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A message from Mrs Williams and Miss A-G

This year we are developing our outdoor play opportunities at lunch time. Miss A-G has been talking to Year 5 and 6 children this week about becoming Play Leaders. These selected children have a really important role to run lunchtime activities and games. At lunchtime, we will have the playground divided into different zones with different activities in each. These will range from Lego, building, drawing, skipping and we intend to start making more use of the MUGA at lunchtime for larger ball games. Mr Bailey is kindly beginning to build a shed for all the equipment to be stored in. To help us get started the FOSS have kindly agreed to buy us an outdoor speaker and a Lego tabletop. We do need your help. We are looking for the following donations:

- Tyres
- Pallets (no exposed nails)
 - Crates
 - Musical instruments
- Guttering, piping (no rough edges)
 - Watering cans
 - Scooters and helmets
 - Tarpaulin
- Outdoor kitchen, pots and pans
 - Camping Chairs
- Small world toys – animals, figures, happy land
 - Gardening gloves

All donations need to be in good condition which means no sharp edges or broken parts
All donations to the school office please. If they are not in suitable condition, we will need to ask you take back home.

Goodbye

Mrs Pavildou-Sullivan will be leaving Shrivenham Primary School at Christmas. She has been successfully appointed at a new school.

I am sure you will join me in wishing all the very best in her new role.

Recruitment for Year 4 has begun and I hope to share information about the new class teacher soon.

Phonics

All parents/carers of children in Reception and Year 1 are invited to a phonics workshop to gain a better understanding of phonics and how you can best support your child with reading at home.

What is phonics?

Phonics is making connections between the sounds of our spoken words and the letters that are used to write them down. We use a phonics programme called Little Wandle throughout EYFS and Key Stage 1 to teach reading and the spelling of words.

We look forward to welcoming you into school for a short presentation on how we teach phonics and reading at Shrivenham followed by an opportunity to play phonics games with your child in their classroom.

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Driving and Parking

You may have seen our no parking people near the pavements. We are working with the parish council to have more cones to place along the path. This is because it is a risk to pedestrians when cars are mounting the paths even when families are walking alongside it. As I said last week, the children's safety is our priority.

Please can I also urge families, who use a car to come to school, to get the children to exit the car on the pavement side and not into the road. This has also been witnessed by others as a safety concern.

World Mental Health Day

This week was World Mental Health Day and whilst we also recognise Children's Mental Health Week in February, Mrs Forrester and Mrs Bailey ran Wellbeing sessions for every class over 3 days. We talked about helping our bodies and minds to stay healthy and some emotions we may feel.

Each child made a "fruit mountain" and topped it with Greek yoghurt and honey! There were lots of successful first tries especially with the honey on! Each class had an age-appropriate mindfulness and Yoga session. We had a very chilled time!



FOSS winners

August:

1st prize - Hammett - £15

2nd prize - Sherratt - £10

3rd prize - Horne - £5

4th prize - Humphreys - £5

September:

1st prize - Taylor - £15

2nd prize - Hammett - £10

3rd prize - Jones - £5

4th prize - Corcoran - £5

If you'd like to join the lottery run by your school PTA, we're always keen to hear from new members. Balls cost just £1 and you have as many balls as you want. If you're one of our monthly winners, you'll receive a cheque via your child's book bag. If you're interested in joining, please drop us a line at fosspta@hotmail.com and we'll be in touch to get you signed up!

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Calendar Dates

XXXX new dates added



Dates	Activity
9 th October	Year 5 trip
10 th October	World Mental Health Awareness Day
11 th October	Flu Vaccinations at school
15 th and 17 th October	Parents' evening – letter has been sent
24 th October	Last day of school – normal finish time
25 th October	TD day – no children in school
4 th November	TD day – no children in school
5 th November	Phonics Workshop 2.15pm, classroom visit 2.30pm – 2.50pm: Reception and Year 1 parents
5 th November	First day of Term 2
7 th November	Phonics Workshop 2.15pm, classroom visit 2.30pm – 2.50pm: Reception and Year 1 parents
11 th November	Remembrance Service – 9.30am
12 th November	Wear odd socks day
14 th November	Individual school photos including pre school
25 th November	Mr Nuts coming school – Assembly and Book Sale
2 nd December	Advert Service at school
11 th December	Reception Nativity 9.30
12 th December	I Rock concert for school and parents of musicians 2.30pm
13 th December	KS1 Christmas Play 9.30
17 th December	KS2 Christmas performance TBC
20 th December	Last day of term – finish at 1pm
6 th January	TD day – no children in school
7 th January	First day of Term 3

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