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# Shirley Junior School Newsletter - December

2020

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all our community for the on going support for our school. The children have had a really good term, we have all been so impressed with how they have settled back in to learning and made really good progress. The teachers have worked hard to balance teaching of any gaps from lockdown, supporting pupils learning from home and still creating an exciting engaging curriculum for the children to enjoy.



The children have had an educational visit to the church this week to experience how Christians celebrate Christingle. We really missed having you all their though.

### Care Home Christmas Cards

Thank you to all the children who have made Christmas cards to be sent to local care homes .

### **Road Closure Volunteers**

A massive thank you to all our community members who have volunteered to help with our road closure. We are very grateful for this support to make everyone feel safer coming in to school.. The additional support has been gratefully received so that we can move the teachers back into the classrooms. Thank you!



## Thank you PTA

The support and kindness that the PTA have given to the school has been overwhelming. The children absolutely love their Christmas tree in the playground as well as the initiative virtual events that have been put on by the PTA over the term. We have really missed having a Christmas fair and hope to welcome you all back again soon for events on the school grounds.

# **Learning Ambassadors**

COVID and social distancing does not stop SJS ambassadors making a difference in our school! Upper school Learning ambassadors have decided to review and change the sport and exercise provision across the school. They will be working closely with Mrs Mendez to develop physical health in the spring term. Lower school have reviewed and come up with next steps to make the toilets a nice



#### **DIARY DATES**



**January** 

Monday 4th SPRING 1

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Tuesday 5th Wednesday 6th Thursday 7th

School re-opens at 8:45am for

Year 3 Curriculum Zoom 4.15pm Year 4 Curriculum Zoom 4.15pm Year 5 Curriculum Zoom 4.15pm Year 6 Curriculum Zoom 4.15pm

**February** 

Monday 1st Thursday 4th Friday 5th

**INSET DAY—School closed to pupils** Class Photos

PTFA Family Quiz

School closes at 3:20pm for Half

**HALF TERM** 

Friday 12th

Monday 22nd

School re-opens at 8:45am for SPRING 2

### **HELP IS HERE**



We know these times continue to bring difficulty's and challenging times for us all. Please remember we are here to help as much as we can. I would like to remind you that we have Karen Allen our family support worker should you again find yourself in a situation with which you may need support. You can contact her via email on:



karen.allen@shirleyschools.co.uk

# What to do if your child tests positive over **Christmas**

If your children has COVID symptoms in the first 48hrs after leaving school on Friday 18th December and then **tests positive** please email the school on the office@ email to notify us. The office@ email will be monitored up until 24th December 2020.

Please include your child's name, class and your phone details so a senior leader can contact you.

If your child displays symptoms from Monday 21st December onwards and then tests positive over the Christmas break there is no need to contact the school.

Please remember if any person has COVID symptoms they still must self isolate even thought they are not in school.

#### WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 97 %























98.8%

95.6%

97.9%

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