



# Shirley Infant School Weekly Communications

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**Friday 31st January 2025**

## **Head Teacher Message**

Dear families,



In assemblies this half term we continued to look at aspirations and how to set ourselves new goals. We have revisited restorative practice with the children and reminding them of using their zones of regulation to ask for help with their feelings. We have this all shared on our website please take a moment to look as it may help to use this strategy at home too. We have discussed British Values and how these work alongside our school values and what we each value. The children have had really good discussions around these. We celebrated Chinese New Year starting on 29<sup>th</sup> January in assembly on Tuesday. The children reflected on or shared how they would start celebrating the year of the Snake. It is mental health week next week. We will be teaching and reflecting on this song with your children. Why not join in with us and learn it together – **The kindness song** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pK-OKAHqAk0>.



## **Messages:**

**Shirley Infant and Junior Schools' Safeguarding leaflet** – see attachment for Spring 1 Parent Safeguarding leaflet

## **Parent Communications:**

It has been brought to our attention that there may have been incorrect information shared by some parent groups over how to raise a concern. The 'raise a concern' email is a junior school communication method and cannot be used to contact the infant school.

If you have a concern about your child, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance. You can do this by:

- Telephoning the office and asking for a return phone call. Please note teachers are not usually available to take phone calls during school hours and are sometimes in training and meetings after school.
- Speaking with the teacher at pick-up time. These are usually shorter conversations, but if the matter requires more time you can ask to schedule a longer meeting.
- Emailing your class teacher via the [office@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:office@shirleyschools.co.uk) (please include the teachers' name in the subject line). We aim to reply within three working days.

# Coming up in your year group...

## Year R

### **Teddy Bear Hospital – 5th February**

On Wednesday 5th February Year R will be taking part in Teddy Bear Hospital. Please could every child bring in a teddy from home to use during the session. We kindly ask that teddies are small in size.

**Celebration event** – 12<sup>th</sup> February: 2.45pm – The children will be sharing their video with you of their hospital role play day in school.

**PE Kits** – Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school every day. Thank you so much.



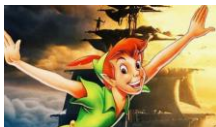
## Year 1

**Celebration event** - Friday 7th February at 2:45pm. The children will be sharing their space songs that they have learnt throughout their music unit.

**PE Kits** – Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school every day. Thank you so much.



## Year 2



**Celebration event** - Thursday 6th February: 2.45pm – The children will be sharing their Peter Pan stories with you.

**PE Kits** – Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school every day. Thank you so much.



**Weekly Attendance** Whole School Attendance for last week – 96.3%

Schools target attendance this week is -

97%



91%

99%

97%

98%

96%

94%

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98%

95%

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

# School Messages...

## FOSIS Shirley Infant School Tea Towel Fundraiser

Once every 3 years, FOSIS runs a tea towel fundraiser. The children have drawn self-portraits of themselves at school and you can order a tea towel of their whole year group's portraits and/or a coaster of your child's individual design.

The designs are currently in production, but will be shared by FOSIS once available. Prices are £5 per tea towel and £12 for a pack of 4 coasters.

Orders can be made by the following link:

<https://forms.gle/iLVZrQY8Rbe5ucQr5>.

All orders to be made by Tuesday 18th February please.

Once you have completed the form payment can be made online or via cash or cheque using the details in the form.



## Shirley Junior School Leadership News

Congratulations to Mrs Davie, who after participating in a competitive interview process has been appointed as interim Headteacher of Shirley Junior School until December 2025. Mrs Gregory and the rest of the staff in the infant school look forward to working with Mrs Davie in her new role. We wish Mrs Hixon all the best as Headteacher at Wordsworth Primary School from February half-term.

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THING  
ABOUT LEARNING  
IS THAT NO ONE  
CAN TAKE IT  
AWAY FROM YOU.

- B. B. KING

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# Community messages...

EVERY  
CHANCE  
Opportunities  
Inclusive  
Adapt

EVERY  
DAY  
Understanding  
Consistent  
Ambitious

## STUBBINGTON STUDY CENTRE CLOSURE

The school has received notice that Hampshire County Council propose to close Stubbington Study Centre at the end of this school year. If you would like to share your views regarding the closure, please participate in the consultation process using the link below by 10<sup>th</sup> February:

[Consultation link](#)



## **SeaCity Museum - Get Ready for February Half-Term**

**Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February 2025**

If you're looking for some inspiring ways to occupy your kids this half-term, we have plenty on offer! From short, creative workshops to family-friendly walking tours, there's something to keep everyone entertained. Our [Kids' Club](#) runs from 9am to 4pm, offering a full day of exciting activities, arts and crafts, and interactive learning. Plus, block bookings for the Kids' Club offer great value, so you can make the most of the holiday while keeping your little ones engaged and inspired.

And don't worry – we haven't forgotten about the adults either! There are a range of activities designed for grown-ups too. Whether you're looking to relax or dive into Southampton's vibrant cultural offerings, there's something for everyone this February Half-Term!

[Explore all activities.](#)



## **A Spring Full of Musical Adventures at Turner Sims**

Fill this spring with musical treats for all ages! Babies, children and their grown-ups are invited to dance, wiggle, play and sing, as they discover the joy of live music at Turner Sims.

- Babies and toddlers under 2 can explore the magic of nature through gentle singing and sensory play with Hurly Burly Theatre's You Are The Sun on Saturday 1 February.
- Sunday 2 February invites ages 4+ to create their own soundtrack for classic animation with The Enchanted Cinema and their Orchestra of Seasons. Adults are encouraged to join in too.

Experience your first orchestra with the Shostakovathon, or meet the puppet Pythagoras as she conducts musical experiments with her Toolkit in March! Explore The Wonderland Garden in April as the City of London Sinfonia and Landmark Theatres bring the changing seasons to life.

Fill your diary with magical memories for you and your family this year - [find out more and book your tickets here.](#)

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