



Shirley Infant School Weekly Communications

KINDNESS.
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INTEGRITY.

Friday 20th December 2024

Head Teacher Message

Dear families,

It was such a magical treat to see our Superstars on the stage this week. The children were truly fabulous and shined that extra bright to all our other days. Thank you once again for finding the time to source costumes, we know how busy this time of year is and how you need to juggle everything.

I would also like to thank the team for their hard work and dedication to putting the whole school production on. It was a delight to put together such a superstar studded performance which we are very proud of Mrs Clark for writing. The superstars clearly showed the school:

Values : **KINDNESS**, **INTEGRITY** and **RESPECT**

Behaviors: **Independence**, **Curiosity**, **Co-operation**, **Perseverance** and **kind**

Messages:

Little Wandle E-book Library

Your child came home with a password to access the E-book. Please see attached our Reading letter to now access the system. Any questions, please see your child's class teacher.

Numbots

We have a new online app to help your child practice their maths fluency at home. Your child has been given a username and password along with a how to in their book bags. The app is for use at home and can be used to support your child at home.

PANTS

We have had an increasing number of children not being respectful or not understanding the PANTS rule. The whole school have had the NSPCC PANTS lesson taught to them today. These lessons have all been brought forward from their curriculum planned sequence for PSHE. We would appreciate your joint teaching with this and if you can follow these conversations up using the same resources this will support the overlearning and help enable the children to retain this learning. Please use this link for the parent guidance:

[Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC](#)

Coming up in your year group...

Year R

Next half term is our people who help us topic. We are excited to have lots of experiences within this topic including Teddy Bear Hospital, hospital day and visitors from a range of occupations that help people. Thank you to all who have offered to visit school and talk about their jobs.

If you have a job where you help people or animals and would mind sparing 45 minutes, we would love to hear from you. We would really like for you to do 3 x 15-minute short talk to the children about the job that you do and how you help. If you are able to do this in January or February, please ask to speak to Mrs L Smith, our Early Years Leader.

Celebration event – 12th February: 2.45pm – The children will be sharing their video with you of their hospital role play day in school.



Year 1

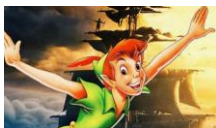
Celebration event - Friday 7th February at 2:45pm. The children will be sharing their space songs that they have learnt throughout their music unit.

As part of our space topic, the children will be making rockets as part of their instruction writing. We would be very grateful for any empty 500ml plastic bottles to support the making of their rockets.



Year 2

Celebration event - Thursday 6th February: 2.45pm – The children will be sharing their Peter Pan stories with you.



Weekly Attendance Whole School Attendance – 96.9%

Schools target attendance this week is -

97%



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| 95.9% | 97.2% | 96.9% | 98.8% | 96% | 97.2% | 95.8% | 96.9% | 96.7% |
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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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School Messages...

EVERY
CHANCE
Opportunities
Inclusive

EVERY
DAY
Understanding
Consistent

Introducing the Shirley Schools Astro Appeal

Help us fundraise £10,000 to support the replacement of the shared astro pitch. In return for a £10 donation, you can 'own' a square metre of the new astro, [click here](#) to find out more and sign up. You'll be taken to the Infant School website, but the opportunity is open to families of both schools. A letter with a paper version of the sign-up form will be coming out in book bags soon, so please keep an eye out. Any questions, please email fosis@shirleyschools.co.uk We're also working on advertising opportunities for local businesses, so watch this space for more info!

2025/2026 Cohort Year R Open Mornings

We are holding open days for families that have a child starting in year R in September 2025. Our last session is on **Wednesday 8 January 2025 9:15am**

Please book on the link below or visit the school website for more information. Feel free to share this information with anyone you know who has a child due to start school in September 2025.

Open Day for 2025 Year R Admissions - Shirley Infant School

Autumn 2 newsletter

Please see the attached leaflet

Team spirit After School Dance Club and Sports Activities

Please see the attached flyers.

Parenting Children with ADHD

If you would like to apply for a place on this course please email Karen Allen for the self referral form. (karen.allen@shirleyschools.co.uk)

Please note this course is for parents of children up to the age of 11 years; it is not suitable for Senior School pupils.

Parenting Children with ADHD
For parents & carers of children with ADHD aged 3 - 11 years old.

FREE
8 week online course
via Zoom

Mondays 7pm - 9pm
Starting 13th January 2025

Course dates: 13th, 20th, 27th January,
3rd, 10th, 24th February and 3rd, 10th March.

To book a place email:
info@sfrust.org.uk

Help to learn more about ADHD!

- Coping with feelings
- Meeting your child's emotional needs
- Boost your parent/child relationship
- Improve their self esteem
- Use effective discipline
- Tips for home, school & wider family
- Channel your child's energy

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