



Shirley Infant School

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DIARY DATES



May

Friday 28th
Monday 31st

Non Uniform Day
Half Term

June

Monday 7th
Tuesday 8th
Friday 25th
Monday 28th

School re-opens for Summer 2
Year R Mill Cottage
INSET DAY
Class & Leavers Photos

July

Friday 16th
Friday 23rd

Reports Out
School closes for Summer Holidays

Dear Families,

The children have continued to be amazing through this time. They have thrived in us moving their experience of school back to more of the structure they needed. Their little faces when they were allowed to play in all the areas of their zones and mix with other friends. It was a very huge lift for the staff too! The children's social skills, cooperating skills and listening skills have flourished within their year group bubbles. As we shared before the main difference in moving to year group bubbles was that they were be outside together. The children's learning is continuing to grow as the staff are running the group work that is targeting key gaps by consolidating and moving the children's learning on quicker. As we shared in last weeks weekly communication, we will now begin to prepare the children for moving the classrooms back to the layout we would normally recognise in school. We know this is another change for the children and the staff are gradually preparing them for the classrooms to look different again. The same high standards of cleaning and children having their own resources will remain. We know this is another change for them, however, by planning each stage, preparing them for it and allowing them to action it with us will help them deal with the emotions they may feel around this. It would be great to talk to your little one about what they are looking forward to and what they may feel worried or concerned about.

The staff have continued to plan fabulous topics that have enriched the children's learning. They are embedding key facts in Year 2 in their Great Fire of London topic. Can your little one recall the timeline of events to you?



In Year 1 they have continued their topic on Space. We have seen some fabulous stories based on the book 'Whatever next'. Can your child tell you their story for bedtime instead one night?

In Year R they are learning about traditional stories and then using the structure of these stories to retell and write their own stories and rhymes. Ask you little one about their Mary had a little lamb writing.



We continue to be so proud of all of them every day!
The Shirley Infant team

Parent View we need you:

Please take a little time and click on the following link to provide feedback on Shirley Infant School;

[Parent View](#)



Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about Shirley Infant School. By sharing your views you'll be helping your child's school to improve.



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.

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 project and know how much it makes everyone feel safer travelling into school.

It is difficult balancing this and ensuring the teaching staff are with the children too. Therefore, with the additional support which has been gratefully received we can move the teachers back into the classrooms.

Thank you !



HELP IS HERE

We know these times continue to bring difficult and challenging times 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:

karen.allen@shirleyschools.co.uk



As the weather is now beginning to warm up, please can we remind you to ensure children are dressed appropriately;



- Please provide your child with a sun hat
- Please apply sun cream before children come to school
- Sun cream can be brought into school, **but children must be able to apply it themselves**
- Please ensure jumpers are **named** as children do like to take them off when it's hot
- Children should continue to wear sensible shoes
- Please make sure children have a full water bottle for the day
- Please provide a light weight coat for the Year R's particularly as the weather can change and we are still outside a lot!



We wish to say such a huge thank you to the parents who have kindly donated from our Amazon wish list. The new numicon has supported the children's Maths skills so much.

This is so gratefully received and the staff have been so 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 .

[AMAZON WISHLIST](#)



TEST AND TRACE OVER THE HALF TERM:

Please continue to notify us if you are testing over the May Half Term so we can continue to carryout the required test and trace for the DFE. Please stay safe and look after each other.

Please email: office@shirleyschools.co.uk to notify us. SLT are monitoring through the holidays.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 96.8%



95.2%



95.7%



95.9%



96.1%



96.9%



97%



98%



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