



Shirley Infant School Weekly Communications

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Friday 23rd February 2024

Head Teacher Message:

What a wonderful first week back we have had in school; a trip to Manor Farm, a mobile farm visiting us and an immersive Great Fire of London experience for Year Two.

We have been working on reminding all the children about good hand hygiene and encouraging hand washing throughout the day.

Remember that Parents' Evenings are next week - **please ensure that you book on for these dates.** The teaching staff set aside this time so it is important that everyone takes up this opportunity.



Whole School Dates:

Tue 27/02/24 – Parents Evening
Thu 29/02/24 – Parents Evening
Thu 7/03/24 – World Book Day (**Uniform as usual**)
Mon 11/3/24 - INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Mon 25/3/24 – School Photo Day
Thu 28/3/24 – Last day of term

Messages:

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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World Book Day – Book Swap Donations

Do you have any spare books at home that you would like to donate? We need as many books as possible to ensure that the children who do not bring a book to swap on world book day can still take one home.

Books to be swapped need to be in a good condition so others can enjoy them. If you have any extra children's books which you would kindly like to donate please bring these to the School office on **Wednesday 6th March**. Any donations would be much appreciated.

Park-run Number 7

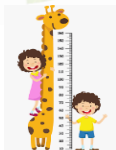
Thank you to all the children who attended this week. It was our wettest one yet! Well done to all the children who achieved their shirt for completing 5 park runs. It is not too late to join us so please come on a Wednesday at 8.00am for a warm up and the run starts at 8.15am.



Coming up in your year group...

Year R

Height and Weight Check – 29th Feb



We need your help!

Miss Sneddon is on the hunt for some 'old fashioned' items and artefacts to support the children's learning of the past in History sessions. We would love it if you could have a rummage around and donate any the following listed below:

- Typewriters
- Rotary phones
- Any 'older' style writing equipment (ink bottles, quills, fountain pens etc)
- Any newspaper articles from key historic events - e.g. the Apollo 11 space mission
- Any newspaper articles about the history of Shirley or Southampton
- Any monarchy/royal family newspaper articles (e.g. when The Queen died, when the King got coronated etc)

Please bring them into the office in a bag with the attention of Miss Sneddon.

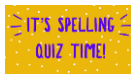
Year 2

The Year 2 children have really enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London and we have been super impressed with all their knowledge so far.

Dates for this half term:

Year 2 Celebration event: **Friday 22nd March, 2.40pm**

Spelling Quiz: **Tuesday 19th March**



Upcoming events:

After the Easter holidays we will be having a Charlie and Chocolate Factory themed dress up day to link to our chocolate topic. (Just letting you know in advance to give you time to find/make a costume).

[Year 2 - Spring 2 Curriculum letter and Spellings](#)



Please see attachments for the spring term 2 curriculum and spellings. The children will take part in a spelling quiz on [Tuesday 19th March](#). Please continue to recap any words they did not spell correctly from the previous half term.

Year 1

22nd March – Victorian Dress Up Day

22nd March – **Victorian Celebration Event in school hall, 2.45pm** - The children will be performing some Victorian street cries and sharing some facts they have learnt throughout the topic.

28th Feb - Baby Photos



As part of our Science learning next week, the children will be looking at the similarities and differences between them as a baby and now as a child. We would love for your child to bring in a photograph of themselves as a baby on **Wednesday 28th February** either with their name on the back or within a named envelope.

Weekly Attendance Whole School Attendance –96.4%



91.9	95.3	97	98.6	97.3	99	90	100	98.7
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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.

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.

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>

Free classes with Itchen College

If you would like help to support your child's learning and development please see the attached flyer.

Testwood Lakes Visit

Please could you also share the following links to our Events and Team Wilder pages on our website with your pupils' parents?

[Events | Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust \(hiwwt.org.uk\)](https://www.hiwwt.org.uk/events)

[Team Wilder | Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust \(hiwwt.org.uk\)](https://www.hiwwt.org.uk/team-wilder)

Cereal Box Donations



Please can your child bring in a standard size cereal box by Wednesday 28th February. Please can this be named. This will be used to make a Fire themed winding mechanism.

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Parents Music Skills



Calling all talented musicians, we need your help! We are looking for any parents that play a musical instrument to come in any Friday from 2.30 – 3.00pm.

We would like to give our children the opportunity of listening to experienced musicians play live music. If you feel you would be able to come in one Friday for half an hour then please contact either the school office or Mrs Clark.

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