



# Shirley Junior School

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Dear year 6 parent/carer,

The time has nearly arrived for us to say goodbye to our year 6 children. The year 6 team have been extremely busy, carefully thinking through and preparing the end of year celebrations for our class of 2020. Due to the current circumstances and social distancing regulations in school, we have had to adapt many of our 'normal' end of year celebrations in order for our children to experience as much as possible at this time of year in a safe manner.

### Final week (13/7/20 – 17/7/20)

**Tuesday 14/7** – Children are invited to bring in felt tip pens and a shirt to be signed by their peers. The shirt must be separate to the one they will be wearing that day, as it will be passed around different bubbles for children to write their messages. Children will also have a chance to leave their lasting legacy to SJS by decorating a brick within the school grounds.

**Wednesday and Thursday (15/7 and 16/7)** – School will be closed for the year 6s. Over these two days of transition, children who have not yet returned to school will be given the opportunity to meet their new teachers before the summer holidays.

**Friday (17/7)** – We could not let our amazing year group leave us without sending them off in style so to end their time at SJS, we will be hosting a Farewell Festival within the outdoor grounds of the school. All year 6s (including any children who have been learning from home) are invited back to school for their last day. Children are invited to wear their best festival outfit and will need a packed lunch, picnic blanket (optional), water bottle, sun cream and sun hat. In the event of rain, the festival will still go ahead. Children will need to wear suitable clothing for the weather conditions.

Staggered start and finish times will be in place on this day.

**Red bubbles:** arrive at 10:35am, leave at 3:45pm

**Blue bubbles:** arrive at 10:45am, leave at 3:55pm

**Green bubbles and home learners:** arrive at 10:55am, leave at 4:05pm

So adults can also enjoy the end of year celebrations, we are hoping to be able to either live stream or film the morning of our Farewell Festival. In order for us to be able to do this, we would need written permission from every parent allowing his or her child to take part. Please complete the return slip at the end of this letter to give your consent.

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## Lasting legacy – Year 6 book club

We know that many of our year 6s are avid readers who have developed a real love of books during their junior years. To share their enthusiasm with other children at Shirley Junior School and encourage wider reading, we would like to introduce a new initiative this year. Children are invited to donate a copy of their favourite book (new or previously loved and in good condition) to the school library and year group bookcases. On the inside cover the year 6 children are encouraged to write a message to any future readers. This message could be explaining the reasons why they enjoyed reading this book, information about their favourite character or anything else they would like to share. Messages can be personalised with their name. We hope that the prospect of reading a book with a message from one of our previous students will continue to promote reading within our school. Donating a book is entirely optional.

Thank you for your continued co-operation to ensure the children receive the best end to Shirley Junior School possible.

The year 6 team.

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I give my consent for my child (name) .....to be live streamed or filmed and uploaded to the school website during the Farewell Festival.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

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