



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well and that you have had a good summer break with your children. It has been a real pleasure for me and the other adults to welcome all the children back into school this week. The enthusiasm for learning has been consistently positive across the school. A huge thank you to all the adults who have worked through the summer break preparing their classrooms and organising their planning to enable all our children the best possible opportunity to smile, learn and excel at SLE.

Our value for this half-term is:

**Whole-hearted**

All our children will be encouraged through their learning to try their very best, persevere when they are challenged and commit to making the most of every day. There will be themed assemblies throughout this term and exposure to aspirational people who embody this value – The first person being, Ben McBean.

Furthermore, the children will from next week be learning and performing a weekly song linked with this theme – which will be played in the morning through the school.

On the subject of performing, this year we are planning a show for every class and something special for the whole school in July. Unlike Oasis, our tickets will be reasonably priced and readily available!

As always, please remember that myself, the SLT and the staff of our school are here to discuss the welfare and education of your child when needed. Also remember that we strive for the very same thing as you – which is the very best for your child. If wish to speak to someone via an appointment – please contact Mrs Walker on 01872 276372 or [hello@shortlanesend.org.uk](mailto:hello@shortlanesend.org.uk).

We aim to be fully effective in all aspect regarding your child's education, however, we are human, so we can never say that errors never happen. If they happen, they are never deliberate. Please come and discuss issues with us, listen and work with us to ensure your child remains happy at our school.

There are lots of dates on this newsletter concerning events at school, including parent information sessions. Please note these dates carefully and attend if you are able to, to continue to help us support your child.

Here's to another successful and enjoyable year at SLE.

Enjoy your weekend – Mr Wilson



### **Staffing**

We welcome new members of staff this term:

Mrs Jackson into our nursery

Mrs Bignell as our SENDCo (Temporary whilst the school seek to appoint a new SENDCo)

We will be saying another temporary farewell to Mrs Haynes at Christmas, as she will be expecting her second child early in the new year.

### **Event Dates for half-term**

#### **Aspirational Day**

- A day where every child is asked to attend school dressed suitably for their aspirational career. This could be anything that they aim for or dream to be – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – More details will be issued soon.

#### **Parent Sessions**

- RWI input – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September @ 3:15 – EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2.
- Maths Workshops (+ and -) – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October @ 3:15 – Whole School
- Online Safety – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October @ 2:30 – Whole School

#### **Harvest:**

- Nursery and Reception Craft Afternoon – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 2:15

#### **School Photos**

- Individual Photos – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Parent Consultation Meetings**

- Week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October

We will confirm dates for Christmas events in next week's newsletter.

#### **Wraparound Care**

Early Birds (7:50 – 8:30) and After School Club (3:15-5:15) are available.

Places for **After School Club** wrap around club need to be booked in advance through Parent Pay.

Aspire Finance have noted any debts from last year showing on Parent Pay – We would great appreciate your settlement of these as a matter of urgency please.



### School Day

The school day is simplified to an **8:45 start** and a **3:15 finish** for all classes. The gates will be opened at 8:35 – please ensure that your child is in school **by** 8:45 for registration.

### Jewellery

A reminder that children should not be wearing any jewellery to school apart from studded earrings. This is for safety reasons as well as protection against precious items being lost or damaged.

### Uniform

A reminder that we ask for your child to wear a school sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie as part of our required uniform. These can be purchased from Key Wear in Truro. The rest of the uniform can be purchased anywhere you wish. This decision is in place to ensure that the cost of uniform is kept low. However, we wish to ensure our uniforms is fully affordable and accessible, therefore, high street alternatives to branded school uniforms are very acceptable.

It is important that you support our school by ensuring your child has the correct uniform. If you do have any issues sourcing or affording the correct uniform, please contact the school for help and support.

### School PE Kit

- White T-shirt
- Black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers for outside activities.
- Choice of **school** hoodie, sweatshirt or cardigan

### Non Pupil Days/Term Dates 2023-24

We have set our INSET (Non pupil) Days for the academic year as:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

### Our Term Dates for 2024-25 are:

#### Autumn Term:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
(Half-term: 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – return to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**)

#### Spring Term:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
(Half-term: 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February)



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**NOTE:** We have an inset day on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Summer Term:

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 – Tuesday 22nd July 2025  
(Half-term: 26<sup>th</sup> May – 30<sup>th</sup> May)