



# Shirley Infants

## Weekly Communication

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Please find attached to the school website the following letters;**

- ◆ Newsletter
- ◆ Dates for your Diary

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### **October Half Term**

Friday 30th Oct, Saturday 31st Oct & Sunday 1st Nov - FOSIS Halloween Pumpkin Hunt All Day

Saturday 31st Oct - FOSIS Halloween Balloon Race

Families and particularly our Year 1 families

As we have said from the very beginning we want to be open and transparent with you. The phases we have written into our risk assessment are being implemented very slowly and being tested at different points. As per the government we will make changes backwards if we feel the local data tells us differently. We know there is an increase in the country but in Southampton and around our school we are still in a low area. We are monitoring this data weekly.

I want to assure you that when we say moving the year group to a bubble this is still in a very controlled way. We wanted to let our parents know there was a change so we are being open with you all. In Phase 2 of the risk assessment the children will remain in their own class bubbles in the classroom and outside of the classroom in their playground zones. What is changing for Year 1 only currently is that we are running small intervention groups to target and support the children's learning. All safety precautions are still being taken. We have invested in some more perspex screens to allow adults to read or work on a one to one or with a small group of children. With these extra protective measures in place I feel that the school would only need to send one class home if there was a positive case unless we know they have been in close contact with others. All of the children are socially distancing and working still in a well ventilated space. This means if there was a positive case in a bubble this would still result mainly in the likelihood of that class bubble closing.

We have made the joint decision with the Junior school not to open the school dinner hall after half term and keep the system in place with children eating in their class. This is where we feel the biggest increased risk is with the current R rate increasing and this is why with our risk assessment we have made the decision not to move back to this provision. We know many other schools started with Year Group bubbles and all the children using the hall. We did not opt for this decision as we did not feel on our risk assessment it was minimising the risks enough. We have worked under this risk assessment for 5 weeks now and tested it through June and July leading up to September. We believe with Year 1 having the open access to the playground with the most ventilation, this year group is ready, (under our risk assessment) to have a few changes to maximise the learning we can offer the children. Please believe this is still our utmost priority.

Everything under the risk assessment has been discussed with the senior leadership team and then the Governing body at leadership and personal. Whilst we understand this is a very worrying time for everyone we are having to make some really difficult decisions in line with what the children need and the current situation. Our priority remains the same which is the safety of the staff and children.

We are sorry the information on the weekly communication may have caused you to worry. I acknowledge we should have sent out more of the information I am sharing with you now. We are trying not to overload parents with too much communication but getting the balance right.

## **COOPERVISION**

We would like to thank Co-opervision for their very generous donation of hand gel.



## **FLU IMMUNISATION**

A Flu Immunisation Letter will be coming home with your child today, can you please complete this and return to the school office by dropping this into the blue box clearly marked outside the office door.

## **PARK & STRIDE**

We can confirm that our parents can park at the M&S car park as long as you adhere to these rules





- 1)** No longer than 2 hours
- 2)** No return within one hour of leaving



## READING PLANET



Here are this week's results Congratulations to Moles Class who have the most logins on Rising Stars this week. You have earned a head teacher sticker.

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	 
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	

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**Please remember to be considerate of others when lining up in the queue**

**Please remember to wear a mask where possible unless you have a medical condition which exempts you.**

**Don't forget to look at our Community Information page also in the letters section for what's happening in Southampton.**

<http://www.shirleyinfantschool.org.uk/page/default.asp?pid=82>

**Coming Soon**

- Google Classroom
- Year 1 Virtual Curriculum Workshop
- New Intake 20/21 Virtual Tour and meeting

# FOSIS

Normally at this time of year we would be planning our fireworks night, this has been a sell out event over the past two years and would have raised around £3000 between the two schools.

## **SHIRLEY HALLOWEEN HUNT**

Join us for the biggest Halloween Hunt in Shirley!

All day Friday 30th Oct, Saturday 31st Oct and Sunday 1st Nov.

All info on link

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=29532>

## **HALLOWEEN BALLOON RACE**

All info on link

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/722>

and good luck!!

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS!**

We will be doing our printed Christmas cards as usual!! Mugs etc again this year too.

A bit of a different process this year thought but we are so glad we can offer to do this again.

**Please could you complete your child's design at home. Could you ensure your child's name and class are on the back!**

Could it then be dropped at either 55 Darlington gardens, 80 St James road or the box at the school gate.

We will then send these off and you will receive a code to then purchase your card.

These will then be sent to school and either hand delivered to you or be available to pick up from school.

