



## Shepeau Stow Primary School

**Our Vision** is to ignite imagination and curiosity which builds an enduring passion for life-long learning

### Friday 13 September 2024 Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first catch up of the year. Lots of updates for you; it has been a really busy first week.

#### Reading books

Children will bring their reading books home regularly. Children who are just joining us in Reception will be bringing home a book to share; this is for you to read to them. We will be arranging a phonics and reading information evening this term, led by our phonics and reading leads across the Federation; further information will follow.

#### Early Birds & Night Owls

These are up and running at both schools. We are now able to accept Child Tax Care Vouchers and we will send out information on how to register a place and use these. Mrs Ladley is currently in the process of setting up a separate register as our current one only allows for bookings of parents using our current payment system.

#### Term dates next year

These are all on our website and the local authority website. Term time holidays will not be authorised. We will be sending out further information on the changes to fines for absences in line with new government guidance. It should be noted that these are now on an increasing scale. Requests for authorised absences must be made in advance.

#### Diary Dates

Dates for the coming term are on the school calendar on our website. Please ensure you check for the correct school as they are slightly different.

#### Absences

Please notify the school on the first day of absence before 9am wherever possible. You can send an email to the school enquiries email address, leave a telephone message or call school. **Please do not send absence emails directly to staff members as if they are not always monitored and some office staff are part-time.** Where we have not received a reason for absence we may do a safe and well visit to the house to ensure there are no safeguarding concerns.

#### Polite reminder

Mobile phones are not to be used on site, this includes the playground.

#### PE days

At Shepeau Stow PE is on Wednesday for Puffins class and Thursday for Woodpeckers and Eagles classes.

#### Homework

This year the children will be bringing home the common exception words in the front of their homework books. Children will not be doing a formal spelling test in school. We will be teaching spelling patterns daily and assessing spelling through their independent writing. At this point in the year children in Y2 & 3 will have Reading and Maths homework. Children in Year 4 will have times tables homework, English and Reading. Children in Y5 & 6 will have English and Maths but also there is an expectation that they are reading regularly and independently. This is part of the preparation for their secondary school readiness.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

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