



# Shirley Community Primary School

## Shirley Pre-School

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### Headteacher Newsletter – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone is keeping well. I am writing to provide an update for our school, in line with the letter you received from Jon Lewis at Cambridgeshire County Council yesterday.

#### School Reopening updates

We have really enjoyed welcoming back some children in Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 this week. Children have settled in very well after so long away from school, and have adapted really well to learning, some with new adults and classmates, in different rooms around school. A lot of time has been spent outdoors, which brings so many exciting opportunities to explore our grounds, and take part in learning about nature or enjoying sport for example.

Thank you for also working with us so positively in dropping off and collecting the children as we have instructed – this is going well and we are pleased that social distancing is being upheld at both times of day. Today children will leave at 12:15pm for the first time, to give staff their time for planning and for the school to be cleaned thoroughly.

**Survey for further reopening:** we will be sending out a survey to those of you with children in Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 next week, to ask if you would like your child to return to school. This will come to you via email and our social media pages. The next wave of admissions will happen during the **week of 29<sup>th</sup> June**. We will let you know if your child has a place. As things stand, we will not be able to admit children from other year groups until September, – home learning opportunities will continue until the end of term. If this is proving difficult for you or your child in any way, please contact the school by phone or email so we can help: [office@shirley.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@shirley.cambs.sch.uk)

**Reminder for drop off – lateness:** if your child is late to school, they **will not be able to come in** through the main entrance. Under current guidance and for safety, they will need to be taken home if the gates are locked.

#### Staffing changes for September

Miss Fonseca is moving on to work for Cambridgeshire LA Virtual School, supporting children who are 'looked after'; Miss Munnely is moving on to take up Assistant Headship at Weatheralls Primary in Soham, and Mrs Carter is moving schools to teach in Trumpington. Our thanks to all of them for their work and dedication to Shirley Primary over the years, and we wish them all the very best in the next stage of their careers.

Mrs Mitchell will be our new Deputy Headteacher from September, taking over from Miss Fonseca and Mrs Kidney. She is currently working at Orchard Park Primary and has worked at a number of schools in leadership and advisory roles. Our new EYFS Leader will be Miss Khokhar, who currently teaches at Chesterton Primary, and she will be joined by another new teacher, Ms Elgaziari. New staff will be working with senior leaders over the coming weeks to learn all about life at Shirley as part of transition, and we will welcome them soon. Parents of children who are due to start in Reception in September, will be receiving further information about school life in their packs from Monday.

**And finally.....**Staff really enjoyed putting together a video where we are singing along to 'Shiny Happy People' by REM, as a 'welcome back' and 'we are missing you' message for everyone. You can see it on our website home page, and we hope you enjoy watching and singing along too! <http://www.shirley.cambs.sch.uk/website/home/73813>. Our thanks to Miss Ullmann and Mr Wayland for bringing it all together.

Mr Cattermole