



Shirley Infant School Weekly Communications

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Friday 9th February 2024

Head Teacher Message:

What a busy yet brilliant half term that was; rounded off with a daring Dodgeball competition in Year 2, some marvellous Moon Buggy creations in Year 1 and some happy historians in Year R, who have been learning about significant figures from the past. The Children have been fascinated to learn about all things past which is a credit to the amazing learners our Year R children have become.

Thank you for all your hard work, commitment and support as parents and carers this half term. We could not do it without you. Mrs Gregory is recovering well and very much looks forward to returning next half term.

Have a great week and we will see you all after the half term. Take care



Rail Safety

We have spoken about rail safety with the children and would be grateful if you would take 15 minutes to watch this rail safety video. This video has led to a significant decrease in the number of fatalities and injuries in the area through watching the safety videos.

<https://learnliveuk.com/ks1-primary-school-safety-talk/>

Whole School Dates:

Mon 12/2/24 – Fri 16/1/24 Half Term

Tue 27/02/24 – Parents Evening

Thu 29/02/24 – Parents Evening

Thu 7/03/24 – World Book Day

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

Mon 25/3/24 – School Photo Day

Messages:



Clothing Donations

We are currently running low on socks, tights and shoes. If you have any that you wish to donate please drop them in to the school office.

Compost and Kitchen Scales

If anyone has any compost they would like to donate to year R for their mud kitchen and gardening club it would be much appreciated. Any donations would need to be received by 26th February. Year R are also in need of some kitchen scales, if you have any you would like to donate please drop them in to reception.

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Parents Evening – Reminder



This will be a face - face appointment with the teacher in the classroom.

Appointments can be booked online via the MCAS App/Website and will be available to book from 6pm on 12th February and then close at 9am on 23rd February.

Please follow the link on instructions on how to book your appointment or contact the school office if you need assistance using the booking system.

[Infant Parents Evening MCAS Instructions](#)

February Half Term Activities



The February half-term is nearly here! Southampton City Council have plenty of free, drop-in craft activities on offer in addition to the regularly scheduled events. Please note we do ask that parents/guardians stay for the duration of the sessions.

Underwater crafts / Bitterne Library / Monday 12 February / 10.30am to 12.30pm / suitable for all ages

Dancing Dragon crafting / Portswood Library / Wednesday 14 February / 2.30pm to 3.30pm / suitable for ages 4+

Pirates and Parrots / Shirley Library / Thursday 15 February / 10.30am to 11.30am / suitable for all ages

Dragon and Lantern crafting / Central Library / Thursday 15 February / 10.30am to 12.30pm / suitable for ages 4+

Underwater crafts / Woolston Library / Friday 16 February / 10.30am to 12.30pm / suitable for all ages

Coming up in your year group...

Year R

Mill Cottage Farm (Onsite) – 22nd Feb

Height and Weight Check – 29th Feb

Year 1

Trip to Manor Farm – Tuesday 20th Feb

Year 2

Weekly Attendance Whole School Attendance – 94.1%



86.3	94.4	100	94.4	96.7	97.5	86.3	96.3	92.9
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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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RE:MINDS WORKSHOP

27th February Re:Minds are putting on some further workshops.

Tuesday 27th February: Autism in schools drop in session at school

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

Reminder: 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.

Mental Health Week

This week is Children's Mental Health Week. Attached is a leaflet with 'Top Tips on how to respond to your child's anxiety'.

If you need to discuss concerns you may have about your child's anxiety or mental health please contact Karen Allen Family Support Worker to arrange a meeting.

World Book Day 2024

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day with a love of reading; bringing stories to life through drama, music and creative writing.

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Girlguiding - World Thinking Day

Thursday 22nd February is Thinking Day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world.

Any of our pupils that are members of the Guiding movement , Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Rangers are permitted to wear their uniforms to school on this day.

