



Shirley Infant School Weekly Communications

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Friday 8th December 2023

Head Teacher Message:

We are so excited to share our whole school Christmas performance at St James' by the Park Church next week with our families. The teachers have been rehearsing with the children and they have been working so hard to learn their songs and practice their class pieces. The children are very excited to share their performances with you.

Please remember to bring your tickets with you to the performance. Tickets to both Tuesday and Wednesday are still available. If you haven't already collected your tickets, please come in to the office.



Whole School Dates:

Sat 9/12/23 – Infant Choir performance at City Farm
Mon 11/12/23 – Parent/Carer Drop-in with Karen Allen (flyer attached)
Tues 12/12/23 – Whole school Christmas performance 1:45pm - 2:45pm
Wed 13/12/23 – Whole school Christmas performance 9:45am - 10:45am
Fri 15/12/23 – Last day of term
Tues 02/01/24 – First day back after school holidays

Messages:

If you have already kindly offered to help us walk to and from the Church next week, please can you be at school for 9:15am for the morning show and 1:15pm for the afternoon performance.

Please take a look at our new Behaviour and Relationships page on our website: <https://www.shirleyinfantschool.org.uk/our-school/behaviour-and-relationships>



Coming up in your year group...

Year R

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Year 1

Pantomime Trip

Year 1 attended the Pantomime performance at Richard Taunton Sixth Form College. They were a fabulous audience and enjoyed the show.

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Weekly Attendance Whole School Attendance – 96.2%



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| 90.6% | 98.7% | 95% | 100% | 98.3% | 97.7% | 91.7% | 96% | 98.6% |
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If your child is not in school we miss them greatly and will call to see how they are.

The school's Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

DSL: Mrs C Gregory

Deputy DSL: Mrs L Watts

Other News...

From St James' by the Park Church

Christmas on the Green

This annual outdoor event includes crafts, free hot drinks, a Photo Booth, some games, live music, singalong carols and more - a great event for the whole Shirley community. Saturday 16th December, 3.30pm - 5pm, on Colebrook Green.

See www.christmasonthegreen.org.uk for full details.

Advent window trail

Looking for an excuse to get the kids out of the house? Each day during advent, a new window display is being unveiled, following the theme of a Christmas carol. Wonder round and admire the creativity, and see if you can guess the carol!

See <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1Jt-Sesi1vuUYsUdWoSwfxSeKuJc41R0&usp=sharing> to get going.

Family Movie Night

Friends of St James Park and St James' by the Park church are running a family movie night this Saturday, 4pm-6pm. Free entry and refreshments. Kids are invited to wear their pyjamas and bring a blanket or cuddly toy. Showing 'The Star' on the big screen in the church. To help with catering, please indicate if you're hoping to come by signing up via www.stjamesbythepark.org/christmas

From Karen Allen:

Family Hub parenting and community programmes for 2024

Providing support and advice to parents and carers is at the centre of the work at Family Hubs.

We understand that sometimes parenting can be challenging. So we would like to give parents and carers the skills they need to support the child/ren they care for.

[Family Hubs](#) offer a range of parenting and community programmes to assist families as they grow.

There are a various courses available, such as Infant Massage for Babies from Birth to Pre-crawling which will teach parents and carers how simple strokes may help babies with wind or constipation. Also Understanding Behaviour which aims to empower parents/carers to understand behaviours and feel motivated to respond in a more positive way.

[Find out more about the programmes available in 2024.](#)

Bedtime and Sleep Problem Solving Webinar with Sarah Naish and Sarah Dillon

Is your child refusing to go to bed and/or getting up repeatedly?

Does your child becomes very oppositional and defiant around bed time?

Does your child's behaviour escalate around bedtime and/or appear to be dysregulated?

Is this eating into your own time to recharge your batteries?

Join Sarah Naish and Sarah Dillon for a problem solving webinar on Bedtime and Sleep!

[Click Here for More Information](#)