

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe the end of this academic year is almost here. It has been without doubt, very emotional and draining for all of us. However moments of happiness, teamwork, community spirit and love by the school team, pupils and the community has been like a constant sprinkle of glitter giving us the strength to keep going. Thank you to all of you whether you are a parent, carer, grandparent, relative or friend of the children, we know this time has been tough for everyone. Your support makes such a difference to your child's achievement, particularly as you have been at the forefront of their learning the past few months.!

Well done to the Year 6 pupils who have been amazing, they have produced some fantastic memories books that I know they will treasure for ever. They thoroughly enjoyed making the DVD production SJS Musical and I know you will enjoy watching them, putting a smile on your face and a tear in your eye, well done! A huge thank you to all the staff and parents who worked so hard to make a memorable end to their time at Shirley Junior School.

Normally each year, every Year 6 child across the whole of the country sits the Statutory Assessment Tests. This year, as we know, this has not been able to happen. Although we always much prefer to measure each child's success by more than just a test, we do recognise and celebrate the tremendous achievements they have made in so many other areas over the time they have been with us at SJS.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and good luck to all the Year 6 pupils and parents who are leaving us this year. Thank you for your support over the last four years. At this time of year we need to say goodbye to a few of our staff, Miss Spencer, who is starting up a new exciting business and Mrs Wright who will be moving on. We wish them both the best of luck with their new jobs.

Although the school has not run in it's usual way lately, the teachers have continued to work hard, supporting our young people with home learning, teaching in school in a very different way. They are continuing to work hard to prepare for the return of all children in September. I would like to thank them for their dedication to Shirley Junior school, I know many of the children have really enjoyed taking part in lots of exciting activities.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a fantastic and safe summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Best Wishes,

Annette Hixon, Headteacher