



# Shirley Junior School Newsletter 1 - September 2020

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## DIARY DATES

### Autumn Term

3rd September 2020—18th December 2020

### Half Term

26th October 2020—30th October 2020

21/09/20	In2Music & Peri Music starts
30/09/20	Bags 2 School (drop off Darlington Gdns)
01/10/20	Individual school photo day
09/11/20	Flu immunisations

### After School Club -Team Spirit

Monday	Yr3/4 Football
Tuesday	Yr5/6 Football
Wednesday	Yr3/4/5/6 Team Extreme
Thursday	Yr3/4/5/6 Girls Football
Friday	Netball

All pupils take part in 20mins daily physical activity, which all are really enjoying. This is led by Team Spirit on the playground.

By now your child should have brought home a planner and an appropriate reading book that they can practice reading fluency at home. All teachers have demonstrated how to fill out their reflections section. We ask all children to complete and reflect 4 times a week as part of their home learning. All children also have a log on for TTrackstars, this is a great way for children to practice times tables and become more fluent with recall, which will, in turn, help learning other maths concepts in the classroom. Your child's teacher will set appropriate homework suitable to their level each week. Teachers are able to log in and check pupils are completing homework and see how well they are progressing in their learning.

Dear Parents,

I want to start by thanking all the pupils themselves for their positive start to returning to school, they have been fantastic!

It has been more than 175 days since most pupils were last in school and they have responded really well to the changes in the classroom and around the school. Welcome to our new Year 3s.

Also, a massive thank you to our parents and carers who have learnt all the new systems and been patient as we make slight changes to the Risk Assessment to make sure we are creating a safe environment for all the community.

In order to keep the staff safe, please do not approach teachers at the end of the day. I know this is difficult not being able to communicate directly about your child but please use the [juniorinfo@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:juniorinfo@shirleyschools.co.uk) email. We are hoping to organise a virtual parents evening for after half term. This will be an opportunity for you to talk to your child's class teacher about how they have settled back in and how they are getting on with their learning. We will give you more details as soon as we have worked out the best way to go about this.

Since the start of term, children have been having daily circle times, giving them an opportunity to talk as well as switching back on their brains with outdoor maths learning and diving in to stories in the classroom.

In order for teachers to accurately identify gaps and next steps in learning, all children will complete a maths and reading assessment as part of their everyday class learning. This will help teachers plan accordingly, as well as select the best intervention, if one is needed, for your child. This information will be shared with you at the virtual parents evening.

## WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 96.1 %



95%   99.5%   95.1%   97.8%   93.8%   96.4%   94.7%   98.5%   95.9%   95.3%   92.9%   94.5%