



# Shirley Infant School Weekly Communications

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**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

## **Head Teacher Message**

Dear families,

Welcome back. We hope you have all had a lovely half term. It is so lovely to have the children back.

This half term Year R are learning about On the Farm. Year One are learning about Victorians and Year Two are learning about the Great Fire of London. We can not wait to see the children's continued achievements in their learning this half term.

The school will be holding a Book Swap run by FOSIS to help the school raise awareness for the love of reading next Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March. From Monday we would love the children to donate a good condition book that they no longer like to read. The children will then be able to visit the Book Swap Shop and come home with a new fabulous book to share and read at home. Please bring your donations into the school office (clearly labelled infant or junior school to assist staff and volunteers). Please remember as per the diary dates there is no dressing up for this event. We have lots planned for the children to immerse themselves in on the day.



## **Messages:**



**Park Run** – A message from Adam our new lead for Park Run:

“School Parkrun is a brilliant way to start the day and I’m really pleased we’ve got everything in place now to get it going again. Mrs Lubbock-Smith has done a great job setting it up and I’m happy to take the reins so the kids can continue to enjoy it.

If you’ve not tried it before I would recommend you give it a go. We do a quick warmup then you run however many laps you want around the course, at your own pace. Anyone can join in, just turn up on a Tuesday morning with your trainers.”

## **Office Staffing Update**

From Monday 3 March we welcome Mr Connelly to our office team. Mr Connelly will be taking over from Mrs Prince as our Lead Administrator and has many years experience working in school administration with Hamwic Education Trust.

Mrs Prince will remain a valued member of the office team and will be working Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays as our administrative assistant.

# Coming up in your year group...

## Year R

**Tuesday 4th March** – Mill Cottage Farm (in-school visit)



**Reminder Parents' Evening 5th and 6th of March** - online bookings are now closed. Please telephone the office if you have not booked an appointment.

**Curiosity Cubes** – we would really love any wind-up toys or old cameras that could be donated to our curiosity areas. These would be explored by the children and used in class so please do not share anything that is precious.

**Celebration Event – 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2:45pm**

## Year 2



**Spellings** - Thank you for the hard work you have put in to support your child with learning their spellings. The children are now ready to implement these into our writing non-negotiables. This means we expect to see these words spelt correctly in their writing now. Please continue to practice at home with them using the words in a simple sentence. It is so important that they now spell the words in a sentence and not on their own. The spelling tests have **now stopped** in Year 2.

**Reminder Parents' Evening 5th and 6th of March** - online bookings are now closed. Please telephone the office if you have not booked an appointment.

**Design Technology** – We would appreciate the donation of cereal boxes for our Great Fire of London DT project. Please bring any boxes into class by Wednesday next week. Due to allergies, please do not send in boxes that have previously contained nuts.

**Celebration Event – 22nd May at 2:45pm**

## Year 1

**Victorian Day 21st March** - Please can we have a donation of 50p towards our cooking experience for this day. Please send into the office named for Year 1 cooking. Thank you so much for your support.



**Celebration Event – 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2:45pm**

**Reminder Parents' Evening 5th and 6th of March** - online bookings are now closed. Please telephone the office if you have not booked an appointment.

**Weekly Attendance** Whole School Attendance for last week – 95.9%

Schools target attendance this week is -

97%



100%

99%

95%

94%

94%

93%

99%

95%

94%

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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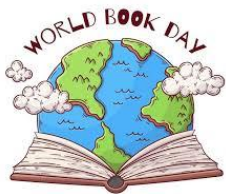
# School Messages...

## World Book Day Menu Thursday 6th March 2025

Dolce are having a special menu for World Book Day on Thursday.

If you would like your child to have a school dinner on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, **you must pre-order online by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. This is to allow the kitchen to order the correct quantities of food.

Please order online at  
<https://app.schoolarid.co.uk/>



### Thursday

#### Mains

Cloudy with a Chance of  
Meatballs & Pasta  
Katsu-in-the-Hat Quorn  
Dippers & Rice  
Where's Wally's Wrap Bar  
Jacqueline Wilson Jacket Bar  
(choice) (V) (GF)

#### Accompaniments

Walliam's Super Sleuth Slaw  
(VG) (GF)  
Golden Snitch Sweetcorn (VG)  
(GF)  
Snozzcumber Salad Bar (VG)  
(GF)

#### Desserts

Mr Messy Ice Cream &  
Sprinkles (V)  
The Queen of Jam Tarts  
Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)

## Curriculum Letters

Curriculum Letters for all year groups are attached with Weekly Comms this week.

## 2025-26 Term Dates and INSET Days

Term	Starting	Ending
Autumn 1	3 September	24 October
Autumn 2	3 November	19 December
Spring 1	5 January	13 February
Spring 2	23 February	27 March
Summer 1	13 April	22 May
Summer 2	1 June	22 July

## INSET Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025  
Friday 10th October 2025 (Trust Inset)  
Monday 13th October 2025  
Friday 28th November 2025  
Monday 2nd February 2026  
Friday 6th March 2026 (Trust Inset)  
Friday 26th June 2026

## Lost property

Please do check lost property if your child has lost any items. Any named items will be returned to children via their class; all unnamed items will be placed in the lost property box in the front office and sorted for donation at the end of the term