



Headteacher's Newsletter Friday 14th February 2020

Well done 2AO and 1SH! Children in these two classes have performed wonderfully for us recently in their class assemblies. Both classes have shown great talent with singing, acting, dancing and also shared a lot of their amazing learning – so much for people so young! Well done everyone!

Shirley children at the O2 Arena! Our School Choir travelled to London last week to take part in the Young Voices concert. They sang with many other schools and represented us brilliantly. They were joined by proud families and by staff from Shirley who sang along with them. We were once again commended on the excellent behaviour of our pupils, and everyone came home late but very happy. Our thanks to Miss Ullmann for organizing this trip, and to Mrs Barlow and other staff for their support. Clips and songs here: <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/>



Mindfulness and Daily Mile – we place great emphasis on children having a healthy body and a healthy mind. As well as taking part in Daily Mile, children have been practising mindfulness meditation, to help them learn to keep calm and concentrate better. We have been using a free app to schools: <https://www.calm.com/> Ask your child to talk to you about it!



Parents Evenings next half term: a reminder to everyone that Parent Consultation Evenings will be happening during the week of 9th March (**Tuesday 10th** and **Thursday 12th**) after school. We will send out further details with booking forms soon.

Considerate and safe parking: a reminder to everyone who parks outside school to please park safely and considerately. We work closely with the neighbours to our school, and some have complained recently of blocked driveways and not being able to get out during morning drop-offs. There are parking patrols in the area on a regular basis – to avoid getting a ticket and to get your child to school in a healthier way, please walk or cycle to school.



World Book Day....is on 5th March and coming soon! We already have a writing competition with prizes of book vouchers, and we will be enjoying dressing up and having fun on the day! Further details to follow....

Please check our website: for latest blogs and photos of children learning at Shirley. We have also posted the term dates and Training Days for 2020-21 recently on our website: www.shirley.cambs.sch.uk

Thank you for sponsoring me! – I am very grateful for all of the generous support as I attempt to complete the Cambridge Half Marathon on March 8th. I am aiming to raise £750 for Friends of Shirley and so far the total is £600. If you would like to sponsor and help raise vital funds for our school then please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jcattermole2> Mrs Willis is also running for 'Headway' and Mrs Joyce for 'Petals'. You can sponsor them on justgiving too!



And finally.....**New school logo/motto competition** – we will be launching a competition after half term, open to everyone to design a new school logo/badge and create a new motto for Shirley. We will launch this in assembly for children soon, and send home further details too.....