



Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications

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Friday 24th November 2023

Head Teacher Message:

Learning to Keep Safe - This week in assembly the children have been learning about *Clever Never Goes!* Please find attached a parent leaflet so you can reinforce this at home.



As the weather starts to get colder, please make sure your child wears a coat to school so they can keep warm at break times.



Well done to all the pupils who have been working hard practicing Times tables Rock stars and the new Numbots at home, we are tracking and rewarding all these children in assembly

Whole School Dates:

Tue 28/11/23 – Parents Evening
Thu 30/11/23 – Parents Evening
Mon 4/12/23 – Guildhall Christmas Choir performance
Fri 8/12/23 – Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Tue 12/12/23 – Subject Showcase – History
Fri 15/12/23 – Christingle at St James' Church

Messages:

Safeguarding Update: The Local Authority have alerted us to a YouTube cartoon series called 'Jeffy'. We encourage all parents and carers to click the link above to read the safeguarding update and learn more about the risks of this content, and advice on how to help keep children safer!

Parents Evening School Dinner Samples: Dolce, who provide the school dinners, will be making some of their food available for tasting in the Junior Hall on parents evening nights, from 4pm. You are very welcome to go and try some before or after your appointment - please remember to factor this in to your arrival time!

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 lesson for Orca class

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

Year 4

Watch this space for 2024 events!

Year 6

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Calling all musicians! We are looking for enthusiastic members to join our school orchestra, which rehearses every Monday morning 8am – 8:45. Please check your emails or visit the school website for the letter sent out today if your child would like to sign up or for more information.



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!



The Children's Commissioner has launched The 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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