



Shirley Infant School

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Dear Families,

We wanted to say a big welcome to this new school year. You have all truly been so supportive and your children are just absolutely amazing. We are on 97.2 % attendance for the whole school



Our new Year R children have settled beautifully into their classrooms and are learning their new routines. The staggered intake has supported the children in building strong relationships with their teachers. They have been amazing at taking everything on board and have become independent already. They have thrived in their 'All about Me' and 'Dinosaur' topics.

Year 1 and 2 have settled brilliantly into their new 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. They are really getting stuck into their new topics. Year 1 are learning about 'Who's afraid of the big bad wolf'. Year 2 are learning about 'Growing'.

Research shows children find these questions hard when they come straight out of school. It suggest asking them at tea time or in the car on the way to a club is a good time for these lovely little chats. Very often 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 that these different questions are great ones 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?**



The children have been fabulous at remember the school values. They have been showing integrity aorun the school with the lunchtime routines change. They have shown such respect and patience with each other as we remember and learn the rules. As always their kindness they are shoing to each other and the adults is such a wonderful sight and we are once again super proud of them.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the FOSIS team last year. They have agreed to stand again and they were voted in at our AGM last week. We are so grateful for all of the support and kindness they have shown the children and community. We are looking forward to another great year. You truly have been all stars!

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



KINDNESS INTEGRITY RESPECT

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 an 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.



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

Senior Leadership Team	Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): <i>Cate Gregory</i>	Deputy Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): <i>Laura Watts</i>	SENDCO <i>Aimee Reilly</i>		
Year 2	Woodpecker class teacher: <i>Mr Simmonds</i> Teaching Assistant: Mr Segun	Fox class teacher <i>Mrs Lubbock-Smith and Mrs Bailey</i> Teaching Assistant: <i>Mrs Eastwood</i>	Badger class teacher: <i>Mrs Longman</i> Teaching Assistant: <i>Mrs Durman</i>	Year 2 Leader <i>Mrs Lubbock-Smith</i>	
Year 1	Mole class teacher: <i>Ashley Ball</i> Teaching Assistant: <i>Mrs Dunford</i>	Rabbit class teacher: <i>Mrs I Smith and Mrs L Smith</i> Co Teacher Miss Samwell	Owl class teacher: <i>Miss Spencer</i> Teaching Assistant: <i>Miss & Mrs Gibson</i>	Year 1 Leader <i>Mrs I Smith</i>	
Year R	Squirrel class teacher: <i>Miss Sneddon</i> Teaching Assistant: <i>Miss Mantle & Jo Preston</i>	Otter class teacher & <i>Miss Channell</i> Teaching Assistant: <i>Miss Baddams</i>	Hedgehog class teacher: <i>Mel Arnott</i> Teaching Assistant: <i>Miss Howard & Miss Kahn</i>	Early Years Leader <i>Mrs Gregory</i>	
Office Team	Business Manager: <i>Bree Enemark</i>	Finance Officer: <i>Hayley Colligan</i>	Senior Admin Lead: <i>Sue Prince</i> Admin Lead <i>Amanda Hunt</i>	Admissions and Attendance Lead <i>Rich Lomath</i>	
Supply Teachers	<i>Mrs Fernandes</i>	<i>Miss Mantle</i>	<i>Mrs Evans</i>	<i>Mrs</i>	
PPA Assistants	<i>Jackie Saville</i>				
Family Support Team	Trauma informed and ELSA Lead: <i>Miss Saville</i>	Family Support Worker <i>Karen Allen</i>			

Safeguarding

The schools named Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

DSL: Mrs C Gregory
Deputy DSL: Mrs L Watts
Deputy DSL: Mrs H Lubbock-Smith



Shirley Infant School and FOSIS next project

We are so excited to share that we have secured our Lodge classroom that FOSIS have been arranging for us. It is being installed on the 17th September and we can not wait to use 'Acorn Class' to improve our provision for the children across the school day and curriculum. Photos coming soon

HELP IS HERE

We know these times continue to bring difficulties and challenges 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

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 97.2%

