



Miss Shaw's Newsletter

Dear children and families,

The weeks seem to be racing by and this week is no exception. We now have all our bubbles up and running - in fact we only have 3 spaces across Reception and Year 1 left unfilled. It is amazing to have what feels like so many children back in school – there is a lovely buzz as I walk around.

Mr Johnson said the other evening that his government were dropping their aim for all primary children to return to school for a period of time before the summer break. Although this has saddened us, we need to be realistic and make sure that it is safe for everyone to return. At this moment in time, I am planning for everyone to return in September. There are, of course, no guarantees that this will happen but I shall start from that point and adapt our plans once we have more information. It may be that we don't actually know what's happening in September until during the summer holidays. I won't write every week, but I shall keep you all up to date regularly as soon as we know more. Our planned term dates are later in this newsletter.

This week we have been thinking about empathy in school. It was lovely to meet Ryd yesterday who came over to record some of our children ready for the virtual carnival tomorrow. It is so sad that the real carnival can't take place but I hope the positive messages you will hear around Arbury will bring a smile to everyone's face. We have been busy with lots of empathy activities here at school and it's lovely to see, and hear, that our children at home have also been joining in. Our thanks go to Kettle's Yard for helping with resources and support for our Empathy Week.

My step - children are at home with me this week so I am hoping to have a relaxing weekend with them and, of course, Mollie the Collie. Jess and Tom have told me that they are cooking a Spanish meal for me tomorrow night which I will really look forward to.

Have a good weekend,

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Current pick up and drop off times.

Quick reminder of our drop off and pick up times. You are welcome to drop off/pick up your youngest child at the same time you pick up your eldest child. Please can you stick to the times here as this helps our staff.

Group	Arrival time	Pick up time (Mon – Thurs)	Pick up time (Friday)
Critical workers	8.45	3.00	3.00
Reception	9.30	2.45	1.00
Year 1	9.15	2.30	1.00
Year 6	9.00	2.15	1.15
Aviary	9.00	2.15	1.15

Planned term dates for 2020/21

Autumn 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021
Term starts: 03/09/20 INSET Days: 03/09/20; 04/09/20 Children Return: Monday 7 th September Term ends: 18/12/20 Half term: 26/10/20 – 30/10/20 INSET Day: 2/11/20	Term starts: 04/02/21 INSET Day: 04/01/21 Children Return: Tuesday 5 th January Term ends: 26/03/21 Half term: 15/02/21 – 19/02/21	Term starts: 12/04/21 Term ends: 22/07/21 Half term: 31/05/21 – 04/06/21 INSET Day: 07/06/21

New to Reception in September 2020.

We are finalising our plans over the next few working days and will then be in contact with all our new children, and their families, to explain our transition plans for this year. We will not be able to have any children visit us unfortunately.



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What's been happening in school
this week?

