



Dear Parents and Carers,

It may be the end of term, but our children have continued to amaze us with their enthusiasm, creativity and hard work. This week, we've had the joy of celebrating many pupils who proudly shared their learning and earned well-deserved Headteacher's Awards. We've been captivated by incredible pieces of writing, impressed by thoughtful RE reflections, and delighted by beautifully crafted wire penguins! As always, everyone at SJS is enormously proud of our wonderful children. We wish all our community a relaxing, fun-filled Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming our pupils back, refreshed and ready for a brilliant start to the summer term on our reset day.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Davie

Headteacher



School Community News

Pupil Job Update

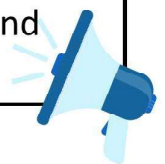
We're pleased to share that pupil job letters have been handed out to successful candidates this week. Congratulations to all our children who have secured a role for the summer term — we are very proud of you!

School Community Messages

Shirley Junior School's 'Just a Minute Oracy Challenge!



Today, during our whole school celebration assembly Miss Vincent introduced our brand new, fun oracy challenge for next half term. All our children are invited to take part by speaking for one minute on a randomly selected topic. Every pupil will automatically earn 5 house points for taking part, with an extra 10 house points available for anyone who completes the full minute without a successful challenge. Classmates can also earn bonus points for their houses by spotting any slip-ups. The list of possible topics is being shared in advance so our children can begin to practise at home during the Easter break. Challenges will take place in class between 18th and 22nd May. More details can be found later in the newsletter.



Upcoming Events

- 13th April - First day of new term
- 25th April - Colour Run
- 26th April - Junior Parkrun - SJS takeover
- 28th April - Share My Learning after school 3:20
- 30th April - Year 5 River Hamble trip



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School Community Messages

Coming Up Soon – Community Tidy Up Day & our Schools Colour Run!

We have two exciting community events on the horizon. On **17th April**, families are invited to join us after school for our first Tidy Up Day, helping to spruce up the infant school grounds. Just bring any gardening tools you have and a willing pair of hands!

Then on **25th April**, the ever-popular Shirley Schools Colour Run returns — a fun-filled run, walk or jog through bubbles, colour and Unicorn Alley, complete with medals, refreshments and activities. Volunteers are also needed to help make the event a success.

More information can be found later in the newsletter.



SJS Bake Off

This week marked the grand finale of our Bake Off competition, and what an amazing end it was! Our brilliant House Captains thoroughly enjoyed judging the fabulous Easter-themed bakes and were truly amazed by the talented bakers we have in our school. It has been wonderful to see so many members of our school community taking part throughout the half term, creating such imaginative and delicious bakes week after week. We are incredibly proud of everyone who got involved and helped make this house competition such a success. Our House Captains will be taking a well-earned break from competitions next half term, but they'll be back in the last term of the year with an exciting new challenge for everyone to enjoy.

