



Shirley Community Primary School Shirley Pre-School

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Headteacher Newsletter – Thursday 2nd July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone is keeping well. I am writing to keep you updated around key areas of the school re-opening, end of year reports and also to share some staffing changes for September.

COVID-19 School Reopening updates

- We have enjoyed welcoming back more children to bubbles in Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 this week. Thank you for continuing to respect social distancing around the school building, as we still follow all necessary safety guidance from the Government and Local Authority. Thank you also to all of those children learning at home for sending in work – we are really impressed with everything we see. If you have printed home learning packs, please send in photos to school so we can see your child's work too.
- You will have seen in the news that schools will be expected to be **open fully again from September**. We are really pleased to hear this. We are still awaiting further announcements on how this is intended to work, and will update everyone in due course.
- **Term dates and Holidays abroad:** All new term dates are now on our school website. For this September, children are starting back for the new term on **September 7th**. As things currently stand, most people will not be travelling abroad this summer. If you are, we are asking you when booking to bear in mind quarantine rules currently, so that if you travel abroad, you come back in time for quarantine to lapse and still be able to start on 7th September. **We want all children to start on 7th, with no delays.** If you are travelling and your child will not be able to be back on 7th, then you will need to complete a 'Leave Request Form' from our website, and send to our school office: office@shirley.cambs.sch.uk.

End of Year Reports

- These will be sent to you on **Friday 10th July**. They will be issued by email to all families.

Staffing changes for September

The following teachers are moving on, and we would like to wish them all the very best, with a special 'thank you' for all that they have given to the children and Shirley Community over the years:

- **Mrs Joyce** – teaching at the Pathfinder School in Northstowe
- **Miss Joomun** – teaching at Arbury Primary School
- **Mrs Morris** – moving on from teaching
- **Mr Sharpe** – moving on to work as a supply teacher

Mrs Okai will be going on maternity leave, and we wish her all the very best over the coming months with her family.

Miss Skantzouri and **Mrs Hazle** will also be moving on from their roles as Teaching Assistants – our thanks to them for their important work with our children too.

We will be welcoming the following staff to work at Shirley Primary from September:

Miss Khokhar, EYFS Leader; **Mrs Choi**, Y56 Phase Leader; **Miss Owen** and **Miss Irvine**, KS2 Teachers; **Miss Saunders**, KS1 Teacher; **Ms Elgaziari**, EYFS Teacher; **Ms Ibn Tahaikt**, PPA Teacher. Information about who is teaching which year group will come out before the end of term, as well as you finding out who your child's new class teacher will be.

Mr Cattermole