

# Shirland Primary School

Autumn 1 : Newsletter

September 2024



Welcome Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see the return of the children this week and to welcome our new families and children too.

The staff and I have been busy planning for another year full of extra curriculum activities - tough runner/rower, trips, musical theatre, panto, art, clubs, drumming and much more! Please check the website calendar and ParentHub regularly for information and updates.

We make every effort to support you and your family, so please call the office or catch a member of staff on the gate in the morning if you have any questions or concerns. Teachers are not easily available first thing, but will be more than happy to talk to you after school, should you wish to speak to them.

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
9-11 <sup>th</sup> September	Duke's Barn (Y5 and Y6)
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept (12.00pm)	Musical Club Auditions
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	School Council Elections
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September (3.30-4.30)	Musical Club Begins
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	PTFA Annual General Meeting
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September (9-9.30am)	EYFS Phonics Meeting
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept (9 - 10.15am)	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October (3.30-4.00pm)	KS1 Phonics Meeting
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Black History Week
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> and Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Road Safety Talks for children
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 6 Parent lunch - CENSUS Day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual school photos
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	SEND Coffee Morning
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> October	RE Week / visit from Rev'd Simpson
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	ADHD Awareness Day

## Welcome

### Mr Halksworth

I am delighted to welcome Mr Halksworth onto the Shirland Team.

Mr Halksworth is an experienced senior teacher, leading Maths and PE, and teaching our Year 6 children.

## 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 in school who have extreme allergic reactions to nuts. 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

Year Rec : Mrs Kerry and Mrs Dolman

Year 1: Miss Key

Year 2: Mrs Wilkinson and Miss Harrison (Monday)

Year 3: Mrs Banks

Year 4: Miss Scott

Year 5: Mrs Bambrick

Year 6: Mr Halksworth

### 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 LABEL ALL SCHOOL CLOTHING WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME, INCLUDING SHOES.**

### 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 2024/2025

September 4<sup>th</sup> 2024

January 10<sup>th</sup> 2025

May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025

(3 further dates to be confirmed)

### **Clubs**

We currently offer a range of FREE activity 'after school' clubs for children. They will change each half term and be for different age groups. Thank you to the team who do this voluntarily.

### **Shirland Primary School Musical Club**

After their incredibly successful performances of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat Jnr' and 'Annie Jnr', we are very pleased to announce this year's performance will be 'Aladdin'. This is for Key Stage 2 children and auditions will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> September 12-1pm. Further information has already been sent separately.

If your child wishes to audition and hasn't sent in a reply slip, please contact Mrs Dolman via the school office.

### **Class Council**

Class Councillor elections will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Meetings will be held on Mondays (time to be confirmed). 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. We will aim to cover all year groups throughout the year. This term has already begun, offering dodgeball (Y5/6 ) and multisports (Y3/4).

Other clubs will become available, please check ParentHub.