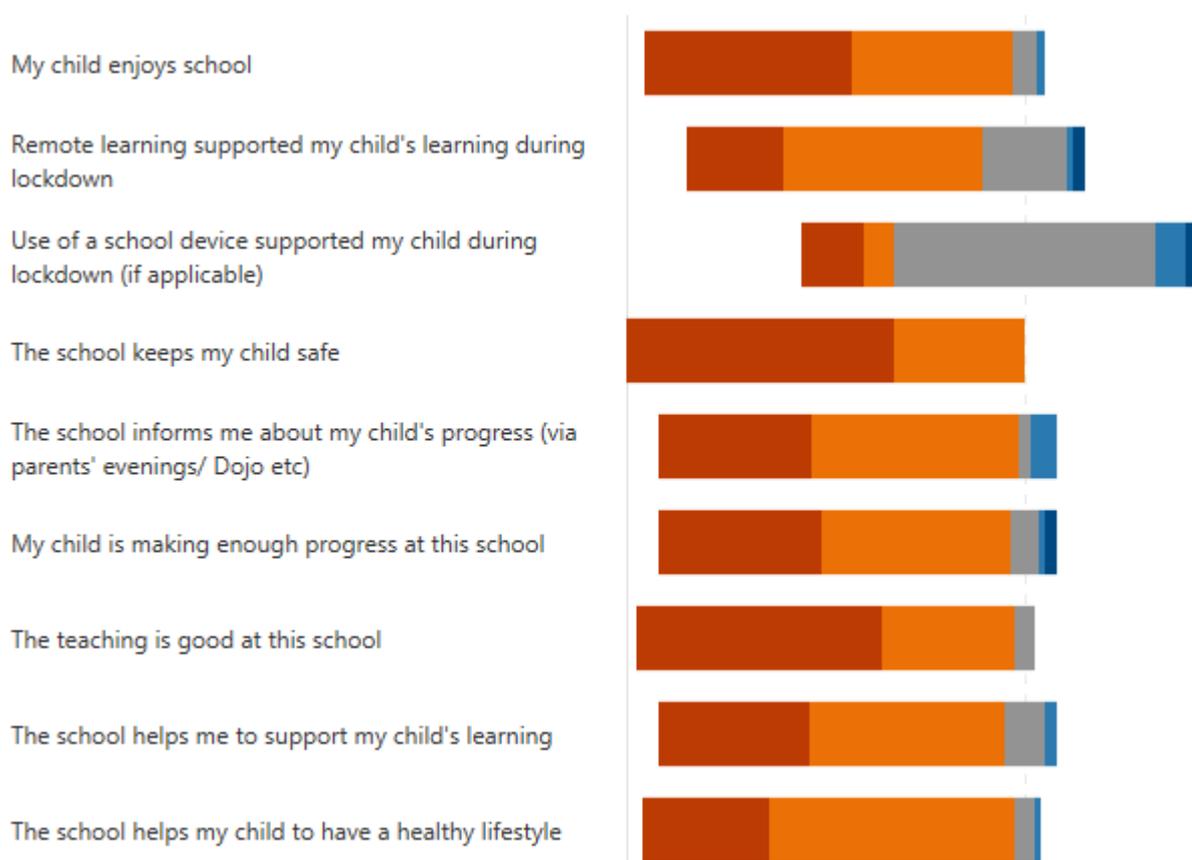
Miss Barker is also a Senior Leader with specific responsibility for Phonics and overseeing Early Years. Her email address is HBarker@themast.co.uk

If there are any concerns about your child we would encourage you to speak to the class teacher in the first instance. However, we are always happy to be contacted should issues arise.

All of our Senior Leaders are fully trained leaders for safeguarding and this is a priority in school. Please do not hesitate to share any worries with us.

Parent Survey

Many thanks to those parents who were able to respond to the survey sent out recently, Your feedback is always useful to us and help to inform planning. Results are below:



We have noted any individual comments and have taken these into account. We had some comments about school dinners. We agree that the meals could be better and are delighted to announce that we will be working with a different caterer in September. The new menu is attached to this email. We hope everyone enjoyed the edible treat that came home this week.

In September we will be holding taster sessions for our parents—watch out for these dates.

Summer reading challenge

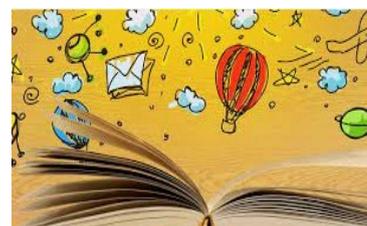
Please find attached to this newsletter, your fun summer reading challenge.

There are 20 expeditions along the way, can you conquer them?

If yes, colour the conquest! You'll soon discover there are so many things to read and places to read them in.

Readers don't only read books! Children love reading Top Trumps, take away menus, comics, instructions on their Minecraft Games, birthday cards, magazines and much more!

Readers who finish the adventure can share their colourful maps with us in September.



Enrichment

You should now be able to see the 'Summer Serenade' clips on the website. This is just a snapshot of some of the music happening in school.

We very much hope to get back to 'normal' in September and a very important part of this is offering extra-curricular clubs again.

The office is busily organising these and information will be sent to parents so that you sign up in the Summer holidays. If your child is in receipt of 'Pupil Premium' the school will pay half of the costs of clubs—please let us know if you wish us to do this. Please look at the information sent with this newsletter to see if you qualify for Free School Meals. We feel strongly that no child should miss out on extracurricular opportunities.



Contact details

It is really important that we have correct up to date contact details in case we need to ring or email you regarding your child. This is particularly important when a child is ill. Therefore, we would really appreciate you keeping us informed of any changes to telephone numbers etc if you have changed employment or moved house.

You can email or call the office with any changes in details .

Many thanks.



Dates

We will be sending year dates home at the start of term but please be aware that the new school year commences on Wednesday September 8th.

We wish you a wonderful Summer holiday. Everyone deserves a healthy and happy break—enjoy being with your loved ones. Thanks again for your continued support over this last year.

Finally, we say a final goodbye to our Year 5 students and to those staff leavers too.

See you in September!

