

# Shirland Primary School

Spring : Newsletter

February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please take time to read our newsletter and don't forget that key yearly events are on the website calendar.

We have a very busy term ahead and hope that you and your children enjoy the upcoming events.

*Miss Vessey*

## Key Dates - Spring

Please look out for messages via ParentHub for further information.

Date	Information
31.1.2024	Year 4 Parents lunch
1.2.2024	Year 5 Violin concert to parents
5.2.2024	British Values Day - Mutual Respect
7.2.2024	Safer Internet Day
8.2.2024	Year 5 gifted and talented scientists to DNA
12.2.2024	Visit from Rev'd Simpson - RE week
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM</b>
26.2.2024	Year 2 and Year 6 Fire Safety Talks
27.2.2024	Musical club dress rehearsal - 4pm to 8.30pm DNA
29.2.2024	Bikeability Year 5
29 <sup>th</sup> Feb & 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Musical club performance - 6.30pm @ DNA (tickets available on parentpay)
4.3.2024	Wellbeing coffee morning
5.3.2024	Alfreton schools joint concert DNA (musical club) 3pm arrival for rehearsals - 5.30pm - 6.30pm concert for families
7.3.2024	<b>WORLD BOOK DAY</b>
8.3.2024	Family maths morning
14.3.2024	Year 1 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
15.3.2024	SEND coffee morning COMIC RELIEF Year 3 Parents' lunch
18.3.2024	British Values Day - Individual Liberty
19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>PARENTS' EVENING</b>
22.3.2024	Tea and cake with Miss Vessey - Parent Forum
25.3.2024	Visit from Rev'd Simpson - RE week ROCK STEADY CONCERT @ 2.30pm
26.3.2024	Eden camp trip Year 6 Year 3 and Year 4 performance - 9.30am and 2.00pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Last day of school - EASTER HOLIDAYS Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Bank holiday
15.4.2024	Children return to school
22.4.2024	Year 5 trip to Conkers

<p>INSET DAYS School closed</p>	<p>24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 July 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024</p> <p>Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 Friday January 10<sup>th</sup> 2025</p>
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**Welcome Mr Smith** - Mr Smith will be joining our Shirland teaching team during Mrs Sheffield's maternity leave. He will be working in Year 4 alongside Miss Scott on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Message from the Office** - Please inform us of any change of contact details for you and your family. Please be reminded that your emergency contacts need to know that you have passed on their information to us.

**Family Holiday Requests** - Just a polite reminder that holidays during term time are not permitted. The Education Regulations state this clearly. If you need to take your child out of school for any reason or duration, please ask for a 'pink' form at the school office. Please provide as much detail as you are able and return the form to Mrs Ogden in the school office.

**Latest News** - Don't forget that some events are posted on this page of the website. Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a 'House Teams' competitive rowing event in January and Year 5 played their violins to the whole school and their families.

**Morning Snack** - School council have asked me to remind families that children are welcome to bring in a **healthy snack** to eat at morning playtime. This needs to be nut free and no chocolate bars or sweets please. For example, plain biscuits, crackers, fruit and yogurt are all fine. Don't forget their water bottles too.

**Academy update** - Following the academy consultation last year, the decision was made to academise with Christopher Nieper Education Trust. Despite work behind the scenes, this is not looking likely to happen until October this year due to delays at Derbyshire County Council. We continue to work closely with the Trust.

**School Council** - We are very proud of our school council. They have completed four projects this year; Challenging the builders over the blocked pavement, a new Etiquette Award, new playground equipment for lunch time and planning resources for the quiet area. They are now working on the following projects; Shirlands' Got Talent, competitive sport with other schools, trip to Ripley Town Council and parking outside of school. All themes that the school children are passionate about.

**After school care** - Unfortunately, despite looking into this in great detail, we are unable to offer this service at this time. This is due to financial constraints and the academisation with CNET being postponed. However, this will remain an agenda item for school improvement and other options will continue to be explored.