



Shirland Primary School

Autumn 2 and Christmas Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The festive season is upon us!

We have many activities planned for the children as we lead in to Christmas and I thought you would like to see what we have planned. The Shirland elves have already been busy decorating the Christmas trees around school and our house Elf on the Shelf has been causing mischief at dinner time!

All events are on our website calendar, but please keep a look out for updates and information on ParentHub. May we take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas time.

Best wishes, Miss Vessey and The Shirland Team

Christmas Cards post box

The Christmas card post box is now open in school if your child wishes to send Christmas cards. Please write on the envelope the child's name and the class that they are in. Post helpers will not be able to post cards to the right class without this information.

Staff are not able to give out class name lists

Christmas Panto – Friday 1st December

We kicked off December in style with a whole school trip to see 'Beauty and the Beast' at the Palace Theatre in Mansfield. This trip for the children was only made possible due to the fundraising events ran by the PTFA. I extend our gratitude and thanks to the volunteers who put a huge amount of effort in to arranging fund raising activities that benefit the children at Shirland. I also wish to thank the families that support their events and help to raise money so that we can give the children exciting life experiences at no extra cost to our families. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 7th December

Children are encouraged to wear their Christmas jumpers and clothing to raise money and awareness for 'Save the Children'. You can make any donation (minimum £1) on Parent Pay. Please ensure that children have sensible shoes and coats for play and lunch times.

Key Stage 1 'Prickly Hay' Performance – Friday 8th December

Year 1 and 2 will be performing their Christmas Nativity 'Prickly Hay' at 9.30am and 2.00pm. Please see ParentHub message for further information about obtaining tickets and photos. Children in school will be watching the dress rehearsal on Thursday morning.



PTFA Christmas Fayre – Friday 8th December

The PTFA are busy getting ready to host their Christmas Fayre on Friday 8th December, after school – 5.00pm. The Fayre will be held in the school hall and we hope that you can come along and help raise funds to support school events and resources. Thank you to everyone for your colourful donations for the ‘Rainbow Raffle’ and selling tickets. Good Luck!

Christmas Dinner Day – Thursday 14th December

Our catering team will serve Christmas dinner at lunchtime on 14th December for those who have already ordered a Christmas dinner. If you pay for your child’s school dinner, this should be paid for on Parent Pay as usual, but will be free of charge for those children who normally have a free school meal.

Reception Christmas Songs and Crafts – Thursday 14th December

Our youngest children will be performing to parents their Christmas songs in the school hall at 9.15am and 2.45pm. Please see ParentHub for further information about obtaining tickets.

St Leonards Church Christmas Tree Festival Celebration

Shirland Primary School are entering a tree at the local church Tree Festival Celebration. Children who are currently enjoying Forest Schools this year have made decorations to decorate a tree in church along with Mrs Pilkington’s after school craft club. We hope that you can support both school and the local church by going along to see all of the beautiful Christmas trees.

You will be able to view the trees in church on:

Christmas Tree Festival Celebration Service – Thursday 14th December @ 6pm

Church open for viewing the trees – Friday 15th December 11.00am to 4.00pm and Saturday 16th December 11.00am to 2.00pm

Reception and KS1 Party Day – Monday 18th December

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to wear their party clothes today (KS2 normal uniform please). Children will be spending the day having fun making Christmas decorations and joining in dancing and party games. The PTFA are supporting us and will be providing refreshments for the children. We have also written to the North Pole and asked for a special ‘early’ visit from Father Christmas.

Rock Steady Concert – Monday 18th December

Children who have ‘Rocksteady’ lessons will be performing at 2.30pm to our children and their own families during the afternoon.

Year 3 and Year 4 Party Day – Tuesday 19th December

Children in Year 3 and Year 4 are invited to wear their party clothes today (all other year groups normal uniform please). Children will be spending the day having fun making Christmas decorations and joining in dancing and party games. The PTFA are supporting us and will be providing refreshments for the children.

Year 5 and Year 6 Party Day – Wednesday 20th December

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 are invited to wear their party clothes today (all other year groups normal uniform please). Children will be spending the day having fun making Christmas decorations and joining in dancing and party games. The PTFA are supporting us and will be providing refreshments for the children.

And finally, the last day of school for children is Friday 22nd December.

School reopens on Monday 8th January.



Dates for 2024;

- School re opens : Monday 8th January to all children
- Tough Rower Key Stage 2 : Wednesday 17th January
- Fire Safety Talks Y2 and Y6 : Monday 29th January
- Year 4 Parent Lunch : Wednesday 31st January
- **February Half Term** : Last day of term is Friday 16th February, children return on Monday 26th February
- Musical Club Dress Rehearsal : Tuesday 27th February
- Musical Club Performance : Thursday 29th February
- Bikeability Year 5 : Thursday 29th February and Friday 1st March