



Headteacher's Newsletter Tuesday 18th December 2018

Congratulations Reception and Key Stage 1 children! Pupils in these year groups have performed brilliantly over the past week, sharing their wonderful productions of 'Shine Star Shine' and 'The Inn-Spectors'. It was wonderful to see so many parents at Shirley enjoying all of the singing, acting, dancing and very confident performances from all of the children. I know how hard they have worked learning their lines and songs, and a huge 'thank you' to all of the staff who made it all possible. We also raised £249 for Jimmy's Night Shelter from all of your generous donations. Thank you and well done!



Well done Leonel! We were delighted to hear that Leonel in Year 3, was chosen as the winner in this year's Christmas Card competition organised by Daniel Zeichner MP. Daniel was particularly impressed with Leonel's effort and the design was beautifully drawn and coloured, with very clever braille inserts for the 'Merry Christmas Everybody' message. Daniel visited Shirley to share the news that Leonel's design will be sent by him to more than 1,000 people including charities, organisations, other MPs and friends. We are very proud of Leonel and thank you to Daniel for visiting us.



Friends of Shirley Christmas Café – thank you to the Friends' Volunteers and to everyone who attended this event, as well as those who contributed items to the Tombola, Raffle, 2nd hand Uniform and bric a brac. Over £950 was raised for the school which is excellent!

Dinner Hall Rules Competition Winners! Our Y6 Food Ambassadors recently launched a competition for children to design posters for the new Dining Hall School Rules that pupils and the School Council have devised. The following children were judged to have designed the best posters and received their prizes in assembly today: Bethia (YR); Orla (Y2); Kristen (Y4) and Hazel (Y6). Our thanks also to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Roe for helping to organise this.

Cross Country Success – children in Years 3-6 took part recently in the School Sports Partnership Cross Country Run at Netherhall School. Everyone represented the school with great pride, competing against many other schools and running up and down hills which they were not used to! A special mention for Jasmine in Y6 who finished 11th in her race out of over 150 runners.



And finally.... Farewell to **Mrs Williams** and to **Mr Collins** – departing TAs. Mrs Williams has worked at Shirley for 10 years, and has made a huge difference to our children. Mr Collins has not worked here quite as long, but has also played his part in helping and supporting our children in a very positive way. We wish them all the very best for the future. A warm welcome to **Mrs Nakhleh** and **Miss Blocksage**, who will be joining us from January.



I would like to wish everyone a peaceful and happy Christmas. We will see you all again on **Monday 7th January**. There will be a new 'language of the month' when we come back – until then 'A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year' in Bengali **মেৰী ক্রিসমাস এবং শুভ নববর্ষ**



and in Polish **Wesołych Świąt i szczęśliwego nowego roku**

See you in 2019!

Mr Cattermole

