



# Shirley Infant School Weekly Communications

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**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

## **Head Teacher Message:**

We have had such a lovely two weeks back with your little ones. Their topics have all launched brilliantly and their hard work and behaviours for learning have been recognised in our Hamwic audit this week. It was a delight to show our standards officer around the school looking at the teaching and learning and demonstrating to them the fabulous learning your children have made through our curriculum. They commented on the behaviour of the children being exemplary and their attitudes to learning were commented as a positive so many times. Please tell your children how fabulous they are!

Thank you for how smart they have come back from the holidays. They have all grown a little bit taller and are a little bit more confident in their own abilities. This is such a pleasure to see.



## **Whole School Dates:**

Thu 15/1/24 – Parent Corner drop-in with Karen Allen  
Tue 30/1/24 – Pupil Progress Drop-In Morning (see page 3 for details)  
Thu 1/2/24 – Pupil Progress Drop-In Morning (see page 3 for details)  
Fri 2/2/24 – INSET day (school closed to pupils)  
Mon 5/2/24 – INSET day (school closed to pupils)  
Mon 12/2/24 – Fri 16/1/24 Half Term  
Mon 11/3/24 - INSET day (school closed to pupils)  
Mon 25/3/24 – School Photo Day

## **Messages:**

We were pleased to announce we had 24 children attend Parkrun number 2. It was a particularly cold one this week so well done to all those for braving the cold. We now have an inflatable Start and Finish which the children were excited to run through. Congratulations to Euan in Woodpeckers who ran 12 laps. Another well done to Lottie and Willa in Fox class who fell over but continued to run showing excellent perseverance. A reminder this will happen every Wednesday and, once the children have run 5, they will earn a Shirley Parkrun T shirt.

Please can Parents/Carers ensure that ALL your child's clothing/Lunchboxes/Bags are clearly labelled with their name. There were a significant number of unclaimed uniform items left at the end of term. Lost property is emptied at the end of every term. All unlabelled items are donated to the School Uniform shop or City Mission Clothing Bank.

# Coming up in your year group...

## Year R

**People who help us** – Do you have time to come in and talk about the job you do to help people? We would love it if you can take 20 minutes to come and talk to Year R about how you help people. Please see your child's class teacher if you can help us.

**Celebration Event Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm** – The children will be showing you their hospital day video.

There are no planned school dress up days in Spring 1.

**Please see the next page for information about Little Wandle Phonics sessions 22-26 January.**

## Year 2

We need your help- we are looking for comic donations to support with our reading sessions. If your child has read one and it is in good condition can you donate these to school. Please send in for the attention of Mrs Lubbock-Smith.

**30<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 2 Spelling Quiz in school



**Celebration Event Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm** – The children will share their Peter Pan stories with you.

There are no planned school dress up days in Spring 1.

## Year 1

Year 1 are writing instructions to launch a rocket and will be making their rockets to launch. If you have any 500ml plastic bottles you can bring in for us on Monday we will be very grateful.

**Celebration Events** – The children will be sharing their space dances with you in the hall. These are all at 2:45pm but on different days. Please see below:

**Moles** - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan



**Owls** - Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan



**Rabbits** - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb



There are no planned school dress up days in Spring 1.

## Weekly Attendance Whole School Attendance – 94%



89.3%	97.7%	98.3%	95.9%	81.7%	95%	91.3%	97.3%	99.3%
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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

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## Year R – Little Wandle Phonics

We teach our pupils how to read through our chosen programme 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised'. We would like to invite you to come and join us for a **Phonics** session where you will get to watch a lesson in your child's classroom and experience the 'Little Wandle way'.

Sessions will run from 9am to 9:20am and 6 people can sign up for each morning. **This will run from Monday 22nd January to Friday 26th January.** The sign up sheet will be on your child's classroom door.

Please can we ask that only one parent or carer attends on this occasion and if siblings attend they will need to sit as quietly as possible so as not to disrupt the learning. The reading leader will be available at the end of the session to answer any questions or queries you may have.

## PUPIL PROGRESS DROP-IN MORNINGS (all years)

We will be holding Pupil Progress drop in mornings on **Tuesday 30th January and Thursday 1st February from 8:40am until 8:55am.**

This is an opportunity for you to come into the classroom and celebrate your child's work with them. The doors will open at 8:40am as normal and you will be able to come into the classroom with them. We look forward to seeing you then.

## School Council

School Council have been working super hard on our children's School Self Evaluation. They have held two meetings and are taking key questions back to their classes to find out their views. This week they had the grand opening of Acorn Class with Mrs Colley one of our FOSIS chairs. They proudly held the ribbon while Mrs Colley opened Acorn class officially.



The next **Parent Corner drop-in** is next Monday 15th January 2024, 2:30 - 3:30pm. Entrance is the Junior Gates and the Uniform shop will be open. Come and say hello, kettle will be on, biscuits waiting. I look forward to seeing you.

Karen Allen (Family Support Worker)





This is the last chance to participate in The Children's Commissioner's Big Ambition survey to understand what children want ahead of the next General Election. Please share this link or QR code with young people so they can have their say:

<https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.

## Love your journey to school

This Valentine's Day, we want you to tell us everything you love about your active journey to school.

To tell us about your journey walking, cycling or scooting to school, you could:

- Take a photo or draw a picture of something interesting or unusual you see along the way.
- Tell us about your favourite part of your journey – it could be a nice green space or catching up with friends or neighbours along the way.
- Write us a poem about your journey.
- Bling your bike or scooter for your journey to school and share your photos with us.

It's up to you – let your creativity run wild!

For a chance to win:

1<sup>st</sup> PLACE  
JD Bug Classic Street 120 scooter

2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE  
Treasure trail voucher

3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE  
Scooting goody bag

Submit your entries by 23 February 2024.  
Email [rachel.oliver@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:rachel.oliver@southampton.gov.uk) or post on social media and tag My Journey with your entries, using the hashtag #LoveYourJourneySoton  
See [myjourneysouthampton.com/loveyourjourneytoschool](http://myjourneysouthampton.com/loveyourjourneytoschool)



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