



Shirley Community Primary School Shirley Pre-School

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Headteacher's Newsletter – Wednesday 16th December 2020

We hope everyone is keeping well. Here is our **final news of 2020** (and **important COVID information** overleaf) →

Effort and Excellence Winners Autumn 2020! We had a wonderful whole school 'Zoom' Assembly last week, with parents and families joining us, along with children in class. Here are our winners:

Jamaul Dowdie-Wright – Reading; **Barbara Hall** – Writing; **Jonah Rainford** – Maths Calculation; **Miguel Abecina** – Maths Problem Solving; **Luca Hewitt-Gora** – Science; **Anaisha Udgata** – ICT and Computing; **Mumina Begum** – PSHE; **Alex Polak** – History; **Leah Conroy** – Geography; **Freddie Kenny** – PE; **Maira Choudhury** – Sport; **Tamim Miah** – Fitness; **Zavia Raniga** – RE; **Macey O'Connor** – Art; **Yusuf Monnan** – Drama; **Erin Lithgow** – Music; **Lorena Hopkins** – Languages; **Sylvie Buxton** – Outdoor Learning; **Alanna Eke** – Citizenship; **Thea Sargaent** – Friendship; **Orla Cashman** and **JV Alvarez** – Headteacher's Award.

Rosa Williams and **Aris Norman** were also presented with special medals for being the fastest children in the whole of Cambridgeshire for their age at the recent Cross Country Event. Congratulations to them too!



Reminders:

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumpers/Non-School Uniform on Friday – please send in a donation of any size on Friday for this to raise money for the Friends of Shirley and Arthur Rank Hospice.

Please switch engines off and no smoking: If you are waiting in your car, please switch off your engine, so there are no fumes around for adults and children walking or waiting outside. Also, our school is a non-smoking site and this is not allowed near our entrance. Smokers will need to move well away from everyone along the road.



Winter Grant Scheme and Food Hampers

This scheme is being run by Cambridgeshire County Council, with support from schools. Families can get help with food, utility bills, white goods, boiler services and more. Further information at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/wintersupport or tel: **0345 045 5219** Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Please also see our school website: <http://www.shirley.cambs.sch.uk/website> or contact us at school.

Christmas Carol Concerts

It has been wonderful to hear so much singing around school recently – Nativity performances have not been possible but children in Pre-School, Reception and Year 1 have been getting into the spirit by performing songs via Zoom for everyone in school and at home. We hope you have been enjoying them.



And finally.....farewell to Mrs Cooper and Mrs Cleland

After many years' service to Shirley Primary, Mrs Cooper from our School Office and Mrs Cleland from the Teaching Assistant Team are moving on. Mrs Cooper has helped to make a real difference to our children's attendance and punctuality and will be moving onto St Luke's Primary School. Mrs Cleland has worked as a Teaching Assistant with younger children, often with a special focus on pupils who speak English as an Additional Language, and will be moving onto work at the Vine School in Cambourne. We thank both of them and wish them all the best for the future.

Thank you again to all parents and carers for your ongoing support to our school over the past term.

I wish everyone a peaceful, happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. See you on **Tuesday 5th January!**

Mr Cattermole



COVID-19 update – for Christmas break

Please see the information below which outlines the latest DfE guidance, along with our responsibilities and those of parents for sharing information regarding positive cases.

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. Where a school’s last teaching day is on Thursday 17 December, there should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond Wednesday 23 December. (Department for Education Guidance, December 2020)

To clarify this, I have summarised this information in the context of Shirley Community Primary School below:

Symptoms began on (or date of positive test if asymptomatic)	Between Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th December	Saturday 19 th December	Sunday 20 th December	Monday 21 st December – Monday 4 th January
Action Required	Parents inform school immediately. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 10 days	Parents inform school immediately. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact on Thursday 17 th and Friday 18 th December. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 10 days	Parents inform school immediately. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact on Friday 18 th December. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 10 days	Unless testing was delayed following onset of symptoms, case was not in setting and therefore there is no need to contact school.
	Our School Mobile Phone Number has been set up in the event of a confirmed case between the close of school on Friday 18th December and Thursday 24th December: 07795 572304 This number, is only to be used to give details in the event of a positive case.			
Parental Responsibility	Parents to notify close contact family and friends and follow advice as per NHS Covid-19 guidelines http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/			

