

Shirland Primary School

Autumn 2 : Newsletter



Welcome Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second autumn term. There are many events planned as we build up to Christmas and I will send a separate Christmas newsletter. Please keep a check on ParentHub for messages and details of up coming events.

This term we will say a fond farewell to two long serving members of staff and offer congratulations to another of our teachers;



Mrs Wilkinson

Year 2 Teacher

After 22 years at Shirland, Mrs Wilkinson will be retiring at Christmas. She has made so many fond memories and will miss you all.

I would like to express our thanks for the dedication she have shown over the years, the impact she has had on our children and the wonderful memories we have shared. We wish you the best of health and happiness for your retirement.



Miss Harrison

Deputy Head / Year 2 Teacher

Miss Harrison has worked at Shirland for 30 years and is also retiring at Christmas. She feels very fortunate to have worked alongside many dedicated staff members and has enjoyed how the children have made her feel over the years. Thank you for the many years you have dedicated and the compassionate leadership you have shown. We wish you a long and happy retirement. You will be greatly missed.



Miss Scott

Year 4 Teacher

Congratulations!

Miss Scott has secured a full-time teaching position at Street Lane Primary and will also be leaving at Christmas. Miss Scott joined us 3 years ago as a job-share teacher. She is currently teaching Year 4 and covering for Mrs Sheffield's maternity leave. Miss Scott has been a great asset to the school and we wish her all the best in her future career.

Welcome Back Mr Smith

I am delighted to welcome back Mr Smith, who taught in Year 4 last year. Mr Smith will be teaching our Year 2 class from January onwards, as a permanent member of the team. Mr Smith also has a degree in pharmaceutical science and will take over as Science Leader in the new term.

Welcome back Mrs Sheffield

We also welcome back Mrs Sheffield in Year 4 at the end of January after her maternity leave.

We are in the process of recruiting her job share partner and will inform you of who this is as soon as possible.



WATER BOTTLES



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

Plain or clear flavoured water only please.



During the holidays, Shirland Primary School became the third school to join the Christopher Nieper Education Trust. We have always had a strong link with the Trust and neighbouring schools, but this strengthens the way in which we work together to enhance opportunities for our children. Dr Hobbs, (CEO) welcomed the children with a personalised card and souvenir pencil to mark the occasion in assembly last week.

Christopher Nieper has also personally welcomed Shirland Primary to the Trust with a generous gift of a new piano for school. On behalf of the Shirland Team, we thank Mr Nieper for this thoughtful and generous gift and we look forward to inviting him into school to hear the children sing.

We are looking forward to an exciting future in the Trust.

INSET DAYS 2024/2025 : school closed to children

September 4th 2024

January 10th 2025

February 24th 2025

May 23rd 2025

June 2nd 2025

July 24th 2025

Attendance

School gates are open at 8.50am and school starts at 9.00am prompt. School finishes at 3.15pm. Late arrivals need to access school through the main entrance and will be monitored.

Please do not drive around the staff car park to drop children off in the morning between 8.50am and 9.00am without prior consent. This does not affect breakfast club drop offs.

Key Dates - Autumn 2

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

Further details about our Christmas events will be on our Christmas newsletter

Date	Information
Mon 4 th Nov	Start of term and British Values Day : Democracy
Wed 6 th Nov	PCSO visit to KS1 & KS2 : Antisocial behaviour workshop
Friday 8 th Nov	Family Reading Afternoon
Mon 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day Anti-bullying week - Odd Sock Day (Friday 15 th)
Tues 12 th Nov	PTFA - clothing and 'bric a brac' sale after school
Friday 15 th Nov	Children in Need / Odd Socks day We are not fundraising, but children are welcome to wear the Children in Need merchandise to raise awareness for Children in Need and/or odd socks for Anti-bullying week. Otherwise, it is school uniform as usual.
Tues 19 th Nov	PTFA - Non Uniform Day / Rainbow Raffle donations
Fri 22 nd Nov	Tea and Cake with Miss Vessey (9.00am) Please come along for an informal chat about how we can improve school 😊
Tues 26 th Nov	Well-being coffee morning
Wed 27 th Nov	NO PENS DAY! (or pencils)
Fri 29 th Nov	Year 5 Parent Lunch PTFA XMAS FAYRE (3.15 - 5.00pm)
Tues 3 rd Dec	YEAR 6 - SATS meeting for parents 3.30pm
Thur 5 th Dec	Reception Craft and Carol Concert (9.15am and 2.45pm) PTFA Movie and Musicals night - featuring Mrs Dolman
Fri 6 th Dec	Year 5 trip to the Space Centre
Wed 11 th Dec	KS1 Nativity (9.15am and 2.00pm)
Thurs 12 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (fundraiser) Panto in school - Dick Whittington
Friday 13 th Dec	Christmas dinner day
Tues 17 th Dec	EYFS and KS1 party day and a visit from Santa
Wed 18 th Dec	Year 3 and 4 party day
Thurs 19 th Dec	Year 5 and 6 party day
Friday 20 th Dec	Last day of term

Children return to school on Monday 6th January 2025