



# Shirley Infant School Weekly Communications

**KINDNESS.**  
**RESPECT.**  
**INTEGRITY.**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

## **Head Teacher Message**

Dear families,

We are very much looking forward to the next few weeks. The children are working hard and preparing to show you their wonderful Celebration event in the Church. We have been reflecting on our behaviors around school and working on our active listening. School Council have been sharing they are very happy with the new strategies we have in our classrooms and how this helps everyone know what to do. Ask you little ones about Ninja Mode, their carpet spots, our I do, we do you do teaching approach and our song for coming out of assembly.

The Eco Council have loved looking at the camera's and exploring the wildlife we have on the school grounds. They have been out littler picking again to protect our wildlife.

**BIG ANNOUNCEMENT** ..... We have achieved our **Gold** Award for the Healthy High 5 Local Authority award. Well done to the team for all the wider curriculum opportunities and how embedded the practice is in all we do at school. Thank you to Ms Longman for showing the lead around the school and it was commented on how the thread runs through the whole school and our children are amazing. Please continue to support us with this award by joining Park Run, following the lunchbox policy and having your children in school each day and on time.

## **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.

### **Christmas cards**

As the Christmas celebration period approaches, if your child would like to give Christmas cards to their friends, we would kindly ask that these are given out to children either at drop off, or pick up, each day on the playground. This will prevent any upset or confusion for the children and any disruption to the class teaching.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Christmas Dinner Day**

Christmas Dinner Day is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. If you have not pre-ordered your child a Christmas dinner for this day, please ensure you provide a packed lunch on this day as no other meal options are available.

# Coming up in your year group...

## Year R

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

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 1

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Next week, the children will be writing a short narrative based on the book Handa's Surprise. To support your child's learning, we would like to give them the opportunity to taste a selection of fruit that appears in the story. If you can, we would love for your child to bring in one of the following fruits to share: banana, guava, orange, mango, pineapple, avocado, passion fruit, tangerine.

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

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 2

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

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 2 Theatre Trip to Winchester Royal Theatre to see Mother Goose

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.**



**Weekly Attendance** Whole School Attendance – %

Schools target attendance this week is -

97%



%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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

KINDNESS.  
RESPECT.  
INTEGRITY.

# Community Messages...

## Next week at Re:Minds...

9th-13th December 2024



## Steps to work referral

Step to work sessions offer support and advice to families and carers looking to re-enter the workplace.

- Support is available for:
- Employment
- Training
- CV writing
- Cost of living advice
- Childcare costs when returning to work

These sessions are on Tuesdays from 9.30am-12pm at a different Family Hub each week by appointment. This is not a session to come and play with your children. For more information, please contact [familyhub@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:familyhub@southampton.gov.uk).

## 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](mailto: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

### School Streets

Our School Streets Lead Volunteer Coordinator recently stepped down. If you are interested in volunteering to lead the Shirley Junior School Streets programme, please email [office@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:office@shirleyschools.co.uk).

The school street programme aims to help create a safe and pleasant traffic-free environment from 8:00 – 09:30am and 2:15-3:45pm every school day. The Lead Volunteer Coordinator organises the volunteers, ensures that health and safety requirements are met, and liaises with the school and council about any issues or concerns.

# Community Messages...



**TEAM SPIRIT**  
SPORTS COACHING

JOIN US FOR OUR  
**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL  
COURSE**  
**23rd  
DECEMBER**

**WWW.TEAMSPIRIT4SPORT.CO.UK**

**HIGHFIELD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
HAWTHORN ROAD | SO17 1PX**

A RANGE OF DIFFERENT  
ACTIVITIES ALL WITH A  
CHRISTMAS THEME.  
SNOWBALL FIGHTS,  
GINGERBREAD DECORATING,  
ELF OLYMPICS, REINDEER  
RACES AND LOTS MORE  
FESTIVE FUN. A SPECIAL GIFT  
FOR ALL CHILDREN WHO  
ATTEND. HO HO HOPE TO SEE  
YOU ALL THERE!

**TEAM SPIRIT**  
PROUD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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](mailto:karen.allen@shirleyschools.co.uk)) Please note this course is for Parents of children up to the age of 11years, it is not suitable for Senior School Pupils'



**Parenting Children with ADHD**

For parents & carers of children with ADHD aged 3 - 11 years old.

**FREE**  
8 week online course  
via Zoom

**Mondays 7pm - 9pm**  
Starting 13th January 2025

Course dates: 13th, 20th, 27th January,  
3rd, 10th, 24th February and 3rd, 10th March.

To book a place email:  
[info@sftrust.org.uk](mailto:info@sftrust.org.uk)

**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
- Channel your child's energy

**COMMUNITY FUND**

**Southampton Family Trust**  
building relationships

KINDNESS.  
RESPECT.  
INTEGRITY.