



Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications

Friday 1st December 2023

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INTEGRITY.

Head Teacher Message:

This year we are looking at adapting our curriculum to ensure pupils have a clear journey of learning through specific subjects such as History, Science and Art. This will ensure they deepen their knowledge as historians, scientist, artists. As we adapt the curriculum, we may make some changes to the planned trips and activities across the year and we will inform you if this happens.

To support this we are changing the way we share learning outcomes to parents to be focused on individual subjects. As you know our first showcase is History; we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Tuesday 12th December at 3:30pm to find out how the children learn to be historians.

Whole School Dates:

Mon 4/12/23 – Guildhall Christmas Choir performance

Fri 8/12/23 – Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Tue 12/12/23 – Subject Showcase – History

Wed 13/12/23 – PTA Elfridges

Thu 14/12/23 – PTA Elfridges

Fri 15/12/23 – Christingle at St James' Church – please be seated by 1:15pm

Fri 15/12/23 – Last day of term

Tuesday 2/12/24 – First day back after the school holidays

Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day – Friday 8 December

Please order your child's Christmas Dinner on SchoolGrid:

<https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/>. Children may wear a Christmas jumper (or other jumper decorated in a festive theme) on this day. Other school uniform requirements still apply.



Elfridges

This year's PTA Elfridges Christmas Shopping Event will be on 13 and 14 December. Any financial donations towards the event would be gratefully received:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=9AQ9Y6JTRHETC

Coming up in your year group...

Year 3

Watch this space for 2024 events!

Year 5

Thu 7/12/23 – Minstead Information Evening
4:30pm

Thursdays – Swimming lessons for Orca class

Thursday 4/01/24 – Swimming lessons start for
Pizzly Bear class

Year 4

Watch this space for 2024 events!

Year 6

Year 6 will have the last sitting at Christmas
Dinner Day on 8th December, so you may want to
send your child in with a bigger snack that day.

We know children love to give Christmas cards to their friends, and have tried to work out a way we can help them to do this that doesn't disrupt teaching time too much! We are asking for Christmas Cards to ONLY be brought in on Mondays, and only for children in their own year group.

Christmas Card days are: Monday 4th and Monday 11th December



Subject Showcase – Tuesday 12th December

We are excited to share with you our first Subject Showcase on Tuesday 12th December. This will be a chance for children to share with you their fantastic History learning from the Autumn term! It will run straight after school until 4pm, in classrooms, and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to come along.

Children will have the chance to teach their parents some History through an interactive activity, so that you can see what History lessons are like at SJS and what your children have learned.

The children have impressed us so much this term with their curiosity about the past, and the knowledge and skills they have gained, and we very much want this to be a chance for them to shine like the bright stars they all are - so the teachers will be around at the History Showcase event but the children will be the ones taking charge and leading the learning in their classrooms. We ask that if you have any concerns you wish to raise with your child's teacher, you do this through the normal channels (by catching them on the playground at the end of the day, or emailing office@shirleyschools.co.uk) and not during this time.

We appreciate that straight after school will be perfect for some of you and not at all convenient for others. We will be holding a subject showcase in the last week of each remaining half term across the year, on different days and times to accommodate different families' commitments. We will advertise these dates in advance at the start of the half term so that you are able to make arrangements for another family member to attend if you are not able to.

If you are very keen to see the learning from this one but really can't make it straight after school, please let your child's teacher know.

We look forward to seeing lots of you on the 12th December!