



Shirley Infant School

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DIARY DATES



JANUARY

Friday 24th
Wednesday 29th

Year 1 Home Learning due
Year 2 Home Learning due

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 4th
Thursday 6th
Friday 7th
Monday 10th
Monday 10th
Tuesday 11th
Tuesday 11th
Wednesday 12th
Thursday 13th
Friday 14th
Friday 14th
Monday 24th
Monday 24th
Tuesday 25th
Tuesday 25th

Pupil Progress Drop In, 8:45am
Class Photos
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Rabbit Class Space Dance, 2.45pm (Hall)
Parent Forum, 2-3pm (Music Room)
Safer Internet Day
Mole Class Space Dance, 2.45pm (Hall)
Year 2 Celebration Event, 2.50pm (Classrooms)
Owl Class Space Dance, 2.45pm (Hall)
Year R Celebration Event, 2.50pm (Classrooms)
School closes at 3:10pm for Half Term
School re-opens at 8:45am for SPRING 2
Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop in School
Year 1 Manor Farm Trip
Year R Mill Cottage in School

Welcome Back and a Very Happy New Year.

We are very excited for this Spring term and the topics the children are learning within. As part of our Going for Goals theme in PSHE we are all setting new goals or reflecting on old goals we have achieved. As part of this we are looking at how our learning values support us when working towards a new goal. The children have been thinking about **perseverance**, **curiosity**, **cooperation** and **independence**. We have talked about how being curious allows us to try new things and want to take on new challenges. Persevering is always needed when we try new goals as we need to be able to keep going when things get tricky. The children have thought about when they need to be independent in their goal and when they need to work with others to break steps down.

As a school we have been thinking carefully about healthy minds and how our PSHE embedded ethos supports us with our learning. We have decided to introduce a new learning value to our school. We would like to introduce:



HARTWELL

Our **well being** value will recognise children who look out for each other, listens to a friend, helps someone, offer extra support or generally goes out of their way to help a peer.

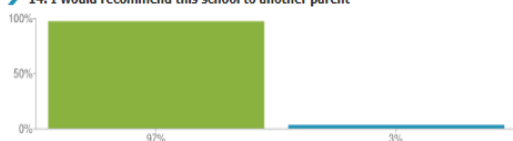
We look forward to seeing you all at our Pupil Progress drop ins coming soon.

The Shirley Infant Team



This year we would like to share with you the Ofsted Parent View results as our parent questionnaire for the academic year.

14. I would recommend this school to another parent



We were very proud to share these results with our Ofsted Inspector. Thank you all for your support, we want the children to feel happy and safe to come to school so we can achieve their best.

School Attendance Matters - Odd Days Off



Our school attendance target is 97% and we are currently at 97.5%. As we continue to monitor pupil attendance it is noticeable that there are some children who are taken out of school for 'odd days out'. This may seem inconsequential at the time but can build up to a considerable amount of time. Not only is it difficult for children to catch up on the work they have missed, but Teachers and Teaching Assistants need to spend time with children who have missed work and this takes them away from working with groups of children. We would encourage you to avoid unnecessary absence of this nature as much as possible.



PSHE - Dreams and Aspirations

Our PSHE theme this term is 'Going for Goals'.

During our lessons and in assemblies the children are encouraged to set short term targets for themselves, choosing something that they would like to improve. Perhaps your child could tell you their current goal and you can discuss how close they are getting each week.

We have a home activity for you to participate in with your child.

In assembly we thought about what we wanted to be when we are older. Can your child share their dreams and aspirations with you. You might want to think about the following:

- What things are you good at?**
- What would you like to get better at?**
- What do you enjoy?**
- What job do you want?**
- What skills do you need to do this job?**

Grown-ups can you share your dreams and aspirations from when you were little or maybe one you still have now?

CHRISTMAS GENEROSITY

We would like to thank you for your overwhelming generosity over the Christmas period at what is an already very expensive time for families. In addition to the £337.57 raised at the Christmas performances for St James Church & Murray Parish Trust, your kind donations for the Christmas DVD have allowed us to raise in excess of £100 for the school which will go towards repairing the trail bridge on the top trim trail.

Maths Shops in Maths week raised £217.40 This has been put back into the maths budget and will purchase new resources.



There are many occasions when you have given feedback that when you ask your child "What have you done today?", that you usually get the answer 'Nothing' or "Who did you play with today?", they respond 'No one'.

We have done some research around different questions to try instead:

1. What was the best or worst part of your day today?
2. What was the funniest thing you saw/did today?
3. What was the best part of lunch?
4. Which part of your classroom do you think I would like best?
5. Which activity at school today was your favourite or least favourite?
6. What made you feel happy today?
7. Who did you help today? Or who helped you today?



We would love to hear your feedback if you get a different response from your little ones at the end of each day.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 97.5%



96.3%



97.1%



97.2%



97.4%



97.6%



97.8%



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