



Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications

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Friday 8th December 2023

Head Teacher Message:

We were so impressed with all the children that attended the Guildhall Choir event on Monday, Shirley Junior School has the largest choir of 54 students. They sang their hearts out and had a fabulous time.

We had a lovely Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner today and good fun was had by all. Thank you to the members of the PTA and Governors who came along to assist the celebrations.

We look forward to you joining us for the History showcase event after school Tuesday and to end the year at our Christingle service next Friday at St James Church at 1:15pm.



Whole School Dates:

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

Messages:



Efridges

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

Thursday 14/12/23 – Last swimming lesson for Orca class

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

Year 4

Watch this space for 2024 events!

Year 6

Watch this space for 2024 events!

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!

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Other News...

From St James' by the Park Church:

Christmas on the Green

This annual outdoor event includes crafts, free hot drinks, a Photo Booth, some games, live music, singalong carols and more - a great event for the whole Shirley community. Saturday 16th December, 3.30pm - 5pm, on Colebrook Green.

See www.christmasonthegreen.org.uk for full details.

Advent window trail

Looking for an excuse to get the kids out of the house? Each day during advent, a new window display is being unveiled, following the theme of a Christmas carol. Wonder round and admire the creativity, and see if you can guess the carol!

See <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1Jt-Sesi1vuUYsudWoSwfxSeKuJc41R0&usp=sharing> to get going.

Family Movie Night

Friends of St James Park and St James' by the Park church are running a family movie night this Saturday, 4pm-6pm. Free entry and refreshments. Kids are invited to wear their pyjamas and bring a blanket or cuddly toy. Showing 'The Star' on the big screen in the church. To help with catering, please indicate if you're hoping to come by signing up via www.stjamesbythepark.org/christmas

From Karen Allen:

Family Hub parenting and community programmes for 2024

Providing support and advice to parents and carers is at the centre of the work at Family Hubs.

We understand that sometimes parenting can be challenging. So we would like to give parents and carers the skills they need to support the child/ren they care for.

[Family Hubs](#) offer a range of parenting and community programmes to assist families as they grow.

There are a various courses available, such as Infant Massage for Babies from Birth to Pre-crawling which will teach parents and carers how simple strokes may help babies with wind or constipation. Also Understanding Behaviour which aims to empower parents/carers to understand behaviours and feel motivated to respond in a more positive way.

[Find out more about the programmes available in 2024.](#)

Bedtime and Sleep Problem Solving Webinar with Sarah Naish and Sarah Dillon

Is your child refusing to go to bed and/or getting up repeatedly?

Does your child becomes very oppositional and defiant around bed time?

Does your child's behaviour escalate around bedtime and/or appear to be dysregulated?

Is this eating into your own time to recharge your batteries?

Join Sarah Naish and Sarah Dillon for a problem solving webinar on Bedtime and Sleep!

[Click Here for More Information](#)