



Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications

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Friday 17th November 2023

Head Teacher Message: Thank you to all the Grandparents that joined us at the church on Monday for our Remembrance Service, the children were absolutely fantastic, the whole event was very moving.

We are delighted to announce that our school will be launching the exciting new educational resource, Number Bots, next week. Number Bots is an extension of the popular online platform, Times Table Rock Stars, and will greatly enhance our students' numeracy skills.

Number Bots has been designed to make learning and practicing maths more interactive and enjoyable. Our aim is to cultivate a positive attitude towards mathematics, encourage independent learning, and improve fluency in key mathematical concepts. If your child would like to play this at home, please encourage them to do so.

Whole School Dates:

Thu 23/11/23 – Share My Learning
Tue 28/11/23 – Parents Evening
Thu 30/11/23 – Parents Evening
Mon 4/12/23 – Guildhall Christmas Choir performance
Tues 5/12/23 – History Showcase 3:30 – 4pm
Fri 8/12/23 – Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Tue 12/12/23 – Subject Showcase - History

Messages:

Parents are invited to attend Share My Learning on **Thurs 23rd November**, 8:30-8:45 or 3:20 - 3:40. If coming to the morning session, teachers would appreciate parents leaving promptly at 8:45 so they can welcome the rest of the class in and begin the day.

Share my learning is a chance for children to show parents what they have been learning in class – unfortunately there isn't time to discuss specific issues with the teacher. Please could we ask you to use the office@shirleyschools.co.uk email address for information, and the raiseaconcern@shirleyschools.co.uk email address for any concerns.

Coming up in your year group...

Year 3

Tuesday 21/11/2023 – Tudor House trip

Year 4

Year 5

Thursdays – Swimming lesson for Orca class

Year 6

Office Staffing Update

We are now able to share that Mrs Hunt, who has been a member of our office team since 2012, has accepted an exciting new role in the NHS and will not be returning to Shirley Schools. Mrs Hunt has for a long time had ambitions to move her career into the medical field, so although we are sad to see her go, I'm sure you will join us in wishing her all the very best in her new role. Recruitment for a new member of the office team is currently underway.

All parents and carers are invited to a Parental Wellbeing Workshop on Thursday 23 November 9:00 – 10:30am, held at the school. More information is provided on the flyer attached to the Weekly Comms email. To sign-up please speak to Karen Allen or e-mail karen.allen@shirleyschools.co.uk

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!

Parents Evening - 28th & 30th November 2023

Our parents evening meetings will take place over 2 evenings and be face to face with the class teacher. Appointments will be bookable using the My Child At School App/Website. You may have noticed in the App that the 'Parents Evening' tab is now highlighted. You will receive a notification once bookings have opened at 6pm on 13th November. Bookings will close at 9am on 24th November.

To book:

Log into the MCAS Parent App and from the Menu select Parents Evening. This will show a list of those available to you. Select the one you wish to Book and click the Book button. Then select the Time and click the Book button. A message will be displayed Evening booked successfully, click OK. The selected Appointment will now display as booked, with the selected Time, you can Cancel it by clicking the Cancel button.

Full information on how to book can be found at: <https://docs.bromcom.com/knowledge-base/how-to-book-parents-evening-appointments-using-mcas/>

If you need any assistance with using the MCAS App or Website please ask a member of the office team.

