



Shirley Infant School

Newsletter 1 - 18th September 2020

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DIARY DATES

AUTUMN

23rd October School closes for Half Term
 2nd November School opens for Autumn 2
 10th November Flu Vaccinations
 23rd November INSET DAY
 3rd December Individual Photos
 18th December School closes for Christmas

SPRING

4th January School opens for Spring 1
 12th February School closes for Half Term
 22nd February School opens for Spring 2
 12th March INSET DAY
 1st April School closes for Easter

SUMMER

19th April School opens for Summer 1
 3rd May BANK HOLIDAY
 28th May School closes for Half Term
 7th June School opens for Summer 2
 25th June INSET DAY
 23rd July School closes for Summer

Dear Families,

We wanted say a big welcome to this new school year. You have all truly been so supportive and your children are absolutely just amazing.

Our new Year R children have settled beautifully into their classrooms and are learning their new routines. The staggered intake is supporting the children in building strong relationships with their teachers. They have been just amazing at taking everything on board and are so independent already.

The children have also settled well into their new Year 1 and 2 classes and are enjoying the enrichment activities to support their transition back to school. We are particularly proud of the way the children are rising to the challenge of our new routines and rainbow rules. We are getting used to virtual assemblies, playing in key zones of the playground, washing our hands regularly and working at their own desks.

We know this is such a challenge for everyone and we wish to say a massive thank you for the support and praise you have given us. Following the government guidance has been difficult for us to work with and still uphold our vision and values. With your support we have been able to do this - thank you!

We are so looking forward to a fabulous year with lots of exciting events and celebrations. We feel very proud and tremendously excited to be part of Shirley Infant School. We are passionate about working in partnership with the children, staff, governors and yourselves as the parent community to continue to develop The Shirley Schools as exciting, happy and successful schools.

Mrs Gregory and The Shirley Infant Team



AS BEST PRACTICE WE HAVE MOVED THE TEAMS AROUND AGAIN. HERE ARE OUR TEAMS FOR THIS YEAR:

Senior Leadership Team	Head teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): <i>Cate Gregory</i>	Deputy Head teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): <i>Laura Watts</i>	Inclusion Manager: <i>Sarah Nutbeam</i>	Assistant Head teacher and Year 1 Leader: <i>Hannah Lubbock-Smith</i>
Year 2	Woodpecker class teacher: <i>Sally Hillier/ Laura Watts</i> Teaching Assistant: <i>Jayne Liddiard</i>	Fox class teacher: <i>Imogen Smith</i> Teaching Assistant: <i>Donna Dunford</i>	Year Leader and Badger class teacher: <i>Louise Innes</i> Teaching Assistant: <i>Susie Mantle</i>	
Year 1	Mole class teacher: <i>Sarah Vogt</i> Teaching Assistant: <i>Seyi Segun</i>	Rabbit class teacher: <i>Hannah Lubbock-Smith and Mel Arnott</i> Teaching Assistant: <i>Cristina Peia</i>	Owl class teacher: <i>Eleanor Ruck</i> Teaching Assistant: <i>Claire Chadwick & Marian Lister</i>	ELSA Support Assistant: <i>Marian Lister</i>
Year R	Early Years Leader and Squirrel class teacher: <i>Ellen Kennedy</i> Teaching Assistant: <i>Cara Howard & Jo Preston</i>	Otter class teacher & SENDCO: <i>Aimee Reilly</i> Teaching Assistant: <i>Clare Powell</i>	Hedgehog class teacher: <i>Arabelle Dunne</i> Teaching Assistant: <i>Lucy Farmer</i>	
Office Team	Buisenss Manager <i>To be appointed (also part of Senior Leadership team)</i>	Finance Officer <i>Hayley Colligan</i>	Admin Lead <i>Amanda Hunt</i>	Senior Admin Leads <i>Emma Fay & Sue Prince</i>
Supply Teachers	<i>Emma Fernandes</i>	<i>Susie Mantle</i>	<i>Marlise Bosman</i>	
PPA Assistants	<i>Jackie Saville</i>	<i>Amy Saville</i>		

Pastures new

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you that Mrs Fay is leaving us at the end of this month. She has been with the school for over 10 years and seen us through many events. She has been instrumental in the team and we shall be forever grateful.

We wish her all the best in her new ventures and know she will succeed at all that she does.



DROP OFF & COLLECTION TIMES

We know it is difficult but please only arrive at your allocated drop off and pick up time. It makes it very difficult for us to managing the queuing and the train system at pick up otherwise. We ask for your patience as we will ask you to step out of the queue or go back round if you are early.

Drop Off

8:45 Year 2

9:00 Year 1

9:15 Year R

Collection

2:45 Year 2

3:00 Year 1

3:10 Year R

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Please remember that all of our school letters are uploaded to the school website every Friday after 3pm. Everything you need to know is uploaded on weekly communication each week.

The letters can be found by following the link below and viewing the current term link on the right hand side;

[School Letters](#)

On the same page there is also a Community Information section where we share local information & events.

LOCKDOWN

We wish to inform you that we are required to practise the procedure for locking down the school in the possible event of an emergency or intruder on our school site or within our school building with our children.

We will treat it just like a fire drill, which the children are very used to practising. The children will be asked to move and sit underneath their classroom tables, silently whilst the teachers assess the risks of windows and doors.

The children will be absolutely reassured that this is a practice lockdown to ensure the school was safe.



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 97.5%



Data not currently applicable for Year R



94.9%



97.1%



97.2%



97.9%



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