



# Welcome To Shawlands Primary



# Shawlands Primary School

## Reception Classes

### Adults you will see:



**Miss Law**  
EYFS Leader  
Lively Lion Teacher



**Mrs Butterwood**  
Generous Giraffe Teacher



**Mrs Gates**  
Generous Giraffe Teacher



**Mrs Parker**  
Talented Turtle Teacher



**Miss Williams**  
Talented Turtle Teacher



**Miss Williamson**  
Parent Support Advisor  
Covers all EYFS classes



**Mrs Wadsworth**  
Teaching assistant



**Miss Ambler**  
Teaching assistant  
Fast-Track Phonics Tutor



**Mrs Thomas**  
Teaching assistant



**Miss England**  
Teaching assistant



**Mrs Hobson**  
Teaching assistant



# Any Problems or Questions

- Please don't pass messages on at the door in a morning.
- Please pass these on to Miss Williamson/Mrs Athorn (who are usually on the gate)
- Or alternatively pop in 10 minutes after school / make a formal appointment.
- We are here to help and support you.



# Structure of the Day

- Please refer to the children's transition booklet for a detailed breakdown of a normal day in our class.
- The Reception door opens at 8.45 until 9am when register begins.
- Lunch Time will be 11.45 – 1.00  
Children will have dinner and then play outside.
- Home time 3.20pm – 3.30pm
- There will be someone to direct you on the first day if you're not sure of the school layout





# Behaviour Systems



- Children are rewarded for good behaviour but sometimes will need sanctions if they are not following the rules. This is usually a time out.
- We use the dojo reward system – invites will be sent out in September to invite you to join the dojo app. We also send use the messaging system on dojo.
- When children have achieved 250 dojo points they visit the prize cupboard and choose a little prize.
- We give dojos for being on time and ready to learn, being kind, being a good friend, setting a good example, working hard etc.
- The behaviour system across the foundation unit is consistent.





# The EYFS Prime Areas of Learning

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development – gross and fine motor skills
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- 4 other specific areas – Literacy, Maths, Understanding of the World, Expressive Arts and Design



- At Shawlands we follow the Read Write Inc phonics scheme.
- We teach the children the pure sounds not the letter names.
- In September the children will be taught the picture side of the cards as well as the letter and the sound it makes.
- We will also have a big focus on 'Fred talk' (oral blending) – the skill children learn before reading words independently.
- Our school website has lots of information and resources on the phonics page.

# Phonics



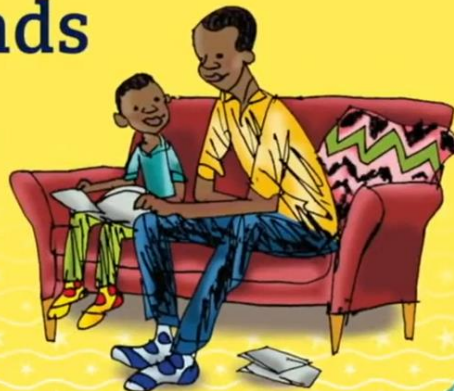
# Phonics

There are lots of useful videos on the Ruth Miskin YouTube page.

@RuthMiskinTrainingEdu  
under the 'Films for Parents and Carers'  
playlist.

**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

## How to say the sounds



We are a  
Ruth Miskin

**Read Write Inc.**

school  
2024



# Reading and Writing

- There will be a meeting in September/October which covers the next stages of phonics and how to support your child at home.
- There is a big push on phonics / writing / reading this year so please help your child to practise learning their sounds and reading at home. They will bring home sound cards and QR codes for videos in September.
- Reading books will be sent home every week – This will not start straight away though. We usually start reading books around October half-term.



# Other points

- Children need to bring a water bottle everyday – We advise water only
- Fruit – all children get free fruit
- Milk – children get free milk until the term of their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. If your child still wants milk after their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday you can order and pay for it online – see the leaflet in the information pack.
- If you choose to send a packed lunch – they need a healthy packed lunch – sweets or chocolate bars are not allowed (a chocolate covered biscuit is ok). Hot food is not allowed and please cut grapes lengthways.
- Lots of allergies so please do not send nuts
- **Name in ALL clothes** *please*
- Toilet accidents -send your child with a change of clothes if they are likely to have an accident. Any borrowed clothes must be brought back.
- Baking and creative money is £18 for the year – this covers all cooking / creative / playdough costs / outdoor learning. This money is payable upfront to the class teacher for the year. Alternatively it can be paid £3 per half term. Not compulsory
- Absences, holidays

# Dinner Selection

- All children are entitled to a free school meal.
- There is a main meal, a vegetarian option and a jacket potato choice.
- Dinner choices need to be chosen on the Gateway App (see separate letter). They need to be chosen before 8am that morning or ideally on the day before. This can also be done a few days in advance.





# We are a cashless school



- Please create an account on the school gateway website/app
- You will pay for class trips via this app/website
- Please see separate letter or the office staff if you need help with this.

# Transition Booklet

Please read this booklet  
with your child.

We are very excited for  
the children to start in  
September!





# & Letters

We put updates and information on our class X pages – please follow us:

Miss Law - @livelylions

Mrs Butterwood - @Mrs\_Butterwood

Mrs Gates - @MrsGates2024

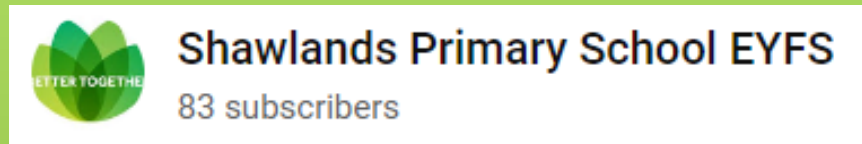
We email newsletters and other letters to you so please make sure the office have your current email address.

Please keep an eye on the EYFS noticeboard next to the cloakroom door for key information.

School and the office have X accounts where information can also be posted: @ShawlandsPS @ShawlandsOffice







- We have a Youtube Channel – Shawlands Primary School EYFS
- Miss Law and Mrs Parker have uploaded some story times on here which might be nice for you to watch and listen to!



# Questions



If you have any further questions  
please don't hesitate to contact us:

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