

Shirley Infant School

Newsletter 4 - April 2022

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27th May

DIARY DATES



25th April School opens for Summer 1 26th April Year 1 Rabbit and Mole Class Shirley Walk

26th April Bags 2 School

27th April Year 1 Owls Class Shirley Walk 28th April Year 1 Lepe Beach Trip & Dibden Enclosure off site

2nd May **BANK HOLIDAY** 3rd May Extra INSET DAY 5th May Whole school Class Photo Day 13th May Year 1 Home learning due 20th May Year R Dress up Day -Traditional story tale characters FOSIS Year R Cake Sale 20th May

Year R Celebration Event 26th May 2.50pm

Year 1 Celebration Event

2.50pm 27th May Hamwic Non Uniform Day -

Donation

27th May Jubilee Celebrations School closes for Half Term 27th May

School opens for Summer 2 6th June

24th June INSET DAY

22nd July School closes for Summer

STAFFING

We are very sad to share that Mrs Kennedy and Miss Ruck will not be on the staffing team from September 2022.

Mrs Kennedy has made the very difficult decision to relocate back to her home town. She feels this is the right decision for her and her family.

Miss Ruck has made the decision to travel the world. As part of this journey for her she will be teaching aboard and impacting on many children's education.

We are going to miss them both so much but we wish them all the best with their new ventures. We know all the future children they go onto teach will be super lucky!



Dear Families.

We are really excited to share with you our new SHIRLEY SCHOOLS VALUES. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your contribution and the children though school council.

Taking on board all of the communities for the schools ideas we are proud to announce the new values are:







Kindness- We think about others when we act and go out of our way to help.

Integrity - We do the right thing even when someone isn't looking.

Respect - We accept others for who they are including when they are different from us.

These build on from our aim:

Every child - belonging, nurture, safe

Every Chance - Inclusive, opportunities, adapt Every day - consistent, understanding, ambitious

We have been introducing these to the children and they are being taught through our curriculum and every day practice. Our new behaviour policy will be underpinned by these values. We aim to teach these values through everything we do, with extra learning available for children who need a bit more input. We aim to provide a safe, secure and caring environment in which every child is able to learn confidently and happily in order to fulfil their potential. We recognise that children learn best in a calm, orderly and nurturing atmosphere. As a school's Rights Respecting status with UNICEF and we adopt the language and behaviours that encompass a Rights Respecting School.

For the Infant school this joint aim and values build into our learning behaviours

Independence, Cooperation, Perseverance, Curiosity and Kind

We are really excited to share the new graphics for aim and values, so keep an eve on future updates.

Thank you so much for your continued support and we wish you a wonderful break. Please remember we continue to be so proud of all of them every day!

Mrs Gregory and The Shirley Infant Team

Parent View we need you:

Please take a little time and click on the following link to provide feedback on Shirley Infant School;



Parent View

School Attendance Matters

We are VERY proud that **Shirley Infant School** continues to be one of the highest attended schools in Southampton. We would like to thank all of our parents for supporting us in maintaining this.

We are now seeing the end of the COVID implications on school's and regulations which have affected school attendance. We know times have been tough and families have not seen each other. We understand the strains on families as we are in that with you too with our own. Children's education has been disrupted so much and we are doing everything we can to support them with the curriculum to minimise their gaps which could impact further years of their education. We are not able to authorise leave of absence for holidays and we ask that you absolutely do your best to minimise any future missing days of school please. We have returned to a school day pre covid now.

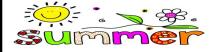
Please can we remind you of the following:

- School doors open at 8:45am. We have a window until 8:55am so the children can settle in class and then be ready to begin their lessons.
- After 8:55am, children are late and **MUST** always be signed in at the school office to ensure their safety.
- We expect **ALL** appointments, with the exception of hospital appointments, to be made **outside of normal school hours**.
- For appointments from 9:30am onwards, we expect all pupils to attend the school for registration and then be collected and returned within an appropriate time frame. If you are unsure about this, please speak to the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's school attendance. It means so much to us and your little ones.

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

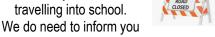
- Please provide your child with a named sun hat
- Please apply sun cream before children come to school
- Sun cream can be brought into school, but children must be able to apply it themselves
- Please ensure jumpers are named, as children do like to take them off when it's hot
- Children should continue 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!



ROAD DUTY

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 and know how much it

makes everyone feel safer travelling into school.



that we now have no afternoon support for this. Please bear in mind, even though the road is closed, we do not have adults to man the closure.

As we shared in our last newsletter we do continue to see the impact of COVID. It is evident in nearly every child in some way or form. We recognise 'gaps' that young children have due to lack of social interactions. This is from the loss of parks and extra curricular clubs being closed to family and friends socialising and visiting soft play and other day outs not being available.

Last Uninterrupted School Year
Y3
Y2
Y1
Reception
Nursery
Never experienced 'normal' school
Large numbers with disrupted
access to Nursery or no pre-school
experience.
Large numbers have never been
away from their parents/carers or
socialised beyond the family unit.

We are continuing to find that the children on the playground are finding socialising together more difficult. We are seeing a reduction in fallings out and behaviours that maybe would be seen in their younger years, however we still are supporting lots of children with this. We are continuing to work hard through PSHE sessions and additional adult support to help work with them. Please continue to support us during this time and give your child strategies to ask for help or use our zones of regulation to share with us and you how they are feeling.

FOSIS TIDY UP DAY

We would like to say a massive thank you to all of you who helped on the tidy up day. It has been 2 years since we have been able to do this. It had such a lovely community feel and the children loved being in their environment supporting and looking after it. I hope you have had a moment to see the improvements and how

much better we are looking. We still have some bits to do so watch this space!



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 94.6%



















93.54% 93.48%

94.16%

94.21%

94.63%

94.91%

95.15%

95.36%