



# Shirley Infant School Weekly Communications

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## **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

### **Head Teacher Message:**

This week, Year R have been showcasing their amazing learning in Phonics. We have been so proud of their confidence to show the parents just how incredible they are. Please take a look on our website at the curriculum section, where you will find lots of information on reading and Phonics and how we teach this in school. Next week, we are looking forward to our Pupil Progress drop in mornings, where you will get a chance to share your child's wonderful work with them.

Our head teacher Mrs Gregory is recovering well, we will continue to keep you updated on her progress. In the meantime Mrs Watts will continue to be acting head.

Only a few more 'January' days left!

### **Whole School Dates:**

Tue 30/1/24 – Pupil Progress Drop-In Morning (see page 3 for details)

Thu 1/2/24 – Pupil Progress Drop-In Morning (see page 3 for details)

Fri 2/2/24 – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Mon 5/2/24 – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Mon 12/2/24 – Fri 16/1/24 Half Term

Mon 11/3/24 - INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Mon 25/3/24 – School Photo Day

### **Messages:**

#### **Park Run Number 4**

Thank you to all the children and volunteers this week. The weather was certainly less cold. We didn't have the inflatable start and finish this week but it will be back next week. Well done to Arthur and Torrin in Rabbits, Finn and Sebastian in Badgers and Euan in Woodpeckers who ran 11 laps. A big shout out to Poppy in Hedgehogs who ran 10 laps and showed amazing perseverance throughout. It will be Darren's superhero warm up next week.

#### **PE Kits**

With the colder spells of weather we have been experiencing recently, please ensure that your child has suitable clothing for outdoor PE as well as indoor. We recommend that your child brings in their PE kit on a Monday so that they have it for the duration of the week.

### **Messages Contd .....**

A reminder to all parents/carers that drop children off by car. Please avoid dropping off on Wilton Road, (Winchester Road entrance). This can be extremely hazardous as children don't often think of this section as a road and cross without thought, often ahead of parents. There are plenty of parking options just a few minutes walk away.

We have also seen a big increase in the amount of vehicles being parked there. We remind you that this is our only entrance for emergency vehicles and if they need to get through they will not be able to whilst you are parked there. Please consider the seriousness of keeping this clear and that the children's safety is paramount.

The children recently had a visit from the Police who advised the school that they were unhappy with the situation regarding parking over the emergency exit and have asked us to do all we can to stop the parking there.

We are able to use the car park at The Range and you can use the car park outside Pets At Home as long as you adhere to the parking rules regarding length of stay and duration before return.

Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

# Coming up in your year group...

## Year R

**Celebration Event Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm** – The children will showing you their hospital day video.

There are no planned school dress up days in Spring 1.

**Mill Cottage Farm (Onsite)** – 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb


**Height and Weight Check** – 29<sup>th</sup> Feb

## Year 1

**Celebration Events** – The children have been busy learning their space songs and are looking forward to performing them to you next week. The event will take place in your child's classroom starting at 2:45pm. These are all at 2:45pm but on different days.

Please see below:

**Moles** - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 

**Owls** - Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 

**Rabbits** - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 

**Weather Station** - This week in Science, we have been learning all about the weather. The children have loved making their own class weather station to measure the rainfall and temperature throughout winter. We have attached the instructions for this should you wish to make one with your child at home. There are no planned school dress up days in Spring 1.

**Trip to Manor Farm** – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

## Year 2

**30<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 2 Spelling Quiz in school

**Celebration Event Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm** – The children will share their Peter Pan stories with you.

There are no planned school dress up days in Spring 1.

## Weekly Attendance Whole School Attendance – 96.3%



83.2%	95.7%	96.7%	98.6%	95.0%	99.3%	92.0%	97.0%	97.3%
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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

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## PUPIL PROGRESS DROP-IN MORNINGS (all years)

We will be holding Pupil Progress drop in mornings on Tuesday 30th January and Thursday 1st February from 8:40am until 8:55am. This is an opportunity for you to come into the classroom and celebrate your child's work with them. The doors will open at 8:40am as normal and you will be able to come into the classroom with them. We look forward to seeing you then.

## RE:MINDS WORKSHOP

From Monday 29th January to Friday 02nd February Re:Minds are putting on some workshops.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January: Self Harm Workshop  
 Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January: ADHD Advice Clinic  
 Friday 02<sup>nd</sup> February: Parent Support Group

Please see the attached flyer for further information if you are interested.

## Good Grub Club

There is a free Good Grub Club running in February half term, on Tuesday 13th. Families attending will be able to get involved in cooking some tasty food. Please see the flyer attached for further information and to book.

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Shirley Infant School - After School Drama Club  
Thursday 3:15 - 4:15

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**Monday, Shirley Ensemble (12-18 yrs)**  
4:30 - 6:00

**Wednesday, LAMDA Tuition (7+)**  
times vary depending on grade. Enquire for details.

**Thursday, Musical Theatre Class (7-14 yrs)**  
5:00 - 6:00

**Friday, Mixed Company (7-16 yrs)**  
4:30 - 6:30

**Maskers Theatre Company**  
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Intro to Tech - register your interest  
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### February Half-Term Activities

Please see the attached document for details of half term activities through Southampton City Council and TeamSpirit.

### It is Chinese New Year on 10th February 2024



We would love to have people talk to us about how they celebrate Chinese New Year. If you want to celebrate with us, please contact the school office FAO of Miss Reilly so we can arrange a time. It doesn't have to be long and could be with a year group or class of your choice. Thank you.



There have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands. There is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates. Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The following UKHSA guidance is available on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-children-and-young-people-settings-including-education):  
[Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-children-and-young-people-settings-including-education)

[Managing outbreaks and incidents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/managing-outbreaks-and-incidents).

The NHS also has the following advice for parents on measles:  
[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/)

DfE has published an [Education Hub blog](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-hub-blog) with guidance on measles and the MMR vaccine for parents, nurseries and schools.