

Shirland Primary School

Autumn 1 : Newsletter
September 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome! I hope you and your families have had a lovely summer and the children are rested and ready to go.

Year 5 and 6 are already away at Dukes Barn on their residential trip and further events and trips are beginning to be booked and added to the diary. Please check the website calendar for future dates; class performances and sports days have already been arranged.

We are excited to be able to offer extra PE in the curriculum following feedback from your surveys. Please refer to the letter sent on Parent Hub for details. PE will commence week beginning 11th September. Please remember to remind children to wear a school jumper, cardigan or fleece over the top of PE kits to ensure we look smart.

We are hoping to have our long-awaited canopy for the Reception outdoor area during October half term. I will keep you updated if this affects the children in term time.

Please feel free to call the office or catch a member of staff on the gate in the morning if you have any questions or concerns.

On behalf of the Shirland Team, I hope that your children have a wonderful first half term.

Miss Vessey

Key Dates - Autumn 1

Please look on the website for all dates for the year and ParentHub for further information.

Date	Information
6 - 8th Sept	Dukes Barn Visit - Year 5 and Year 6
19 th Sept	Class council elections
25 th Sept	INSET DAY - school closed to children
27 th Sept	EYFS and Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents - 9.10am
29 th Sept	Year 6 Parents' lunch
29 th Sept	MacMillan Coffee Morning
9 th Oct	Black History Month
9 th Oct	Individual photographs
10 th and 11 th Oct	Parents' evenings
16 th Oct	British Values Day - Democracy
20 th Oct	Family Reading Morning
23 rd Oct	Visit from Rev'd Simpson St Leonards Church, Shirland
27 th Oct	Last day of term
6 th Nov	Autumn 2 - Children return to school



Baby on the way!

Congratulations to Mrs Sheffield who is expecting her first child early next year.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to our new starters and their families. We hope you have a happy and wonderful journey at Shirland Primary school.



WATER BOTTLES



Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school with their name on.

Plain or clear flavoured water only please. All new starters have been issued with a free water bottle funded by the PTFA.

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

We currently have children who have extreme allergic reactions to nuts in school.

If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe anaphylactic shock. Just touching nut products or the packaging of nuts can trigger breathing and swallowing difficulties. Even lip balms and hand creams can have nut traces, which in the past has resulted in a child with an allergy becoming seriously ill. **We cannot have nuts of any form in school.**

We ask that you do not send your child to school with nut products. This includes products like peanut butter, Nutella and other chocolate spreads, some cereal bars, biscuits, cookies and sauces. This is not an exhaustive list so please check packaging carefully. Thank you for your cooperation.



Classes

This year's class themes were chosen by the school council and the children then chose their class names.

Year Rec : Mrs Kerry and Mrs Dolman – 'Little Lions'

Year 1: Miss Key and Miss Scott – 'Giraffes'

Year 2: Mrs Wilkinson – 'Leopards'

Year 3: Mrs Banks – 'Zebras'

Year 4: Mrs Sheffield and Miss Scott – 'Meerkats'

Year 5: Mrs Bambrick – 'Elephants'

Year 6: Mr Flanagan – 'Hyenas'

Attendance

School gates are open at 8.50am and school starts at 9.00am prompt.

Late arrivals need to access school through the main entrance and will be monitored.

STAFF CHANGES

Mrs Syson, TA in year 1, will now be known as Miss Brooks

School Parking

The school car park is for staff only. When parking on the street, please be mindful of our local residents and ensure you are not blocking entrances and driveways.

INSET DAYS 2023/2024

September 4th 2023

September 25th 2023

May 24th 2024

July 22nd and July 23rd 2024

After school Club

Thank you for your responses to providing after school club for working families. I am in the process of working with DCC and Governors to be able to put together an offer and will notify you in due course.

Shirland Primary School Musical Club

After their incredibly successful performance of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat Jnr', we are very pleased to announce this year's performance will be 'Annie Jnr'. This is for Key Stage 2 children and auditions will be held on 13th September 12-1pm. Further information has been sent separately.

If your child wishes to audition, the reply slip MUST be handed back by Monday 11th September. Please ask the school office if you need a new letter.

Class Council

Class Councillor elections will be held on Tuesday 19th September. Meetings will be held on Mondays after school until 4pm. This is a long-term commitment but a wonderful opportunity to represent the children's voice in school and help shape the things we achieve at Shirland. Further details to follow.

Sports club – Monday and Friday

Amber Valley School Sports are working with us again this year on Monday and Friday each week. We will be able to offer an after school sports club on these days. Details will be shared on ParentHub early next week. We will aim to cover all year groups throughout the year.