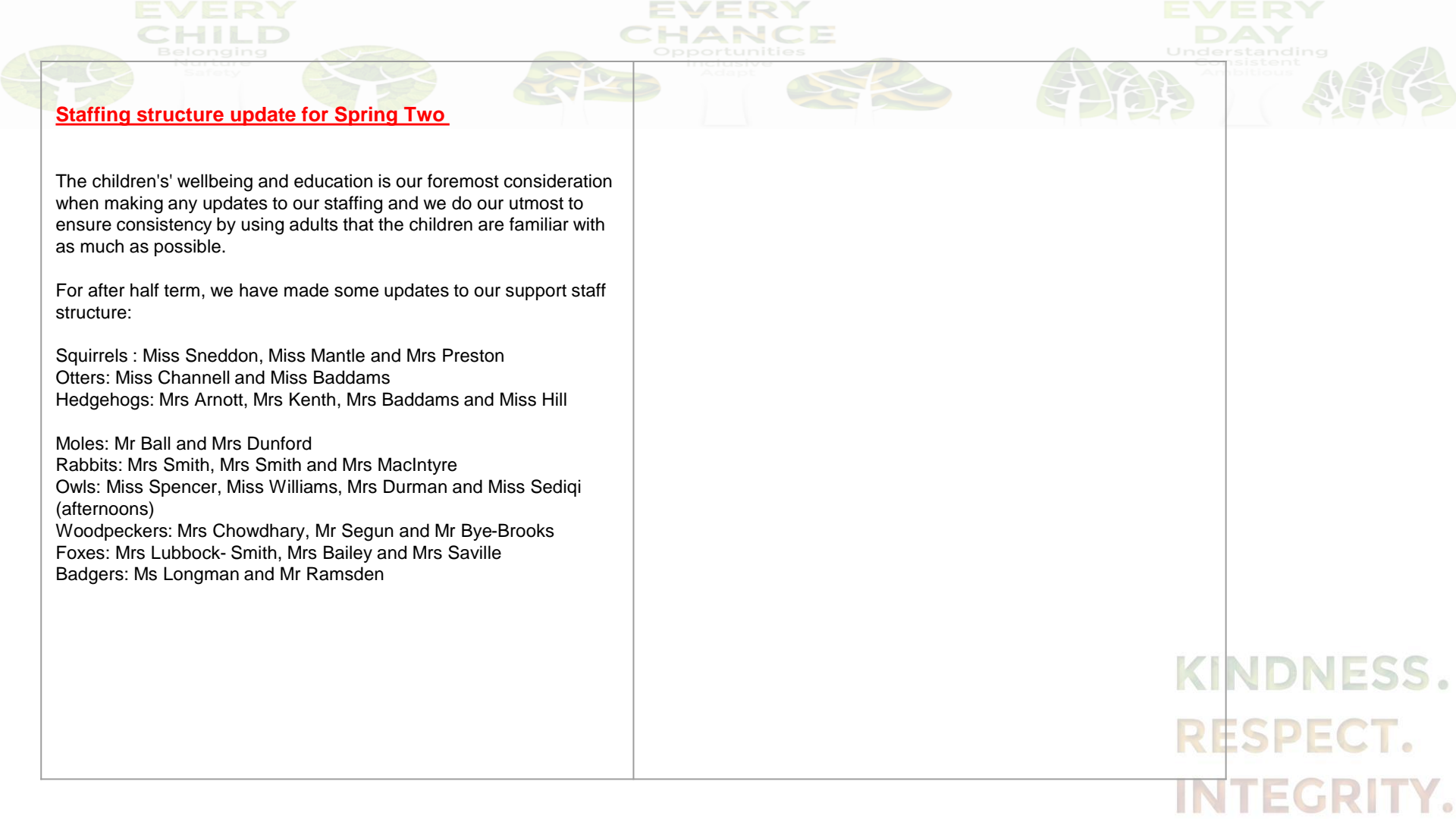
Local Libraries Half Term Activities

Please see the attached flyer for half term activities

History - Story Time Book List

Below is a link to a list of story time books relating to the topics we teach at Shirley Infant School. Please feel free to use these to enhance children's learning or to enjoy at bedtime!

<https://www.shirleyinfantschool.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=744&type=pdf>



Staffing structure update for Spring Two

The children's' wellbeing and education is our foremost consideration when making any updates to our staffing and we do our utmost to ensure consistency by using adults that the children are familiar with as much as possible.

For after half term, we have made some updates to our support staff structure:

Squirrels : Miss Sneddon, Miss Mantle and Mrs Preston

Otters: Miss Channell and Miss Baddams

Hedgehogs: Mrs Arnott, Mrs Kenth, Mrs Baddams and Miss Hill

Moles: Mr Ball and Mrs Dunford

Rabbits: Mrs Smith, Mrs Smith and Mrs MacIntyre

Owls: Miss Spencer, Miss Williams, Mrs Durman and Miss Sediqi (afternoons)

Woodpeckers: Mrs Chowdhary, Mr Segun and Mr Bye-Brooks

Foxes: Mrs Lubbock- Smith, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Saville

Badgers: Ms Longman and Mr Ramsden

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