



Fortnightly Newsletter for Parents

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Shirehampton Primary School



Dates:

21st April Barcelona & La Paz show-cases to parents—2:45pm Amazon and Nile Hall. The children will have selected pieces of work they would like to exhibit and talk to you about because they are really proud of what they achieved; think interactive art gallery and you're half way there!
23rd April St George's Day celebrations and activities in school on Friday 22nd April
5th May Yr5 assembly to parents—2:45pm Nile Hall
Week beginning 9th May Year 6 SATs week. It is important that all children are in school everyday so they can sit their SAT tests. No absences will be authorised.
11th May Family Singing for FS & KS1 parents—please feel free to join us in Amazon Hall
12th May Yr1 assembly to parents—2:45pm Amazon Hall
18th May Family Singing for KS2 parents—please feel free to join us in Nile Hall
19th-21st May Yr6 camp
24th May KS2 Talent Show
25th May Whole school trip to Tyntesfield House. Permission letters will be sent home by the office nearer the time. We will be asking for parent helpers so if this is something you can help us with please let the office know.
27th May INSET school closed



School news:

Congratulations to Mike and Anna Cole on their new arrival Albie Cole who was born on Saturday 27th February weighing in at 10lb 13oz. All are doing really well; he enjoyed his first school experience last term watching his big sister Polly in the yr3/4 production! Also I am delighted to announce that Mrs Kerri Nias (Barcelona class TA) and her husband are expecting their first child in September 2016. We are all so pleased for you both.

The transition from YrR into Yr1 can be both a positive and negative experience for children as they move from the Foundation Stage Curriculum to the School's Curriculum. As a school who prioritises the emotional well-being of our children it is vital we get this transition right. A couple of years ago we changed our approach and mirrored much more YrR practice in our Yr1 classrooms particularly for the first two terms; we have noticed a vast improvement in children's engagement, anxiety levels and progress as a result. The next step was to check you, as parents, had the same thoughts, views and experiences—thankfully many parents responded to a transition questionnaire. The positive results mean we know we are minimising the effect transition is having and reaping many benefits and will continue with the current transition arrangements moving forward. The results of the questionnaires are in the table and it's great to read the additional comments provided too. *Excellent preparation, my child was helped a lot and*

someone answered all of my questions - It went smoothly, I had no issues with it - Would have been nice to meet the teacher before - The transition from Year Reception to Year 1 was easy, my child had no problems and was excited about the 'big step' - My child had no problem starting Year 1 - My child was a little unsure for the first week with her teacher's way but afterwards she settled and became a very good learner. We would have liked

	Yes		No		Don't Know	
	13/14	14/15	13/14	14/15	13/14	14/15
My child had the opportunity to meet their new teacher before September.	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Parents and Carers had the opportunity to meet the class teacher before September.	77%	100%	15%	0%	8%	0%
I was happy with how my child settled in to Year 1.	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
My child was prepared adequately for moving into Year 1.	92%	100%	0%	0%	8%	0%
I would have liked more preparation for myself and/or my child.	15%	0%	85%	100%	0%	0%
The move into Year 1 was difficult for my child.	0%	0%	100%	100%	0%	0%

to have met her teacher to get prepared for the child's experiences in the new school year - Felt that there was a lot of changes from Reception to Year 1. It seemed to be a lot more work more quickly. Would have been nice for it to be more gradual - Daughter settled well, was struggling when leaving, after meeting teacher we were able to talk about this at home and made going into Year 1 a lot easier - I feel we could have had the chance to meet the new teachers - My child felt ready to move to Year 1, he knew the teachers and having some of his friends with him also helped - My son settled into Year 1 extremely well. No issues at all - Well facilitated - Very happy with the transition but in Reception had books to inform us on when reading/homework to be done. In Yr1 didn't know when spelling was due in, otherwise very happy with Yr 1. Well done to all! - The transition period for my child went well, it helped by having a longer transition period compared to her older sisters - I found the transition really well, my child is very quiet and shy and settled into Year 1 just fine - The move was great. I had no troubles with my child. She is really enjoying it - Teachers all approachable and friendly, no problems.

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 awards a Pride Award to the best class. Last term (T4) in FS the winning class was Edinburgh, New York in KS1, La Paz in Y3&4 and Bangkok in Y5&6.

Our school is holding its very own Race for Life event for Cancer Research UK and we'd love your son and/or daughter to join the fun. Our youngsters are the generation that could see ground breaking treatments and cures for cancer in their lifetime. By taking part in Race for Life and uniting together against cancer, they'll be doing something really special! Cancer Research UK receives no government funding for their research, so the more of us who join the fight against cancer, the more money we can raise to beat cancer sooner. We'll race for life on Friday 15th April. Foundation stage – running 1km in school; KS1 – running 2 km in school; KS2 – running 3km around the local area. Your child should have brought home a sponsorship form so any donations, big or small, will be greatly appreciated. We also have a 'just giving' page set up for any additional donations online. Please search 'Shirehampton' on the just giving page and you can donate online. School uniform will be as normal on the day but children are welcome to wear something blue or pink to show their support i.e. headbands, socks, wristbands etc. We will also be painting faces for the race with a 20p fee if you would like to take part. If you have any questions please visit the school office or see Mr Lohan in Toronto class.

On Friday 22nd April, we will be celebrating St George's Day. This is your opportunity to be truly patriotic and wear red, white or a combination of the two. Children wanting to take part in this non uniform event will need to donate 50p. The funds raised will help to prepare a y6 leavers party at the end of the year and boost the PTA fund so we can purchase an amphitheatre for our playground!

Term dates for Sept 16– July 17— next academic year!

Term 1:1 Sept 16—21 October 16



INSET day = 31 Oct 16

Term 2:1 Nov 16—16 December 16

INSET day = 3 Jan 17

Term 3:4 Jan 17—9 Feb 17

INSET days = 10 February 17

Term 4:20 Feb 17—7 April 17

Term 5:24 April 17—26 May 17

Term 6:5 June 17—19 July 17

INSET day = 20 and 21 July 17

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 Teachers, 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.

Edinburgh—Lily S	London—Alanna L	Paris—Felix P	Barcelona—Xanthe G-H
New York—Matei A	Toronto—Paul D	La Paz—Loren P	Rio De Janeiro—Evie-Mae Mc
Antananarivo—Rian P	Timbuktu—Jazmin E	Bangkok—Oliver D	Shanghai—Sam S
Suva - Charlie G	Honiara-Matthew F		
Learning Mentor FS/KS1—Bobby M-M & KS2—Danny R	SMSAs FS/KS1—Finley B & KS2—Jessica F		
AHT FS/KS1-Kaylum J & KS2-Daniel L			

