



Headteacher's Newsletter Friday 13th March 2020

Well done 2EB! We really enjoyed watching children in Year 2 recently in their class assembly. They shared a huge amount of their learning, including facts around famous people in history such as Edmund Hillary, as well as all of their very impressive artwork, special songs for 3-D shapes and lots more. Well done all of you!

Parents Evenings: it has been good to see so many of you at our Parent Consultations this week, with you having the chance to see your child's books and hear from their teacher about how they are progressing in their learning. If you were not able to attend, please book a time to meet your child's teacher soon. This will be the final meeting of the year, with Summer Term 'meetings' done via school reports. A special 'well done' to our Food Ambassadors who encouraged you to share your thoughts about lunchtime eating, and complete our questionnaires. Our thanks to Mrs Roe and ABM Catering for organising food and questionnaires.

Coronavirus update: thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding as we work through this situation. We hope you have found the letters home and communication useful. To summarise:

- We follow the latest DfE and LA guidance, and check for updates every day
- Children are being asked to wash their hands on a regular basis in school each day
- The Government are not currently planning on schools having to close, but should we need to do so at any point, we will send home important learning information so your child's education can continue to happen out of school as much as possible

If you need any further information please call the dedicated line on: **Tel: 0800 046 8687** Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)



Safeguarding Reminder: please remember to call the school office before 9.30am if your child is absent for any reason.

Thank you for your support on Sunday: Mrs Willis, Mrs Joyce and I managed to complete the Cambridge Half Marathon last week and we would all like to thank you for your support! You can still sponsor us via our 'Justgiving' pages. It was a wonderful occasion and it was great to see so many people there who really helped us get all the way to the finishing line! I managed to raise over £1200 for the Friends of Shirley which is way more than my target – thank you to everyone for your generosity. If you would like to help raise vital funds for our school then please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jcattermole2>

Sport Relief: all of the children at school will be 'heroes' today as they come in and wear their sporty gear and complete their Daily Mile Challenges. It has been great to see so many out there running for Sport Relief and for Shirley School. A 'daffodil' even got to run with some of the children too! We will let you know how much has been raised in our next letter home.



And finally.....Mrs Kidney: we would like to let everyone know that this will be Hannah Kidney's last year at Shirley Primary School as she will be leaving us in July. Hannah joined the school as a Deputy Headteacher in 2009 and has thoroughly enjoyed working with the Shirley community over the last decade. Since having a family in 2016, she has been working part-time and has recently been studying psychotherapeutic counselling with the view of pursuing it as a career. Whilst she will continue to work as a teacher alongside her study, she will be needing to devote more time to her career change. We are currently in the process of recruiting a new Deputy Headteacher for September.