



# Shirley Infant School

## Newsletter 2 - 19th October 2018

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### DIARY DATES



#### HALF TERM

#### October

Monday 29th	School re-opens at 8:45am
Monday 29th	Parent Corner 9-10am
Tuesday 30th	Parents Evening 4-7pm

#### November

Thursday 1st	Parents Evening 4-7pm
Friday 2nd	Year 2 Seacity Trip
Monday 5th	FOSIS Firework Display
Wednesday 7th	Year 2 Pupil Progress 8.45am
Thursday 8th	Year 1 Science Museum Trip
Wednesday 14th	Year 1 Pupil Progress 8.45am
Thursday 15th	Year 2 Titanic Dress Up Day
Friday 16th	FOSIS Quiz Night
Friday 16th	Year 1 Home Learning due

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a fabulous half term we have had with dinosaur footprints being discovered in Year R, Superheroes saving the world in Year 1 and magical potions being created in Year 2. Thank you so much for all the support you have given your little ones in learning their topics in their new year groups. We are very proud of how well they have settled and how we are seeing our learning values shine through for cooperation, independence, perseverance and curiosity.

Our Harvest celebration was held on Friday 5th October and we were joined by children and staff from Shirley and Barn Owls Pre-schools. The children had all learned some fantastic harvest songs to share. Lena Philips, the children's worker from St James' Church spoke to the children and also thanked them for their donations. Many thanks for sending in gifts of food which have been passed onto St James' Shelter.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank FOSIS for all their hard work raising £5,178.00 for our school last year. Their generosity to our school has been outstanding and we are very pleased to have been able to spend the funds on gaining our Silver Rights Respecting award, using GO givers website to enhance PSHE lessons and Philosophy for Children sessions.

Thank you for your support this half term.

The Shirley Infant Team



### SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Friday 12th October we held our School Council elections. Mr Thornton & Mrs McKay came in from the City Council election team to run the day. The children experienced a proper election with voting slips, sealed boxes and mini-booths to vote in their new school council representatives. The whole school really enjoyed this experience of real life democracy.

We would like to congratulate our newly voted in School Council for 2018/2019:

- Badger Class - Frankie & Sammy
- Fox Class - Fabienne & James
- Woodpecker Class - Oliver & Emilia
- Owl Class - Tiger & Bobby
- Rabbit Class - Poppy & Hamish
- Mole Class - Amelia & Kieran
- Hedgehog Class - Charm & Elliott
- Otter Class - Jack & Poppy
- Squirrel Class - Aric & Sophie

They will be supporting Miss Dutson to lead initiatives and evaluate how effectively our school runs so that Shirley Infants is the best school it can possibly be!



We are also very proud of our Deputy School Council members. They will be our Eco Warriors and they will work with Mrs Kennedy on improving our reduce, reuse and recycle systems so that we do our part to keep our planet healthy!



### ECO COUNCIL

- Badger Class - Boris & Esme
- Fox Class - Dylan & Alexis
- Woodpecker Class - Rowan & Hirah
- Owl Class - Lola & William
- Rabbit Class - Quinn & Teddy
- Mole Class - Sophie & Aidan
- Hedgehog Class - Halle & Harry
- Otter Class - Sam & Rani
- Squirrel Class - Ollie & Freya



## GRAND OPENING OF OUR NEWLY REFURBISHED LIBRARY

We have been working on our school library since the summer term. School council were asked how they would like to improve their library. They sent out questionnaires to their classes and then they looked at all the responses. The ideas for improvements were:



- To paint the library green so it feels like they are reading outside
- To make it feel more open and easier to get to the books
- To have pictures on the walls of all their favourite stories.

The School Council then chose their favourite children's books and made a display in the corridor for the school to vote on the characters we would display. The top votes were the Gruffalo, A Tiger Who Came To Tea, Matilda, Hungry Caterpillar and Cat in a Hat. These are now displayed on our fiction side of the library. On the Non fiction side we have photos of a dinosaur, The Titanic and a Victorian wash day to represent the topics we do our research into for History. The teachers and children are now voting for new books to be purchased with this years FOSIS money to restock and update the books for our little ones. We hope you like it as much as we do!



## GRAND OPENING OFF NEW ASTRO SPORTS PITCH

We are very pleased to announce we can finally use our new sports pitch. We are very grateful for the Government funded PE Grant money for 2017/18. Together with the Junior school we have collated our money to improve this area to allow for an effective surface for PE lessons, playtimes and inter house competitions with our local academy schools. Without this funding to improve and sustain physical activity for our Shirley Schools' children this project would not have been possible. We look forward to sports day next year now too!



## School Rewards



We have many different ways of rewarding children within the school. We would like to highlight some of the main ones you will see your child come home with.

### Behaviour Chart

If your child comes home with a smiley face sticker then this means they have got to the really happy side of our behaviour chart. They need to be at this point at the end of the day and they will then come home with a blue, red or green sticker like this:



Please remember if they have stayed on the middle or got to the happy side then this means they have still had a brilliant day. The sticker means they have had an extra good day. We are looking for good behaviour choices to move them up on the chart (please see the behaviour policy on the website if you would like more detail on this).

### Learning Styles

These are our soft skills that we value very highly. School council voted for our 4 key learning values that we have adopted. These values are Perseverance, Co-operation, Independence and Curiosity. We have an allocated character to each learning value that the children can collect and take back to their classrooms. Alongside this, the staff and puppets will look out for children who are demonstrating a value and will send them to the Senior Leadership team. We love to see the children and listen to them telling us why they have achieved the learning value and then receive their sticker. The characters who represent the learning values are :

- Iggy encourages independence skills.
- Cowan and Colana encourage co-operation skills.
- Cubert encourages curiosity.
- Perse encourages perseverance.

So if your little one comes home with one of these stickers they have demonstrated a learning value within their work, play, friendships and achievements. The office has a supply of cards with pictures of the puppets included for your reference if required.

### Star of the week

We have a celebration assembly every week in the children's year groups. Here we celebrate birthdays, outside achievements such as swimming or sports certificates. Alongside this, each class has a star of the week. Here the children receive a certificate which recognises a special achievement to them. They get to come up in front of their year group to receive their certificate and badge. Their badge looks like this:



### MARVELLOUS ME



Marvellous Me tells you about the wonderful things that your child is learning, and tells you when they've been praised for good work or a great character skill.

It makes you smile, feel proud, and inspires better home learning support and encouragement.

## **WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 98.1%**

