

## Headteacher's Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Wonderful 6SJ and 5JC Class Assemblies!** Well done to pupils in Year 6 and Year 5 who have entertained us with their class assemblies over recent weeks. Firstly, 6SJ shared with us the importance of friendship and the responsibilities of Year 6, and 5JC shared their writing and art work around the story they have been focusing on this half term. Well done all of you!

**Girls' and Boys' Football Tournament** – Children from Shirley recently took part in their first Football Tournament with other Cambridge schools at Netherhall. We were very proud of the way that they played and how they represented the school. Even though they didn't get the results they wanted, they still showed great skill, togetherness and team spirit, and were a credit to Shirley. Our thanks to Mr Fisher for organizing this opportunity.



**Start of the School Day and Parking** – Thank you to everyone for your very helpful feedback regarding our trial of starting our school day differently. It has been a real success in many ways: a calmer start, more space on the playground, children properly ready for learning and parents able to leave sooner. Having consulted with staff as well, we feel this is a positive change and will therefore be continuing with this system. A reminder that **classroom doors are open from 8:45 to 8:55**. Anyone arriving after that will be marked as late.



Thank you also to those of you who park considerately outside our school. On most days, more cars are parking away from school, and not on the pavements or yellow lines, which is much safer. However it has been reported by parents and local residents that sometimes some cars are parked illegally on lines and the pavement. There are 'no stopping' signs, it is not safe and police patrols will issue tickets. ***We want all of our children to be able to come to school in a safe and healthy way.***

**Anti-Bullying Week** - Anti-bullying week is the **week of 12<sup>th</sup> November** and the theme is 'Choose Respect'. Children will be learning how important it is to respect each other's views and to know that although we don't always have to agree with each other, we still need to have respect for each other both face to face and online. 'Odd Sock Day' will take place on the Monday of the week (12<sup>th</sup>) to raise awareness of anti-bullying week - more to follow. *Mrs Roe*



**Parents Evenings** – Good to see so many of you at our meetings over the past two weeks. If you have not been able attend one, class teachers will be contacting you straight after half term to arrange one.

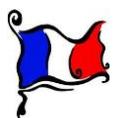
**Office Reminder** – Please ensure your children have their PE and swimming kits at school when it is their day for this. Year 5 will be swimming next half term. Thank you.

**Non-Uniform Day today** – Thank you to everyone for coming in non-uniform and bringing in donations for the Indonesian Tsunami Appeal – all contributions are very much welcome.

**Friends of Shirley** - Sausage Sizzler in November – Please join the Friends of Shirley for sizzling Autumn sausages at the **Old Hall on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 3:15-3:45pm**. Vegetarians also catered for!



**Cooking on a Budget** – This will be held at Kings Hedges school on Tuesdays 10:30-1pm. Start date: 30/10/18 and ends 04/12/18. For more information visit the **Red Hen website** or **Facebook page**.



**And finally.....Language of the Month** – This is something new for the school. We say 'Good Morning' in assembly in that language and also do the register, as well as learning other phrases with children in class. We have displays in school about all of the languages spoken at Shirley – how lucky we are! For September it was French, and in October we have been speaking Bengali.



See you in a week! A dans une semaine! আপনি একটি সপ্তাহে দেখতে (Āpani ēkaṭi saptāhē dēkhatē!)

Mr Cattermole