



Shirley Junior School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The children and staff have had a calm and purposeful start to the new school year with everyone settling quickly into their new classes and routines. The children look really smart in their uniform!

During the first few days the children have embarked on a reading week. Each year group has focused on a different text and the whole school have created a permanent display leading to the library. We would like to share this with you on our Curriculum Evening in a couple of weeks, where you will be able to walk through 'Harry Potter', 'Shrek', 'How to Train your Dragon' and 'Alice in Wonderland' on your way to the library.

The year groups will be taking part in 'hook days' to start their new topics over the coming weeks; more information about your child's learning will be in the year group newsletter coming out next week.

Homework

Homework will start to come home next week. All year groups' homework will be set on a Wednesday and will need to be returned by Monday. This will include spellings and activities, a times table activity as well as online times table practice. Pupils are expected to read each night as well as complete a reflection in their Learning Journal. More information regarding homework will be explained at our Curriculum Evening on Tuesday 19th September.

Sports

I am really pleased to welcome Team Spirit for a second year to our school. Dazza and his team will be delivering sports coaching to classes on a Wednesday as part of our PE curriculum. They will be going out in MOST weather conditions so please provide your child with a tracksuit and light rain jacket. We have also increased the number of sports coaches on the playground at lunch time to encourage pupil participation.

Curriculum Evening

We would like to invite all parents and pupils to attend our Curriculum Evening being held on

Tuesday 19th September

4.30pm-5.30pm

There will be a short presentation for each year group that will be led by the Year Leader, who will explain key information for parents and pupils regarding homework, basic skills practice, the use of Learning Journals, our behaviour systems, and key dates for trips.

You will also have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher, see your child's learning so far and the topics planned for the year, as well as visit their classroom.

Communication

An email will be sent out to all parents every Friday with details of letters sent and dates for the following week. All information can also be accessed from the website. We always encourage as much communication with parents and teachers as possible, ideally face to face conversations or on the telephone. All teachers will be available to chat after school and will be out on the playground every day. If you need to send an email please use the link via the website or addresses below, and your child's Year Leader or teacher will get back to you. They will be monitored daily during working hours. If you would like an appointment to see your child's teacher, please see the office to arrange this.

If you would like to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership team, please use the link via our website.

Year 3 y3teachers@sj.jetrust.org

Year 4 y4teachers@sj.jetrust.org

Year 5 y5teachers@sj.jetrust.org

Year 6 y6teachers@sj.jetrust.org

Please note: individual teachers' emails no longer work.

Healthy Snacks

As a school we promote healthy eating. We encourage all pupils to bring a snack to school for break time although we insist that it is healthy. We ask that this is a piece of fruit or healthy option such as a cracker. Please do not put the snack in lunch boxes as they do not have access to them at break times. All children will put their snack in the 'Snack Box' provided by the teacher. If a child brings in a snack that we deem 'unhealthy', e.g. crisps, sweets or chocolate, this will be taken away and returned to them at the end of the day. A list of agreed 'healthy snacks' will be provided next week. If you are unsure please email Karen Allen, our Family Support Worker, who will be able to answer your query.

karen.allen@sj.jetrust.org

CLEANER REQUIRED

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner at the Junior School.

Monday to Friday 3.30pm - 5.30pm

52 Weeks per year

Grade 1, Point 6 £8.25 per hour

If you would like to apply, please collect an application form from the school office.