



Shirley Infant School

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DIARY DATES



December

Friday 18th

School closes at 3.10pm for the Christmas Holiday

January

Monday 4th
Thursday 14th

School re-opens at 8:45am for SPRING 1 FOSIS Virtual Parent Forum 8pm

February

Monday 1st
Thursday 4th
Wednesday 10th
Friday 12th
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INSET DAY—School closed to pupils
Class Photos
Year 1 Space Adventures Virtual Celebration
Year R Hospital Day Video Virtual Celebration
Year 2 Piece of writing, Journey into the Unknown Virtual Celebration

Dear Families

We truly are so grateful and proud for of the way our children have managed this first new term back at school. They have shown all of our learning values from coming in on their own with their **independence**, working together and **co-operating** with each other, **persevering** with new routines, situations and challenges, being **curious** about new learning and questioning what is happening around them, their **care** for each other and the adults in and out of school.

We know we have had to adapt many parts of our normal provision. We have made new memories and new traditions this year and the children have beamed through all of them. I can not express how truly amazing they all are. Some changes have not been quite what we would have liked and others have made us think in new ways. We have found the rainbows through everything we have been able to. We have ended this term on **98.7%** attendance for the whole school. Thank you for doing all you can to keep each other safe and well!

We would like to say such a big thank you for all the gifts and special tokens from you al they have kept everyone going. I know the staff and myself are truly touched and grateful for these.

We hope you enjoy the concert DVD we have sent home for you to snuggle up and share with your little ones. We are so pleased we could risk assess this and allow the children to a part of the whole school production. Especially for Year R for their first production in their school journeys. The whole school watched it on Tuesday for Assembly and it truly felt like we were together as a whole school for the first time since March. Thank you to the team for all their hard work and extra efforts that this took. We are dedicating this production in loving memory of Mrs Hearne. We thank all the parents for the fundraising in the Summer term and look forward to the dedicated special story tellers chair area that is coming in the Spring term.

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 holidays.
Please continue to stay safe and look after each other.



The Shirley Schools team



ADMISSIONS 2020-2021

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.

This link is on the bottom part of the page of the website:

Latest News



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 and ensuring the teaching staff are with the children too to support their learning.

Therefore, with the additional support it has been gratefully received that we can move the teachers back into the classrooms. Thank you !



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.



HELP IS HERE

We know these times continue to bring difficulty's 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



THANK YOU FOSIS

FOSIS have been such a support through the last 9 months. We could not have managed what we have without the support. The staff loved their kindness bags in the Summer term. The children have been so excited by the huge Christmas tree and loved decorating the baubles for it. This was all then topped off by Magic treat with Crazy M. It was delight to hear the children's laughter echo down the corridor. We also thank all the community member s who have donated food hampers and a special donation from the Rotary club for books. So a MASSIVE thank you to Jo, Sue and the team for everything. Please rest up after the Christmas hunt that is happening!



COVID SYMPTONS

If your child develops symptoms within 48 hours of last being in school at the end of term and then tests positive, please email us with their name, class and your contact number as we will need to call you to establish who we need to ask to self- isolate. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter and for continued support at this difficult time.

We hope that you will not need to contact us and that you have a restful and enjoyable break under the current circumstances .

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 97.6%

