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Shirley Junior School

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DIARY DATES



- Tuesday 3rd Dec B/Whale swimming
- Tuesday 3rd Dec Open afternoon 2pm (Yr2 parents)
- Friday 6th Dec PTFA Christmas Fair 3pm
- Tuesday 10th Dec B/Whale swimming
- Monday 16th Dec Enterprise Week
- Tuesday 17th Dec Yr 3 Christmas performance 2pm
- Thursday 19th Dec Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day
- Thursday 19th Dec Yr 6 Outcome 2:50pm
- Friday 20th Dec 1:15pm Christingle Service @ St James Church
- Friday 20th Dec School closes for Christmas Holiday 3:20pm

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2019-20.

These are our school improvement plans for the coming year which have been drawn up following consultation with staff and governors:-

- 1.To further strengthen and embed a progressive knowledge and skills curriculum to ensure pupils learn more and remember more.**
- 2.To continue to improve the teaching and mastery of writing skills, including spelling, grammar and punctuation**
- 3.To ensure the impact of middle leadership on the quality of teaching and learning** - Improve the accuracy of leadership checks and follow ups so they have direct impact of the Quality of Education for all pupils. If you would like to see a copy of the full Improvement Plan please ask at the school office.
- 4.Continue to develop reading**, accurately identify and close gaps in learning for all groups of pupils to ensure at least expected progress is made in reading.



Dear Parent/Carer,

The junior school has been developing our learning value 'Reflection' this half term. Thank you to all the grandparents who were able to join us at St James Church for a very special service planned and led by the pupils.

As part of Anti-bullying week and Inter faith week the children have been taking part in Philosophical discussions (P4C) about identity, belonging and challenging themselves to think about how we are all unique within our community.

'Odd socks Day' - As a school we recognise that as children developed and grow up they try out different friendship groups, learn to resolve conflict and test the boundaries with their friends, which along the way can result in pupils finding situations upsetting. We commit time in our PSHE curriculum to teach children the skills to develop self-confidence and positive relationships with those around them regardless of their appearance, faith or beliefs.

We pride ourselves at SJS in creating a safe, welcoming and positive learning environment, we take any concern of a bullying very seriously following the school's policies and procedures. This being said, we have had very few reports or concerns of bullying incidents in the last few years in our school. Those issues that pupils or parents have raised were unpicked by senior leaders, dealt with and through our Repair and Rebuild process, quickly stopped. We adopt the approach of Restorative Justice (Repair and Rebuild) where time is given to ensure the child understands how their actions affect others. Learning to reflect on our own actions and how they may affect others is a key part of this.

A separate information letter has gone out explaining all the events during the busy December period. We look forward to seeing you all at some of these events in the coming weeks.

Kind Regards
Annette Hixon
Headteacher

Firework Display



We would like to say a huge thank you for all the hard work of the FOSIS team and Junior PTA. This event was spectacular not just for the fireworks but the amazing community feel. Mr Davis put on a fabulous display with the help of Mr Hack who was on hand for any first aid. Thank you to all of you who supported this new event it was a delight to hear that this enabled so many families to attend a firework display together.

Dogs at the school gate



Thank you to those parents who are keeping their dogs at the school gate rather than bringing them in to the playground—could you also ensure that you are cleaning up after your dogs; we have had some children treading dog excrement through the school after stepping in it at the gate.

Amazon Wish list

Did you know that you can donate to the school easily every time you buy online from Amazon? Simply go to smile.amazon.co.uk, choose the school, then proceed as normal and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price to the school.

We also have a public Amazon wish list set up that teachers can add to if they want to request classroom supplies, board games for wet playtime etc - it can be found here <http://amzn.eu/4mVS4cV>

We wish to say such a huge thank you to the parents who have kindly donated already from our Amazon wish list or brought us some new stationary. This is so gratefully received and the staff have been excited for these gifts.



School Photo Policy Reminder

At Shirley Schools, we want to continue to allow parents and guardians to capture special moments involving their children at events such as school performances. We do not want to have to change this policy so please take a minute to read this section.

Please remember any photos taken are for personal use only. They **MUST NOT** be shared online.

- Images taken will be for family or family use only
- Images will not be taken of other children outside of the performance area
- No image will be used for display publicly
- No images or film will be posted on the internet or on social networking sites
- No photographs of film will be distributed through social networking sites
- This is a matter of safe-guarding and must be strictly adhered to in order to protect all children.
- Thank you for your co-operation.



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 97.8%



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