

## **Shirley Junior School**

**Newsletter 3 - December 2019** 



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Dear Parents,

As you would expect, this has been such a busy few weeks of the Autumn term and we are amazed that we have managed to fit everything in! Our Year 3 put on an amazing performance of 'Angels on High' what fantastic singing and acting. Well done to the whole team!

This week we have had a great week with our 'Christmaths' maths week. Year 6 made excellent boxes that they sold for a great profit on Thursday.

All other year groups have been busy with Year 3 learning about time and making calendars, Year 4 have learnt about shape and made fantastic wrapping paper. Year 5 have learned how to interpret data to plan their very own party!

Lastly, I am sure you will join me in thanking all of our amazing staff team for their dedication in ensuring that the children are well cared for and well taught. Even with the pressures they are under they still amaze me with their creativeness and drive to make our curriculum so enjoyable for all the children. We have been working hard to share as much of this on the school website in the curriculum section, please take some time over the break to see what is on there, we will be adding information as the year progresses. The school overview is where you can access more detailed information about your child's learning if you click on the link.

It is sad that we are saying goodbye to one of our teachers today. Mrs Jansen, who has been part of Shirley Juniors for many years is leaving to live in Norway along with her family. We wish her all the luck in the world with her new adventure. In the new year we will welcome Miss Ryder, who will be teaching Orca class in Year 5 along with Mrs Mendez.

We are looking forward to the Christmas break, as I am sure you are, when we can spend time with family and relatives. On behalf of all the staff team here at Shirley Juniors, we hope you all have a great Christmas and I look forward to seeing you and the children when we return on Monday 6th January 2020.

Merry Christmas, Mrs Hixon

## THANK YOU!

A huge THANK YOU to all parents who supported our Christmas Fayre. It was great to see so many of you there to support the school and the children who performed. Overall, we raised an amazing £1500 for both schools.

A very special THANKS goes to the SJS PTA and FOSIS for their hard work and support with the fayre, 'Elfridges' as well as the school disco a few weeks ago. Without them these events would not happen nor be so special for the children. Christmas is a magic time of year for children (and even some adults too!) and it does bring our school community together. I think that the school and parents make a great team! I believe that we have a successful partnership that enable us to ensure your children are safe, happy and well-educated.