



Shirley Junior School Newsletter 2 - October 2020

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Dear Parents,

We have been so impressed with how well the children have settled back in to a more formal style of learning following our initial three week personal and social focus across the school.

This week we have had 'Democracy Day' where children have learnt about the origins and development of democracy in our country. We have had democratic voting for our Learning Ambassadors, Eco-Council and House Captains. The pupils have heard some fantastic presentations from all the candidates, well done to all the pupils who took time to prepare these. All the pupils elected to the roles have been informed today.

Teachers have been working hard to assess pupils and identify gaps to plan for our recovery curriculum. We will be holding year group curriculum virtual sessions after half term where you can find out about the main English and Maths skills we will be focusing on in the second part of the term as well as an overview of the projects for the year.

Home Learning Plans

If your child is required to self isolate whilst waiting for a test for themselves or a family member, the class teacher will email home a letter which will have links to learning activities for 10 days. Please encourage your child to bring back any home learning to their teacher when they return so it can be celebrated. If they only use 4 days, then please keep the other 6 days in case the need arises again.

If the school needs to send home pupils because they have been in close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID, we will provide recorded lessons created by the school and the Trust on YouTube for the first two days. The teacher will then set work daily for all pupils on our Google Classroom platform. This will include one live lesson with the teacher a day. Teachers will set one literacy and maths task every day as well as a range of project activities and Reading Plus tasks pupils can complete. Pupils will be able to complete their learning directly on Google Classroom or upload a copy for their teachers to see how they are getting on. Further information about how to access Google Classroom will come out to parents next week.

Reading at home

We have invested in two online reading platforms to support pupils learning in reading. The first is Reading Plus, that pupils used during lockdown. We have also invested in an online 'Reading Planets' that have levelled reading books for KS1 & KS2. All pupils will be assessed by their teacher and given a planet ready to start using after half term. A letter will be coming out with further information about reading expectations at home.

Laptops and iPads

We would like to make sure all pupils have access to a laptop or an iPad if they need to self isolate.

Do you have a laptop or ipad that your child can work on at home if they need to self isolate?

We maybe able to help provide children who do not have access to either a laptop or iPad for when they are self isolating.

Please contact the school office if you would like to apply for this support.



DIARY DATES



Autumn Term

3rd September 2020—18th December 2020

Half Term

26th October 2020—30th October 2020

05/11/20 Year 5 Sea City
 06/11/20 PTFA Christmas card deadline
 09/11/20 Yr3,4,5,6 Flu immunisation
 10/11/20 Year 4 Butser Ancient Farm trip
 13/11/20 PTFA Virtual Quiz
 23/11/20 **INSET DAY**
 27/11/20 PTFA Crazy Hair Day
 11/12/20 Christmas Jumper Day
 18/12/20 School closes 3:20pm

04/01/2021 School opens 8:30am for Spring 1

Learning Ambassadors

Bumblebee	Ella G	Wagtail	Dylan M
Honey Bee	Megan M	Robin	Olivia O
Firefly	Barney C	Nightingale	Dylan K
Husky	Oscar M	Hippo	Keir T
Narwhal	Emma F	Rhino	Eve T
Arctic Wolf	Maliha S	Leopard	Lena B

Eco Councillors

Bumblebee	Arla W	Wagtail	Maisie W
Honey Bee	Poppy W	Robin	Tess W
Firefly	Annie R	Nightingale	Eva R
Husky	Annie B	Hippo	Priyana G
Narwhal	Eden C	Rhino	Dhanmeet C
Arctic Wolf	Ava-Rose M	Leopard	Millie K

House Captains

Tawny	Jai M, Maizie A	Barn	Izzy H, Lily M
Snowy	Emily C, Lucas N	Eagle	Cariad L, Maisie C

Half term online catch up lessons

Invicta Academy

Invicta Academy <https://www.invictaacademy.com/> is a social enterprise aimed at helping schoolchildren across the UK catch up on the core subjects of Maths and English.

Lessons are completely **FREE** to all children in receipt of free school meals or pupil premium or just £2 a session to all other children.

Throughout the October half-term holiday we will be running Maths and English lessons every day across five key stage groups. Our Maths and English lessons will be taught live by a fully-qualified teacher assisted by a trained facilitator (to handle Q&A).

Teachers will be delivering a short burst, high impact provision crafted by our Co-Founder who is a Specialist Leader of Education. Each lesson will be 45 minutes in duration and taught via Zoom.

Lessons will be split into:

- Key Stage 1 (KS1),
- Key Stage 2 lower (KS2L),
- Key Stage 2 upper (KS2U),
- Key Stage 3 (KS3) and
- Key Stage 4 (KS4)

Timetable Monday to Friday (26th October to 30th October)

- 1000 - 1045 Maths KS1, KS2L, KS2U, KS3 & KS4 - Five

Separate lessons

- 1100 - 1145 English KS1, KS2L, KS2U, KS3 & KS4 - Five separate lessons

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 97 %



97%

98.8%

95.6%

97.9%

96%

98.4%

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97.9%

97.3%

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