



Shirley Infant School Weekly Communications

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Friday 13th December 2024

Head Teacher Message

Dear families,

ANOTHER BIG ANNOUNCEMENT We have been awarded a national award for our **2023/2024 School Attendance**. We are so proud of our school community. The awards are an acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication of staff, pupils, parents and carers in achieving excellent attendance. We are extremely proud of our attendance and supporting children coming to school.

We know we can support each family the way they need the support for their little ones, and this has now been recognised externally too - thank you to you all for working so hard to have your little one in school.

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Attendance Tracker

Congratulations!



Messages:

Little Wandle E-book Library

Your child will be coming home with a password to access the E-book library over the coming week.

We have worked hard to be able to fully run the programme with physical books. However, there will still be times where we will utilise the E-book library. It is an excellent resource and gives the children access to the range of matched books we are using in school. Examples of when we might use the E-book library includes half terms, offering additional reading materials, occasional weekly reading practice and home learning.

Any questions, please see your child's class teacher.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property in the front office for any unnamed items your child may have mislaid. All items not claimed by Thursday 19th December will be donated to the school uniform shop or a local charity. Please remember that all clothing brought should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Coming up in your year group...

Year R

Celebration Event – This will be our class parts in the whole school Christmas Production



Monday 16th December – Christmas Party – Children can wear Christmas jumpers all day.

We will cater for all allergies but please speak to your class teacher if you are unsure or wish to check anything.

Next half term is our people who help us topic. If you have a job where you help people or animals and would mind sparing 45 minutes, we would love to hear from you. We would really like for you to do 3 x 15 minute short talk to the children about the job that you do and how you help. If you are able to do this in January or February, please ask to speak to Mrs L Smith, our Early Years Leader.

Year 2

Celebration Event - This will be our class parts in the whole school Christmas Production

Thursday 19th December – Christmas Party – Children can wear Christmas jumpers all day

We will cater for all allergies but please speak to your class teacher if you are unsure or wish to check anything.



Year 1

Celebration Event – This will be our class parts in the whole school Christmas Production

Thursday 19th December – Christmas Party – Children can wear Christmas jumpers all day and there will be a small tea party.

We will cater for all allergies but please speak to your class teacher if you are unsure or wish to check anything.



Weekly Attendance Whole School Attendance – 96.6%

Schools target attendance this week is -

97%



99%

98%

96%

98%

96%

92%

97%

97%

96%

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...

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Christmas Performance Social Story

Please see attached a social story about next weeks' nativity performances for you to share with your child over the weekend.



Introducing the Shirley Schools Astro Appeal

Help us fundraise £10,000 to support the replacement of the shared astro pitch. In return for a £10 donation, you can 'own' a square metre of the new astro, [click here](#) to find out more and sign up. You'll be taken to the Infant School website, but the opportunity is open to families of both schools. A letter with a paper version of the sign-up form will be coming out in book bags soon, so please keep an eye out. Any questions, please email fosis@shirleyschools.co.uk We're also working on advertising opportunities for local businesses, so watch this space for more info!

2025/2026 Cohort Year R Open Mornings

We are holding open days for families that have a child starting in year R in September 2025. Our last session is on **Wednesday 8 January 2025 9:15am**

Please book on the link below or visit the school website for more information.

Feel free to share this information with anyone you know who has a child due to start school in September 2025.

[Open Day for 2025 Year R Admissions - Shirley Infant School](#)



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Churches Together – Christmas on the Green Children's Choir

Would your child like to sing in a children's choir for Christmas on the Green in Shirley on Saturday 21st December? 'Churches Together In Shirley' are looking for budding singers to join a choir performance as part of a fun community event, and would love your child to be involved. There will be no rehearsals for this event but your child will be able to practise at home. Full details (including sign up)

at www.stjamesbythepark.org/childrenschoir



Parenting Children with ADHD

If you would like to apply for a place on this course please email Karen Allen for the self referral form. (karen.allen@shirleyschools.co.uk)

Please note this course is for parents of children up to the age of 11 years; it is not suitable for Senior School pupils.

A flyer for the 'Parenting Children with ADHD' course. It features a house icon with a 'Help!' speech bubble, a girl icon with a 'You Got This!' speech bubble, and a girl icon with a 'LOVE' speech bubble. The text 'Parenting Children with ADHD' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below it, 'For parents & carers of children with ADHD aged 3 - 11 years old.' is written in a smaller font. The course details are listed in a pink-bordered box: 'FREE 8 week online course via Zoom', 'Mondays 7pm - 9pm', and 'Starting 13th January 2025'. The course dates are listed below: 'Course dates: 13th, 20th, 27th January, 3rd, 10th, 24th February and 3rd, 10th March.' A green button contains the text 'To book a place email: info@sftrust.org.uk'. A list of bullet points describes the course content: 'Help to learn more about ADHD!', 'Coping with feelings', 'Meeting your child's emotional needs', 'Boost your parent/child relationship', 'Improve their self esteem', 'Use effective discipline', 'Tips for home, school & wider family', and 'Channel your child's energy'. The flyer also features the 'COMMUNITY FUND' logo and the 'Southampton Family Trust' logo.

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