



Shirley Infant School

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DIARY DATES

December

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| Tuesday 3rd | Last Art Club |
| Thursday 5th | Year 1 Celebration Event at 9am |
| Friday 6th | Year 2 Titanic Dress Up Day |
| Friday 6th | Last Karate Club |
| Friday 6th | FOSIS Christmas Fair |
| Monday 9th | Christmas Maths Week |
| Monday 9th | Year 1 Flu Immunisation |
| Monday 9th | Last Dance Club |
| Tuesday 17th | Year 2 Theatre Trip - Packed Lunch |
| Tuesday 17th | Christmas Performance at St James Church at 2pm |
| Tuesday 17th | Last Ninja Warrior Club |
| Wednesday 18th | Christmas Performance at St James Church at 9:40am |
| Wednesday 18th | FOSIS Mince Pies after Christmas Performance |
| Thursday 19th | Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day |
| Friday 20th | School closes at 3:10pm for CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY |

January

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| Monday 6th | School re-opens at 8:45am for Spring 1 |
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Thank You



We wish to say such a huge thank you to the parents who have kindly donated from our Amazon wish list or brought us some new stationary. This is so gratefully received and the staff have been excited for these gifts.

We truly are very lucky to be part of the family community that we all belong to and support each other.

Thank you from the children and staff.

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We have had some very exciting and busy weeks. Year R have been super busy finding a magic key and finding out all about it's adventures leading into their topics. We have been so impressed with how they have settled into school and into their classes. We look forward to watching them enjoy their first Christmas festivities in school.

Year 1 and 2 had an amazing morning with IBM all thanks to Laura Martin and her team of amazing scientists from IBM! They started the morning in the hall listening to, and watching, how IBM have used science to help the animals at Marwell Zoo. We discovered how they designed sensors to ensure the animals are able to use their heaters and lights more efficiently. We were also fascinated to learn how the dinosaurs on the Isle of Wight come to life and move and roar when visitors come near because of the sensors designed by IBM. While the children were listening to the information in the hall, Laura's team were hard at work transforming our classrooms into science labs to explore three different experiments... Take a look at the website for some photos. We had great fun being super scientists!

We would like to share our **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2019-20**. These are our school improvement plans for the coming year which have been drawn up following consultation with staff and governors;-



- **To further strengthen and embed a progressive knowledge and skills curriculum to ensure pupils learn more and remember more.**
- **To continue to improve the momentum of pupils achieving writing in GD** - Improve the quality of explicit skills teaching in writing in all year groups so pupils demonstrate deeper knowledge and skills and exposed to the curriculum at the beginning of Autumn term.
- **To ensure the impact of middle leadership on the quality of teaching and learning** - Improve the accuracy of leadership checks and follow ups so they have direct impact of the Quality of Education for all pupils.
- To continue to accurately identify and close gaps in learning for all groups of pupils to ensure at least expected progress is made in reading, writing and maths. (SEN,EAL,PP)

If you would like to see a copy of the full Improvement Plan please ask at the school office.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas productions. Nativity Information to follow soon!

Thank you for your support this half term.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



The children as always impressed us in this focus week. The theme for PSHE this half term is getting on and falling out which supports children understanding that it is ok to fall out with their friends it is how they use our restorative practice to solve it and build their friendships again. Children naturally fall out with each other and this is part of their early childhood development. Friendships often find it difficult when someone wants to play a game one day but they are not sure of it another and children need support explaining this to each other.

We have been empowering the children to celebrate what makes them, and others, unique (UNICEF, Article 17 & 29). We believe that together we can support our children in their understanding of bullying. There is a clear difference between falling out with friends and bullying. Bullying is a term that should only be used when repetitive acts occur over time.



FIREWORK DISPLAY

We would like to say a huge thank you for all the hard work of the FOSIS team and Junior PTA. This event was spectacular not just for the fireworks but the amazing community feel. Mr Davis put on a fabulous display with the help of Mr Hack who was on hand for any first aid. Thank you to all of you who supported this new event it was a delight to hear that this enabled so many families to attend a firework display together.

We would like to thank *Make it Magic* for their generous donation of the fireworks at an affordable cost and the support he gave in putting the display together for us. This is a fabulous company who have hugely supported a community event.



TRANSFER TO JUNIOR SCHOOL

Parents of children in Year 2 are currently making applications for junior school places.

The nearest junior schools to Shirley Infants are;

SHIRLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL
HOLLYBROOK JUNIOR SCHOOL
FAIRISLE JUNIOR SCHOOL



Please be aware that **Wordsworth is a Primary School**, therefore, you will be unable to choose this as one of your options when applying for a Year 3 place.

Applications should be made online directly with Southampton City Council by following the link below by **15th January 2020 at 23:59**.

[Southampton School Admissions](#)

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 98.1%



97.4%



97.4%



97.8%



97.9%



98.1%



98.3%



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