



# Shirley Junior School

## Weekly Communications

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**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

### Head Teacher Message:

The children have had a very settled start to the new term, all classes are really focussed on their learning, particularly daily Number Sense that is taught across the school. This programme support children's quick recall of basic number facts and times-tables.

Our focus this half term is deepening the pupils mathematical understanding by giving regular opportunities to apply their knowledge to problem solving and encourage them to explain their mathematical thinking. Thank you to parents/carers who have been encourage the children to regularly practice their number facts and time tables at home using Numbots/TT Rockstars.

### Whole School Dates:

Fri 2/2/24 – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Mon 5/2/24 – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Mon 12/2/24 – Fri 16/1/24 Half Term

Thu 22/2/24 – Geography Showcase

Mon 11/3/24 - INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Tues 26/3/24 – School Photo Day

### Messages:

**Lost property:** Please can Parents/Carers ensure that ALL your child's clothing/Lunchboxes/Bags are clearly labelled with their name. There were a significant number of unclaimed uniform items left at the end of term. Lost property is emptied at the end of every term. All unlabelled items are donated to the School Uniform shop or City Mission Clothing Bank.

**Geography Showcase:** Due to other events, the Curriculum Showcase (which will be Geography this half term) will be held on Thursday 22nd February, straight after school in all year groups, please feel free to visit all year groups and see how Geography is taught across the school.

# Coming up in your year group...

## Year 3

Thursday 25th January – There will be a **Sleepover information session** for Year 3 parents at 3:30pm in the Junior Hall.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 Sleepover

## Year 4

Watch this space!

## Year 5

Minstead Group A – 22 - 24 January

Minstead Group B – 24 - 26 January

18<sup>th</sup> Jan; 1<sup>st</sup> Feb; 8<sup>th</sup> Feb; 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Pizzly Bear swimming lessons

29<sup>th</sup> Feb – first Walrus swimming lesson

## Year 6

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Height and Weight Checks

The PTA are asking for parent volunteers who would like to help with any of the year 6 activities - festival organising, SATS breakfast, show support, hoodies and photo book production. Please contact a Year 6 teacher or email

[office@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:office@shirleyschools.co.uk)

The next **Parent Corner Drop-In** is next Monday 15th January 2024, 2:30 - 3:30pm. Entrance to the school is via the Junior Gates and the Uniform shop will be open. Come and say hello. The kettle will be on and biscuits waiting.

I look forward to seeing you.

Karen Allen (Family Support Worker)



This is the last chance to participate in The Children's Commissioner's Big Ambition survey to understand what children want ahead of the next General Election. Please share this link or QR code with young people so they can have their say:  
<https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>

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