



# Shirley Community Primary School

## Shirley Pre-School

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### Headteacher's Newsletter: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**New Opening and Closing Times:** Thank you to everyone for your support with these new times which started on Monday. The new system is working well, and less waiting time seems to suit everyone. The information is on our school gates and website – as a reminder, these are our times:



#### Opening and Drop Off

Even: Rec./Y2/Y4/Y6: 8:45 to 8:55am  
Odd: Y1/Y3/Y5 9:00 to 9:10am

#### Closing and Collection

Even: Rec./Y2/Y4/Y6 3:00 to 3:10pm  
Odd: Y1/Y3/Y5 3:15 to 3:25pm

Remember to make sure your child is at school on time. It makes a huge difference to the start of their day.

#### **New School Logo and Motto Competition:**

We have launched a new competition, which is open to everyone, to help design a new logo and motto for Shirley Community Primary School. We need a logo created by people who come to our school, which really reflects life at Shirley today, and children have been thinking about ideas in assemblies and class this week. We are also looking for a new motto, instead of 'Determined to Succeed', which sums up life at Shirley and what we want to aim for and aspire to. Children will be working in pairs, groups or on their own, coming up with their own new ideas. They can also work on them at home during the half term break if they wish. The templates will be posted on our school website too. The competition is open to all stakeholders – parents, children, staff and governors – with the **closing date being Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. Everyone is welcome to take part! The winning design will be used across the school from next year, and we look forward to welcoming your entries. If you would like to send in anything electronically, please send these to the school office at: [office@shirley.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@shirley.cambs.sch.uk) with the subject line: 'New School Logo'.



#### **Office Reminders and updates:**

**Governor Election:** please make sure you vote in this election. Information has been emailed; contact the school if you need more details. The deadline is 3pm tomorrow (Friday).

**If your child is sick:** you must inform the school **by 9:30am if your child is unwell**, for whatever reason.

**Parent COVID Poster** – the LA has produced a useful [poster](#) which helps explain the latest guidance.



**Parent Questionnaires:** please also complete our [online questionnaire for parents](#), to share your views regarding school re-opening, learning, wellbeing and our upcoming parent consultations. Deadline is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **And finally.....Times Tables Rock Stars!**

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been rocking out this half term to TimesTables Rockstars! This exciting online program gives each child the chance to practise a specific multiple while listening to the best rock music there is. Many children have been using it and are already speeding up the school leader board! (If your child isn't sure of their log in details just ask the class teacher). Online they can compete against each other, other classes and even teachers to become the fastest rocker in the school! We are also hoping to organize a staff v. student 'rock slam' in November.....Shirley Primary is currently the **18th best school in Cambridge**. Our aim is to get to **at least 10th place by December** - rock on! For more information visit: <https://play.ttrockstars.com>



Señor Cattermole

