



Shirley Infant School

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DIARY DATES



MARCH

Saturday 23rd	FOSIS Colour Fun Run
Monday 25th	Parent Corner 2-3pm
Friday 29th	FOSIS Year 1 Cake Sale after school

APRIL

Monday 1st	Badgers Fire Dance at 2:50pm
Wednesday 3rd	Woodpeckers Fire Dance at 2:50pm
Thursday 4th	Year R Celebration Event at 2:50pm
Thursday 4th	Year 2 Home Learning Due
Friday 5th	Foxes Fire Dance at 2:50pm
Friday 5th	School closes at 3:10pm for

Easter Holiday

Monday 22nd	EASTER MONDAY - School Closed
Tuesday 23rd	School re-opens at 8:45am for Summer

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had such a fabulous term with so many wonderful experiences for the children.

Year R have been hooked into their topic with the farm visit in week 1. They were left some chicken eggs which they have been nurturing and looking after so carefully in their incubators. Meet our chicks over the page. They have been learning how to write a list and using their sounds to write about the animals that live on a farm.

Year 1 have been experiencing what it was like for a child to live in Victorian times. They had a fabulous visit to Manor farm where they gained in-depth knowledge on how children went to school and life in a Victorian home. We have seen some amazing writing on wash day and the children loved coming into school dressed as Victorian children. Thank you for coming to their celebration assembly.

Year 2 were hooked into their topic with a drama based theme for the Great Fire of London. They are absolutely fascinated with the facts of this historical event. The children have then been using these facts to have some really good philosophy lessons. Look out for their celebration event coming soon.

We are pleased to inform you that work to resurface our playground play apparatus will begin soon. This has been made possible because the government has continued the PE and sports funding to schools this year, and we have been able to use this ring-fenced funding to improve this area. This will mean that this top area of the playground will be restricted for at least two weeks, possibly three. We are very much looking forward to having a purpose built warm up zone for physical activity for our children. This developed area will enable sustained physical activity for our children for many years to come. We will be able to use this area to warm up before PE lessons and enable physical activity during playtimes. The children can use the solar timer to beat their records going around the course.

Thank you so much to FOSIS and all your fundraising which made this project finally possible. It has been something we wanted to improve for some years now.

Thank you for your continued Support.

The Shirley Infant Team

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Miss Mew at the end of this term. Miss Mew has been with us for 9 years and has been instrumental in seeing many cohorts of our children through the school. She is currently on Maternity but will not be returning, as she has decided to focus all her attention on her little girl.

We wish her all the best on her new journey and send our best wishes to her and her little one.



Parent View

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about Shirley Infant School. Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child's school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed by both parents or guardians of a child each year. Ofsted use the information you provide when making decisions of which schools to inspect, and when. For more information, please obtain a leaflet from the school office or visit the parent page on our website. We really would appreciate your views in both capacities as it supports us greatly!



Year R Chicks

Year R are currently taking care of their spring chicks. We were a little bit worried this year as the temperature in the school over the snowy weekend had dropped considerably. But to our surprise we have successfully hatched 12 chicks, our largest number to date. The children (and some of the staff) have been fascinated by watching and looking after them.

Squirrels

Meet

Colonel Mustard, Nemo, Fudgy & Dusty



Otters

Let us introduce

Bob, Cheep & Zoom



Hedgehogs

And welcome to

*Rosie, Rocky, Captain Beaky,
Ralphie, Jasmine & Buzz*



World Book Day

What an amazing spectacle World Book Day was! The children (and staff) looked fantastic on World Book Day dressed as a character. Thank you as ever for your brilliant efforts.

The day started with the children watching our staff pantomime written by Mrs Hearne. The children were so engaged watching the story unravel and having a no pens day. Miss Prior (English Leader) and the staff have been thrilled with the children's progress in reading this year, but please keep reading at home. This can be the school reading book or any texts and stories when you are out and about.



Library Books

Please can you make sure that all existing library books are returned to school before the Easter break. Thank you.

SAFE PARKING

Please, please, please can you try to be considerate of our neighbours when parking for drop off and after school pickup. Even if you think you will be only 5 minutes you do not know who's drive you are blocking and where they may need to be in those five minutes.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 97.4%

