



# Shirehampton Primary School

**Dates:**

3rd & 12th November Parents Evening from 3.30pm. Sign up sheets are up on class doors.

12th November Yr5 assembly to parents—Nile hall 2.45pm start

13th November **Children in Need**

Children will be able to buy a mask template from  the office for 50p. They can decorate it at home in any way they choose and wear it to school on Friday 13th November. On Wednesday 11th November, members of Lloyds TSB bank will be at breakfast club from 8am to help any children decorate a mask if they would like to do it there instead of at home. There will also be a limited stock of Pudsey ears for sale at £2.50 each in the office from Monday 9th November

Week beginning 16th November whole school theme week Money and personal Finance. Parents are invited to a mini fayre where children will sell the products they have made to raise money for charity on Thursday 19th November from 2.30-3pm

26th November Yr1 assembly to parents—Amazon hall 2.45pm start

3rd December Yr4 assembly to parents—Nile hall 2.45pm start

**Quick reminders**

Uniform—thank you to all parents / carers who ensure their children come dressed appropriately for school everyday. Pupils should wear school uniform or sweatshirts/cardigans that are dark blue and plain. Shoes should be flat, plain & not brightly coloured. We are starting to see some brightly coloured trainers being worn and they are not part of our school uniform. If children wish to bring trainers to change into at break and lunch time to play football they can do so. Jewellery / nail varnish are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn to school. Teachers will remind any child wearing inappropriate clothing or shoes to school what the expectations are.


Please may I politely remind all parents and carers to park safely and with care and consideration for our residents. You are encouraged **NOT** to drive down St Mary's Walk and to park at the top of the road and walk the children down—quite often this is the much quicker option too! There are parking restrictions in place and these are to keep all the children safe—please respect these limitations. Thank you.

**School news:**


**Governors in school .....** Governors will be present at the parents evenings. We will be based in the hall serving tea and coffee as before but this time we will be inviting parents to complete the online parent survey used by Ofsted. We would also like to take this opportunity to get feedback from you on the school website (laptops will be available on the night). It would be nice to meet as many parents/carers as possible ... we will also be happy to answer any questions you have for us. A gentle reminder that...**"The governors at Shirehampton Primary school are looking to recruit 3 new Co-opted Governors."** If interested please see the school office for more details. The deadline is 13th November.


This academic year has seen our attendance remain at around 95% which is excellent. This good attendance is a reflection of the support you as parents and carers give to the school and the importance you place on education and also the hard work of the staff who ensure that learning is fun, engaging and relevant. Can I remind all parents/carers that school starts at 8:40am and registers close at 8:50am. If your child arrives after 8:50am they will receive a late mark and after 9am an unauthorised absence for the morning session. So far this year all planned absences (holidays) that have been requested have been authorised as the attendance has been above 90% with no unauthorised absences. You will now receive a text informing you whether your planned absence has been authorised or not. Thank you - keep in touch if your child isn't well enough to attend and keep up the good work.

**Pride of Shirehampton Primary**

 As part of our mission to become an outstanding school when visited next by Ofsted our School Development Plan identifies aspects we need to strengthen, embed or improve. To recognise the improvements in our pupils sense of pride (care & tidiness) about the school each phase will award a Pride Award to the best class. This term (T1) in FS the winning class was London, Toronto in KS1, Timbuktu in Y3&4 and Honiara in Y5&6.

On Tuesday 20th October our PTA held their first disco which was a huge success; many, many children attended in their creative Halloween costumes with prizes awarded in each disco for the best costumes. The costumes were fantastic! A massive thank you to Miranda, Cara, Rachel and their army of volunteers who made this such an experience to remember for the children. It was also lovely to see so many staff attend to share their dance moves—thank you! Lastly a huge thank you to Mrs Carol Hone and Mrs Michele Daniels who opened up our gym to provide tea and coffee for parents which saved them having to go home, turn around and come straight back to collect their children; the feedback from parents has been very positive so this is something we will endeavour to provide when needed.


 After a long anticipated arrival Miss Amy McNamee and her partner, Mike, are now the proud parents to Nancy Tucker who arrived at 12:11am on Wednesday 14th October weighing a whopping 9lbs 2oz! Both Amy and Nancy are doing very well; Nancy looks just like her older sister Esme did when she was born nearly 4 years ago.

 **SWIGGLE!** This is the exciting new way to search online SAFELY. Many of the children are already using this at home. It allows a child to search using an engine similar to Google, but one which specifically searches for educational links and never allows pictures or inappropriate material to appear. Give it a go! [www.swiggle.org.uk](http://www.swiggle.org.uk)

A very big well done and congratulations to Bess S (y3, Rio class) who has earned a Blue Peter badge. She sent in a picture of Barney, Lindsey and Radzi, the presenters, and Shelley the tortoise. After a wait of 6 weeks Bess received her badge. A Blue Peter badge is a special award given to Blue Peter viewers and fans. Badge owners can gain free entry into over 200 Blue Peter Badge Attractions around the country, like theme parks, zoos and castles. Blue badges are awarded for sending interesting letters, emails, stories, pictures, poems, good ideas for the programme, and for having appeared on Blue Peter.



**Celebrating success:**

 At the end of every term we award Merit certificates to a child in each class who has displayed a high standard of behaviour and/or work over the whole term. Mr Penrose, our SMSAs (dinner ladies) and Assistant Head Teacher, Ms Mel Burrows and Mr Edward Powe also award these certificates too. It is a great way to end the term and children and staff both enjoy celebrating these achievements together.

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| Edinburgh—Emmie C                             | London—Dyllan Mc                  | Paris—Hannah M    | Barcelona—Evie J       |
| New York—Charlie H                            | Toronto—Lily H                    | La Paz—Regan K    | Rio De Janeiro— Bess S |
| Antananarivo—Angel O                          | Timbuktu—Lucas H                  | Bangkok—Poppy B-B | Shanghai— Josh A       |
| Suva - Ruby-Cole P                            | Honiara—George B                  |                   |                        |
| Learning Mentor FS/KS1—Scarlet P & KS2—Liam B | SMSAs FS/KS1— Beau J & KS2— Max S |                   |                        |
| AHT FS/KS1—Kaydon S & KS2—Katie Ra            |                                   |                   |                        |

100% attendance GREAT!	0 weeks of learning missed
95% attendance GOOD	1 week, 4 days of learning missed
90% attendance OK	3 weeks, 4 days of learning missed
85% attendance CONCERNING	6 weeks, 3 days of learning missed
80% attendance POOR	7 weeks, 3 days of learning missed
75% attendance POOR	9 weeks, 1 day of learning missed

5 minutes late per day	3 days lost per year
10 minutes late per day	6.5 days lost per year
15 minutes late per day	10 days lost per year
20 minutes late per day	13 days lost per year
30 minutes late per day	19 days lost per year