



# Shirley Infant School

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### DIARY DATES



#### **APRIL**

**Mon 5th** **School closed for Easter Holidays**

**Mon 19th** **School re-opens for Summer 1**

Mon 19th New Payment System active  
My Child At School

I would like to take this opportunity again to thank Mrs Watts, Mrs Lubbock-Smith and all the team for how well they have managed the school and supported all of you during the situation we have been in for the Spring term. I am very excited to be fully returning to school after the Easter Holidays. I have had two weeks of a phased return and loved seeing how amazingly well the children are doing. I am so proud of each and every one of them and the staff too! Thank you so, so much for your kindness whilst I have been poorly.

Mrs Gregory



#### Dear Families

We just wanted to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the hard work that you have put in day in, day out through this difficult half term. You are true heroes!

We have been so delighted to have all of the children back. We are so impressed with how they have coped with another change for them. We are so impressed with their resilience, independence, emotional support for each other and their cooperation together. We honestly could not be more proud of every single one of our children. Make sure you look on page two of this newsletter for some of the children's fabulous displays.



Thank you so much for our Easter gifts. It truly did brighten everyone's days receiving the boxes of treats.

After Easter we want to remind you that this will be the right time to move the children's experience of school back to more of the structure they need. By moving to the next phase of our plan we will be able to offer much more support to the children. The children need to build further on their social skills, cooperating skills and be supported further in their learning. The main difference moving to year group bubbles is that they will be outside together where we know the research tells us the risk is minimised dramatically. Staff will be able to run group work targeted to key gaps across the year group and consolidate and move children's learning on quicker. We will run our own track and trace system.

Please continue to notify us if you are testing over the Easter bank holiday weekend so we can continue to do the required test and trace for the DFE. Please stay safe and look after each other.

The Shirley Schools team

#### **BABY NEWS**

Fox Class have had such a fabulous start with Mrs Smith and will now continue with Mrs Anousis and Miss Mantle. We would like to take this opportunity to send our best wishes to Mrs Smith who is leaving us this half term to start her maternity leave. We send her off with all our best wishes for her and her husband at this exciting time. We are very much looking forward to meeting their new addition.

#### **NEW DINNER MENU**

For your information we have a new dinner menu for the summer term. This can be found on the school website and your child will also come home with a paper copy.

Children will remain eating in their classrooms after Easter.



As the weather is now beginning to warm up, please can we remind you to ensure children are dressed appropriately;



- Please provide your child with a sun hat
- Please apply sun cream before children come to school
- Sun cream can be brought into school, **but children must be able to apply it themselves**
- Please ensure jumpers are **named**, as children do like to take them off when it's hot
- Children should continue to wear sensible school shoes
- Please make sure children have a full water bottle for the day
- Please provide a light weight coat for Year R's particularly as the weather can change and we are still outside a lot!



A massive thank you to all our community members who have volunteered to help with our road closure. We truly are very grateful for this support. We believe in this project and know how much it makes everyone feel safer travelling into school.

It is difficult balancing this and ensuring the teaching staff are with the children too to support their learning. Therefore, with the additional support, it has been gratefully received and we can move the teachers back into the classrooms.

Thank you !



## HELP IS HERE



We know these times continue to bring difficult and challenging times for us all. Please remember we are

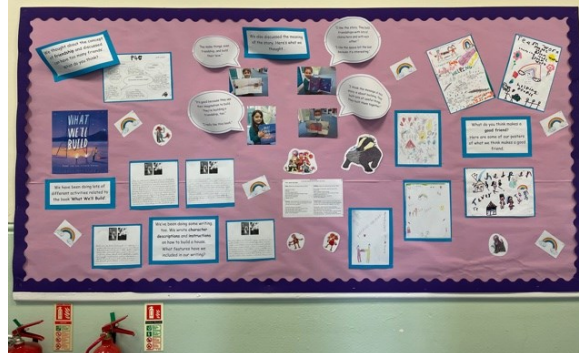
here to help as much as we can. I would like to remind you that we have Karen Allen, our family support worker, should you again find yourself in a situation with which you may need support.

You can contact her via email on:

[karen.allen@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:karen.allen@shirleyschools.co.uk)



## PHOTOS OF THE FABUOUS DISPLAY'S FROM OUR NURTURE FOCUS TO SCHOOL WEEK



## WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 96.6%



94.5%



95.4%



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