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Dear Parent/Carer,

This half term the children will be developing their 'to be curious' personal skill whilst deepening their understanding of our values: Respect, Integrity and Kindness.

Children will develop **curiosity** within their learning across the curriculum - asking questions, leading their own learning to find something out and developing their desire to discover new things. As a part of this learning we would love for all the children 'to be curious' about their own heritage and traditions so that they can have a stronger understanding and pride of their own identity as well as the opportunity to show respect for all of the identities that make up our fabulous Shirley Junior School community.

This year we have decided to combine our annual cultural and diversity day with our school 'Queens Jubilee Celebration' which will take place on Friday 27th May. On this day we will celebrate the jubilee and our SJS community together.

Focusing on heritage and the diversity of our school allows children to also focus on our 'Respect' value - circle times and class assemblies will centre on the importance of respecting and accepting each other for who they are. A chance to understand our own identities and what we bring to our collective identity (Shirley Junior School) so that all children know they have a right to belong within our school community.

With this in mind, the **whole school** has a home learning task for the half term: to be curious about how their families 'celebrate'

What traditions are followed at celebrations?

Does your family wear traditional clothes?

Are there any foods that you eat/cook to celebrate?

Are there particular celebrations that your family takes part in?

Children are encouraged to ask questions and explore their own 'celebration traditions' and create posters, presentations, photos, examples of the traditions (food/dance/song) **to be shared at our event on the 27th May**.

On **Friday 27th May** we will be having our own SJS celebration of our community and the Queens jubilee day. Children are invited to come dressed for a celebratory whole school picnic and 'street party' on the school grounds. More details of the day to follow.

We look forward to celebrating with all of our community this half term,

Anne Booth

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