



International, Inspiring, Incredible

23 August 2019

Newsletter

Welcome to the start of a new school year at the British Section, SHAPE International School. We are very excited about the year ahead and look forward to working with you and your children to provide an international, inspiring and incredible year of education.

This first month in school, we are focusing carefully on a shared code of conduct with the Canadian Section, that we have called the UKCAN Promise. I have been exceptionally impressed with how the children have adopted this quickly this week and settled into life back at school.

Important Dates	
Mon, 26 th Aug	Start of Forest School Sessions
Mon, 26 th Aug	FS2 start date (Half days)
Tue, 27 th Aug	Y6 commence swimming lessons
Mon, 26 th Aug	FS1 Coffee Morning (0930-1010)
Fri, 30 th Aug	FS1 First day
Mon, 2 nd Sep	FS2 Start Date (Full Days)
Wed, 4 th Sep	School Photographs
Thur, 19 th Sep	School Closed at 1200hrs
Tue 1 st Oct	BSB Admissions Visit. Y6 and Parents

School Timings and Routines

As the school year begins, this is a reminder of school timings. For those who arrive earlier in the morning our school staff team will be at the playground by the bus office from 08.25hrs. You are more than welcome to drop your children off here at this time. For safety reasons during this time, younger children will not be allowed on the playground equipment.

Years	Start Time	Finish Time
FS2 – Y2	08.50	15.25 (Mon, Tue, Thurs and Fri) 15.00 (Wed only)
Y3 – Y6	08.50	15.30 (Mon, Tue, Thurs and Fri) 15.05 (Wed only)

Healthy Snacks



Y1 – Y6 children are encouraged to bring a **small, healthy** snack that they can enjoy during their morning break.

Ideally, the snacks should ensure that the children get enough sustenance to last until lunchtime but are not impacting on the quantity eaten at lunch and don't take too long to eat, so they have substantial time to play.

In order to encourage healthy teeth and lifestyles, please do not give your child sweets, chocolate or crisp type snacks. The ideal type of snack may include a small portion of fruit, vegetables, cereals, rice cakes or yoghurt.



Nut Allergies

As with every school, there are children who have significant allergies to all kinds of nuts. For the safety of all children, it is essential that all lunches and snacks brought in from home are nut free.

NO NUTS



PLEASE

School Dinners

Please could you inform the school office if your child no longer requires school dinners this year. In order to ensure the smooth running of the dinner ordering, we ask that children commit to either school dinners or packed lunches, without frequent changes.

Please be aware that if your child is down for school dinners and they have a packed lunch, then they will still be charged for the dinner. The cost of school meals for Y3-Y6 is €2.49 per meal.

Forest School

We are delighted to announce that our Forest School will commence on **Monday, 26th August 2019**.

Please see below when each class will be participating in a Forest School session:

Monday –	Y6 and Y2
Tuesday –	FS2
Wednesday –	FS1
Thursday –	Y5 and Y3
Friday –	Y4 and Y1



When a child goes out to Forest School they will experience a whole year of weather conditions and explore areas where there are brambles, nettles and even the possibility of coming into contact with ticks, so appropriate clothing is essential. Below is a list of the clothing that children will require for the coming year:



- Wellington boots/waterproof footwear - **No open toe sandals to forest school**
- Old long trousers (as nettles and brambles can sting bare legs)
- 2 pairs of warm socks (feet get very cold in wellies, especially in winter)
- Layers for the top of the body, depending on the weather:
- Vest
- Long sleeve top
- Fleece/sweatshirt/jumper/ old warm top
- Jacket/Waterproof coat Gloves/mittens
- Woolly hat/sunhat

To keep this as simple as possible, on your child's Forest School day, **please send your child to school wearing their forest school clothes. They should bring their school uniform to get changed into after/or if needed if their clothing gets very dirty.**

Year 6 - Swimming Lessons

Year 6 will commence swimming lessons on Tuesday 27th August in the mornings

If you have not already done so, please ensure that you log onto the Parents' section of the website and complete the online permission slip found under Surveys and Forms.

Children must bring a swim hat and goggles, swimming costume (no baggy swimming trunks) and towel, both clearly named. If you wish, children may bring a healthy snack to eat on their return to class after the lesson.



School Photographs



School photographs will be taken on **Wednesday, 4th September** at school. Please could you ensure that your children come to school in their full school uniform, including their school cardigan or jumper, plus black shoes.

School Library

Library sessions for the children will commence next week.

This year, we are launching a couple of drives to promote the value of reading further, through preserving the quality of our books.



To ensure the quality of our library stock remains high, we will now request that if a library book becomes damaged or lost, it be replaced by either a new book or a good quality, second hand book.

We will shortly be providing book bags to ensure books are kept in the best condition possible and to reduce the use of plastic wallets. In the meantime, please encourage your child to keep water bottles separate from library books, to ensure they don't get leaked on and damaged.

Thank you very much for your support with this. We have recently purchased lots of new books, which we look forward to the children enjoying this year.

Have a great weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Mr J Niedzwiedzki
Headteacher