



# Shirley Infant School

## Newsletter 9 - 29th May 2020

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### DIARY DATES

#### Monday 1st June

School re-opens for children who have already been allocated a place as a critical worker ONLY.

#### Wednesday 3rd June

School reopens potentially for children in year R only who have received their letter after requesting a place via our google form 3 weeks ago.

If you have changed your mind after receiving your letter please email the [infantinfo@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:infantinfo@shirleyschools.co.uk) account to turn down your place.

If we have to move this start date due to the risk assessment and provision you will be notified via a Marvellous me alert.

PLEASE NOTE: this could be as late as Tuesday 2nd June you could be notified.



Dear Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the lovely emails and messages we have received in condolences and support from the passing of Mrs Hearne. The staff are still trying to come to terms with the loss of our friend and colleague. The disease she had was a very rare case and the rapid decline in her health has left us all very shocked. We would like to thank you for the continued support from our community and the kindness bags you all arranged made all the staff feel very special - A massive thank you goes out for all the organising of those.

We know this time continues to become more and more difficult for families and working out how to potentially go back to work and resume this new way of life. We want to do all we can but we can only do what is safe to do so for our staff and the children in our school. We have had to work around very difficult challenges and have a very limited number of spaces we can offer safely in order to put in to place the measures we can that the government are asking of us. We know this is hard but we need to make you aware and remind you we can only follow our risk assessments.

Please can I continue to reassure you that transition is fundamentally one of our main principles in your child's education and this year will be no different as to how we handle this. Once we have set up our new way of working our in school provision, we will contact you with how we will remotely carry out transition for our children at home continuing their home school learning. Please remember we are not planning on stopping our home learning for our children at home. Please continue to check the website for your weekly learning.

We will continue to put up all of our communication as we have been doing like normal with you in the same way using the website. This will continue to be loaded every Friday after 3pm. It is worth quickly checking the red banner at the top of the home page each day as we will be going back to regular updates too I am sure.

**Thank you for your support**  
**Your Shirley Infant Team**



### HAMPERS



If you have been contacted by the school and you are eligible for a Hamper each week, please can you continue to ensure you collect this every Monday between 11:30 and 2:00. An awful lot of organisation and support is going into this scheme and we really need you to be able to collect them on the day within the time period. We look forward to seeing you every Monday between 11:30 and 2:00 at the community room, enter via the Junior school gate on Bellemoor Road. **If your child is back in school you will no longer receive the hamper as your child will be receiving meals in school.**

## READING FOR SUMMER 2



We will not be able to begin to send home reading books if your child is returning to the in school provision. Therefore everybody please continue to access the home learning section of the website and carry out the reading activities as you have been during lockdown:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

Your child can read the books that match their colour sequenced books from school. Remember you can email us a video of your child reading if you feel they are finding the book progressively easier. We will assess and Marvellous Me you if they need to change colour sequence. Please add the title of the book to help us when you email.

## FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

If your financial circumstances have now changed as a result of the Coronavirus your child may be eligible for free school meals. If your child is in Years R, 1 or 2 and therefore entitled to the Universal School Meal it is worth checking for free school meal eligibility as this may result in the schools entitlement to pupil premium for your child. Pupil premium is additional funding given to publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.

You can perform your own eligibility check by visiting the SCC website at:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/southampton/>

Please select the correct school name from the list on the second page of the online form and if eligible, the school will be notified of this.

