

## Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications



#### Friday 7th March 2025

#### **Head Teacher Message:**

What a fantastic week it has been! From productive Parents' Evenings to exciting House Competitions and a wonderful Book Swap, the school has been buzzing with activity.

I am incredibly proud of the way our children have embraced our new expectations for quiet corridors and outside spaces. Their efforts in making our school a calmer and more respectful environment has been outstanding. Thank you also for your positive feedback on these changes.

We look forward to another exciting week ahead. Have a great weekend!

#### **EVENTS COMING UP:**

Mon 24th Mar – Share My Learning @ 3.20pm

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – INSET Day, staff training (no children in school)

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Apr — Class and leavers photo day

#### **RECENT EVENTS:**

#### Parents' Evenings

A huge thank you to all parents who came in to meet with class teachers to discuss your child's progress, achievements, and targets moving forward. If you were unable to attend, please contact the school office to arrange a meeting at a convenient time.

#### World Book Day – Book Swap Success!

On Friday, we celebrated World Book Day with a fantastic Book Swap event. Every child had the chance to choose a new book to take home, thanks to the generous donations from our school community. Your support made this a truly special day—thank you!

#### House Competitions – The Great Bake Off

This week's House Competition brought out some truly creative and delicious Bake Off entries! A big well done to all who took part—the house captains had a tough time judging!





#### Celebrating Our Whole School Community



This week, I have introduced an exciting update to our celebration assemblies. While we always take the time to recognise the achievements of our wonderful pupils, I felt it was equally important to celebrate the dedication and hard work of our fantastic staff.

We have introduced a new **Appreciation Slot**, where we take a moment to recognise and thank members of our school community who go the extra mile to support one another. I encourage you to talk to your children at home about showing appreciation, both for the adults in our school and for their peers. Children will have the opportunity to share their appreciations in these assemblies every week.

We use the following sentence stems for our appreciations:

- I would like to share my appreciation for... (name of person).
- They deserve this appreciation for... (describe why you want them to be appreciated).

If you as a parent would like to send in an appreciation to be shared in our celebration assembly, please email the office so they can be shared during our whole school assembly every Friday.

#### YEAR GROUP NEWS - Year 6

#### **SATS Revision Guides**

To support your child in the lead up to SATS tests, we have chosen a selection of revision guides organised into two bundles. These bundles can be ordered in the MCAS App using the "products" tab on the left-hand menu.

The final deadline for ordering these books is 14<sup>th</sup> March at 9:00am. They will not be available to order from the school after this date.

#### **Leaver Hoodies**

You can place your order via this link before 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 for delivery at the end of April: https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/shop/6653

User name is 6653 Password is UZTzycYZ

Leaver hoodies and t-shirts can only be worn for the final half term of year 6 (Summer 2).

#### YEAR GROUP NEWS - All YEAR GROUPS

Baking Competition Continues - Theme next week is "games". See the results of this week's competition on the next page!



### Week | Culture Results!

We were BLOWN AWAY by the skills, creativity and awesome effort every child who entered this week. From sumptuous tray bakes and melt in your mount shortbread, technical traditional pastries and beautiful tastes in cakes – not a soggy bottom to be seen – you are all truly talented bakers! Thank you for entering!





Next week's theme:

# GAMES

THIS MEANS YOU CAN MAKE ANY KIND OF GAME LIKE A VIDEO GAME, CARD GAME OR EVEN A BOARD GAME SO GET CREATIVE.

## Rules

due date Thursday 13th March

You have to make a list of all ingredients, used and put it on top of

Rosa M Yr5

Fraser Yr6

Rosa H Yr5

Tharen Y5

Arthur (and Winston)Yr6

your cake! you don't need to bake a cake it can be any type of bake.