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Shirley Infant School

Newsletter 2 - 17th December 2021

DIARY DATES

SPRING

4th January	School opens for Spring 1
12th January	Year 1 Fire Visit
28th January	INSET DAY
31st January	INSET DAY
10th February	
18th February	School closes for Half Term
28th February	School opens for Spring 2
8th April	School closes for Easter

SUMMER

25th April	School opens for Summer 1
2nd May	BANK HOLIDAY
3rd May	Extra INSET DAY
27th May	School closes for Half Term
6th June	School opens for Summer 2
24th June	INSET DAY
22nd July	School closes for Summer

Dear Families,

We are so proud of everything the children have achieved this term. They have loved all of their topics from Pets in Year R to animals in Year 1 and the Titanic in Year 2. To see two year groups go out on trips has been really special. They all came back buzzing to have been able to have the experience. Thank you for your support with the topics and all the dress up days. We know it can be a lot but the children so love it and it brings a part of their topic alive for them.



We have found the rainbows through everything we have been able to. We have ended this term on **95.7%** attendance for the whole school. Thank you for doing all you can to keep each other safe and well!

We continue to be so grateful for your continued support, all the reassurances and kind tokens. We are so proud of our team and all that they are bringing to the children. They truly are a credit to the profession and our community.

We wish you all a very special holiday. Please continue to stay safe and look after each other.

Mrs Gregory and The Shirley Infant Team

STAFFING

It is with great sadness that we have to announce that Mrs Chadwick will be leaving us after Christmas. Mrs Chadwick has worked at the school for over 6 years and is an absolute asset to the team. We wish her all the happiness and all the best.

We also have to inform you that Mrs Farmer has taken the decision to change her role within the school. She will no longer be working in Squirrel Class however, temporarily, you will still be able to see her in the school office.

We wish to welcome Miss Wilson to the team who will be covering the maternity position in Fox Class. Miss Wilson has worked within a number of Hampshire schools and we are very pleased to welcome her to the team.



WISHING OUR FAMILYS A TRULY SPECIAL HOLIDAY

FOSIS AND OUR CAROL SERVICE

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the FOSIS team for their first community event. The support everyone gave us for our very first Shirley Infant Carol Service was amazing. Thank you for your patience while we tried to work out how best for the children to perform. We are sure you will agree the children were amazing and sang beautifully. We always say when they sing together, as they did, it is the best present they can give. We are truly very proud of our little stars!

We hope that you enjoy watching our nativity as a family snuggled up in your homes. It was such a pleasure to have a chance for the children to perform in such a special way. Wishing you such a truly special Christmas!



Photographs



Photographs taken by parents of their children whilst in a school environment or at school events are to be for **personal and family use only**. **No images should be posted on any social media!**

A Good Practice Guide from the Information Commissioner's Office can be obtained from the School Office if required.

All the time we have feedback that when you ask your child "what have you done today"? 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 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 feed back if you get a better response from your little ones at the end of each day.

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. It is difficult balancing this however, with the additional support it has been gratefully received. We are very short for the afternoon duty. If you can help from 2:55pm till 3:15pm we would be so grateful.

ADMISSIONS 2021-2022

If you are looking at the school for your child's sibling or know of someone in the community that has asked you about how we will support the admissions process for next year's intake, please look on the website and click on the latest news button for our virtual tour and welcome video.

Latest News



HELP IS HERE

We know these times continue to bring difficulties and challenges for us all. Please remember we are here to help as much as we can. I would like to remind you that we have Karen Allen, our family support worker, should you again find yourself in a situation with which you may need support. You can contact her via email on:



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WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY



93.4%



94.3%



94.3%



95.3%



95.3%



95.83%



96.1%



96.3%



97.31%