



Shirley Infant School

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To our families,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, not only for the overwhelming amount of positive feedback and thanks that you have taken the time to write in cards to us and the staff, but also for the support and partnership that you have offered the whole team over the last 12 months. This year has been a very different journey for our children and the community. We know that it has brought many challenges for our families. Please remember you have all been in very different situations in your households. It is important you do not compare yourself to another family as everyone has had different trials along the way. You did not sign up for home schooling and you have all done brilliantly with the home learning you have managed to do around working too. All the home learning will stay on the website and you can pick and choose little bits if you would like to go back to any. We would like to reassure you that as teachers we are very used to planning differentiated activities to support children at the different stages of their learning. This situation will be no different for us. The staff have been working hard on our recovery curriculum and we are ready to support your little ones from the stage of their learning. Please do not compare to others. We will be able to guide your little one in the Autumn term from their starting point when they are back with us in September.

We are so proud of our children as they have continued to grow as part of their own individual learning journey and it is a complete privilege to be a small part of that. It is so fulfilling to watch our pupils leave the school gates this week or show their faces on the zoom calls, a little taller, but also more resilient, independent and respectful having worked hard on their social, emotional and academic achievements.

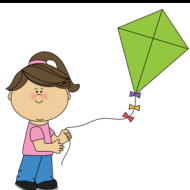
I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff. They have worked so hard during this time. For us school did not close in March. They have worked tirelessly to keep the learning and excitement going for the children. They have come up with such brilliant activities and ideas. The office and site team have worked so hard to keep the school running and ensure the setting is as safe as it can be to have welcomed back some of our children. We will be using all of this knowledge to ensure a smooth transition back of the whole school - which we are very excited about!

We wish our Year 2 children such a happy start to the Juniors and ask them to look forward with a big smile. We have told the Juniors how lucky they are to have them. We are so proud of you, Year 2! A last good luck to our staff who are leaving. We wish them such a happy start to their new journeys too.

The whole team at Shirley would like to wish all of our children and families a very happy, safe summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Thank you for your fabulous support this year. We can not do what we do without you!

The Shirley Infant Team



DFE Activity Passport The Summer Holiday Challenge

The DFE launched this passport last year and we thought it was so lovely we wish to promote the activity passport that you can do with your little ones again.

Please follow this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/my-activity-passport>

We can all struggle at times with the holidays and trying to fill the time with low cost activities to keep us all busy. There are some lovely ideas that you can do.

Happy making and hunting!



Term Dates for 2020/21



Autumn Term 2020

Open: Thursday 3rd September 2020

INSET DAY at Shirley Infants on Thursday 3rd September & Friday 4th September.

Children return on Monday 7th September 2020

Half Term: 26th October to 30th October 2020

Close: Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Open: Monday 4th January 2021

Half Term: 15th to 19th February 2021

Close: Thursday 1st April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Open: Monday 19th April 2021

May Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2021

Half Term: 31st May to 4th June 2021

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INSET DAYS

2020/2021

Thursday 3rd September 2020

Friday 4th September 2020

Monday 23rd November 2020

Friday 12th March 2021

Friday 25th June 2021

