



Shirley Infant School

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DIARY DATES

June
Monday 28th

Class Photos

July
Thursday 1st
Thursday 1st
Friday 2nd
Friday 2nd

Friday 2nd
Wednesday 7th
Thursday 8th
Friday 9th
Monday 19th

Tuesday 20th

Tuesday 20th
Wednesday 21st

FOSIS Break the rules day
Year 2 and 3 Picnic
Year 1 Home Learning due
Transition Day -you will be told your child's new class & teacher on this day. Unfortunately you will not be able to visit your child's classroom due to restrictions
Bike Dr, take your biked to the Junior bike shed
Virtual Welcome Meeting Year R & 1
New Year 3 Virtual Coffee Morning—info to follow
Sports Day - Children Only, Letter to follow
Year 2 Leavers Assembly AM - Will be recorded & given out
Year 2 Leavers Assembly PM - Will be recorded & given out
Year 2-3 Virtual Welcome Meeting Year 2
Year 2 Leavers Party 4pm—6pm

Dear families,

We have had a wonderful start to our summer term. The children have been working so hard and we are very proud of their perseverance skills. We know this can be a worrying time but we have lots of curriculum support in place. Our PSHE topic focuses on change and the children participate in various activities including circle times, stories and group discussions. The children across all year groups will participate in many outdoor transition activities such as DPA, stories with class teachers who will be in their year group, interviewing children from the year group above and many, many more. Obviously we want to make this change a positive experience for the children so teachers plan carefully who will be placed together in each class to ensure a balance of gender, ability and obviously taking into account friendships which encourage positive learning.

Please make sure you check the dates on this page there is a lot to remember!

TRANSITION

The children will be visiting their new class and meeting their new teacher next week on **Friday 2nd July**.

We have written a very tight risk assessment around this day and due to the new government regulations we are moving the day from a Wednesday to a Friday. This means we will not be crossing children back into classes the next day and we can allow a full deeper clean on the Friday night and then a 48 hour window before the children re-enter their normal classes. A lot of work has gone into the planning and preparation for 'Shuffle up day'. We have sat on many local authority and Hamwic meetings to come up with a plan. Mrs Hixon and myself have meticulously planned the day to minimise the risk as much as we can. However, as always, we can only say we have minimised the risk. We will have full ventilation as always and the children will be taking their resources up with them and not using the previous classes. On the Friday morning to ensure there are no asymptomatic carriers, we will ask our staff to take an additional lateral flow test. We also ask that all the adults in your household do a lateral flow test on the morning of 2nd July too please. We would be very grateful for this extra precaution. Please **do not** send your children if they are at all poorly. This is so important! If your child can not attend we will support them with an alternative 'shuffle up' please do not worry.

We hope this day gives some more reassurance for the children and yourselves. We look forward to a fabulous last four weeks of this term.

Thank you for your continued support.
The Shirley Infant Team

Staffing Changes for September 2021

For staffing next year there are a few changes to our teaching teams. We would like to welcome Miss Abby Sneddon and Mr Luke Hurst who will be starting their teaching careers with us and joining our teaching teams in KS1. Mrs Hillier will be starting her maternity leave in September to welcome her second addition to her family. Mrs Smith is still on Maternity leave from having her little one in the Spring.

In addition we have Miss Georgia Channel joining our Teaching Assistants. She will be working in Hedgehog Class.

We also have joining our SEND support team Mrs Mel Durman and two further new appointments to be announced shortly.

We hope you will join us in wishing them all a great start in their new roles at our school.

VIRTUAL MEET AND GREET

We would also like to invite you to join us for a virtual meet and greet of your child's new teacher and their classroom on:

Wednesday 7th July from
Year 1 4:00 to 4:15pm.
Year R 4:15 to 4:30pm



Year 2 look out for yours from the Junior School.

This is an opportunity for your child to virtually show you their new classroom and introduce you to their teacher for next year. The zoom link for this session will be sent to you on **the day** via Marvellous Me from the teachers. As always please remember our zoom rules and mute as you join the call.



All the time we have feedback that when you ask your child “what have you done today”? You usually get the answer ‘nothing’ or “Who did you play with today”? They respond ‘No one’.

We have done some research around different questions to try instead:

1. What was the best or worst part of your day today?
2. What was the funniest thing you saw today?
3. What was the best part of lunch?
4. Which part of your classroom do you think I would like best?
5. Which activity at school today was your favourite or least favourite?
6. What made you feel happy today?
7. Who did you help today? Or who helped you today?



We would love to hear your feed back if you get a better response from your little ones at the end of each day.

LOST PROPERTY

Please, please can you ensure everything your child brings into school is named. We no longer have a lost property area. If your items are named then they will be returned to your child, otherwise they will be given to Mrs Allen to recycle.

Reports and assessment information

After school on 16th July you will receive a written report about your child which will inform you of your child's on track progress and achievements during the year in a range of subjects. Please note that the reports this year will tell you where you child was on track to achieve as we are not allowed this year to say they have achieved as some areas of the curriculum have not been taught due to COVID. Year 1 will take the Phonics check in Year 2 in the Autumn term.



SPORTS DAY

Sports day will be on Friday 9th July. The children will stay in Year group bubbles and with their key staff. Please ensure you apply sun cream to your children in the morning and they bring their water bottle and hat. Children can wear their PE kits into school on this day. For a PE kit we ask they wear a comfortable t-shirt with no hanging accessories and shorts or jogging bottoms. They can wear their school jumper or a sport hoody/jumper. Children should be in plimsolls or trainers too. We will be taking photos of the day to share with you and these will be loaded to google classroom by the following week.



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 97.7%



96.25%



96.85%



97.6%



97.7%



97.9%



98%



98.05%



98.3%



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