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9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Shirley Junior School!

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming months. Thank you for choosing Shirley Junior School; it is a great pleasure to be embarking on the next phase of the children's learning with them.

We will continue to work closely with the Year 2 team at Shirley Infant School to give the children as many opportunities as possible to get to know Shirley Junior School and its staff. Leading up to our transition day, 5<sup>th</sup> July, the year 2 and year 3 children will be meeting regularly to come together for some shared activities including shared playtimes, moot time and chance to explore our outdoor space.

You will find all our school Information on the school website, this Information Pack will be sent home on transition day 5<sup>th</sup> July, which will hopefully answer most of your questions, including your child's class and house information..

Skoolkit uniform information can also be found on the school's website.

On transition day, 5<sup>th</sup> July, we would ask that children arrive at Shirley Infant School to register as usual with their class teacher. They will then be brought to the Junior School to meet their new class teacher and spend the day with them. The children will eat their lunch in the Junior School hall. At the end of the school day at 3:20pm, we would ask that you collect your child from the Junior School playground near the hall steps. The children will come out via the hall doors to meet you.

Below are some of the events we have planned for Summer 2 to help support this transition into Year 3 at Shirley Junior school

#### **Planned Activities and communication:**

- **Exploring the outdoor environment** – Over the coming weeks, the children will be given regular opportunities to play on our equipment and learn to navigate the grounds alongside the year 3 children.
- **Picnic** – We will be having year 2 & 3 picnic! This is a great opportunity for the children and staff to socialise in a relaxed atmosphere whilst eating lunch. This is planned for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of July.
- **Superhero Profile** – Children will be bringing home a superhero profile to fill in about themselves which we would like them to bring to transition day. This allows the children to have something to talk to the adults about and will become the first display in their new classroom. We will also email this to you for your reference.
- **Transition Project** – This will be a transition project that children will start to learn about with their Year 2 teachers and continue in the first few weeks at Shirley Junior school.

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We know how important a positive transition into a new school is for every child and will endeavour to make sure that every child has the best start to their learning at Shirley Junior School in September. If you would like to book an individual meeting with either the Year Leader, Mrs Milczarek or Sarah Nutbeam, Inclusions Lead, to discuss your child's needs please do not hesitate to make an appointment with the school office. We look forward to getting to know you all.

The 'Pupil Registration Form' was sent out to all new parents in May, if you have not received this or are having any issues with it, please contact the school office as soon as possible. The registration form must be received at the school by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at the latest. In addition, after submission, it is important that you inform the school office of any changes in personal circumstances to ensure that up to date records are maintained.

We would like to find out as much about your child and their family as we can. To help with this, we have created a Google questionnaire where you can tell us about your child's feelings, their learning, their friends and any issues you would like to make us aware of... We would ask you to complete the questionnaire by the end of June 2023:

<https://forms.gle/jVpvfG8kabHvEku4A>

We will be holding an information evening for parents on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm. This will be held in the Junior School Hall and we will share more information with you about life in year 3.

We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you.

Best Wishes

Mrs Hixon  
Headteacher

Jo Tearle  
Deputy Headteacher

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