



Shirley Infant School

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Dear Families,

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the community for all their support at this time. We are humbled by your kindness and support. We are so thankful for your collection in the memory of Mrs Hearne and look forward to welcoming her story tellers chair in her honour. This will be such a testament to her as she will be remembered for many, many years for her acting and theatrical performances. The children will do her proud with their storytelling. We would also like to share with you that we will introducing a new award in memory of Mrs Hearne as we are talking to her children so they can be a part of shaping this award. Mrs Hearne also knew we were going to do this as we found out about the rapid deterioration of her illness. We are looking forward to sharing an update with you about this in the new academic year. Thank you for your kindness.

This time of year brings changes in many ways in education, however this year brings so many more. We are working hard on our transition programme for this year and we hope you read this in weekly communication the week before last. We hope your children have enjoyed the zoom story times and circle times with their current class teachers. We hope today they enjoyed meeting their new class teacher too. It has been a pleasure to be able to have face to face two way contact with you and your little ones since we have all returned to working in school rather than working in our virtual school. We have lots planned to support the children into their next year groups and for them to say a proper goodbye to their current class adults. We believe this is such a important part of the children's understanding and closure to enable them to move on.

The government are talking about lots of plans and initiatives at the moment which way this will go we are trying to plan for. Please be assured we have very secure knowledge of what objectives from the curriculum your children need and we have been planning today how the curriculum will look for the children when they return in September, however this will look. We wish we could share with you concrete plans but this is just not possible. Please know we always have your child's best interest at heart and we are very used to planning to support all children at different stages. Every child is an individual and this will not change our curriculum for the Autumn term.

Thank you..... your Shirley Infant Team

Goodbye

It is with great sadness that we are saying goodbye to some of our team at the end of this academic Year. Mrs Evans has been with us for 18 years and has been an instrumental member of our team. Mrs Evans has made the decision to retire and we look forward to hearing all about her new adventures when she is able to start them. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Sweetnam. Mrs Sweetnam has been with us for 7 years and has been such a asset to the teaching assistant team. Mrs Sweetnam is following her dream and will be going off to do her school direct training to become a teacher. We know her future classes will be super lucky to have her. We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Whitfield. She has worked at the school for a shorter period but has played such a part within our teaching assistant team. Miss Whitfield has decided she wants to spend more time with her family and find a different work life balance. We wish them all the best on their new journey's and send them off with our best wishes.

New Books supporting our Personal, Emotional and Health Education

This week the children have some new books delivered which have been written by one of our parents. Sarah is also a governor at the school and wanted to give her books to our children as a new style of resource for the PSHE topics they cover. There is also a book specifically written for returning to school 'post-lockdown'. If you would like more information or to purchase a copy of any of the books for your child to use at home, please visit www.owlbert.co.uk.



ALL lost property and PE bags are now located outside the community room. Please enter via the Junior entrance on Bellemoor Road. You can come and look through / collect anytime between 9:30am and 1:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. Any unclaimed PE kits and lost property will be disposed of at the end of term.

