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Dear Parents, Carers and Families

First of all, I would like to thank the children, parents, families and staff colleagues for their warm welcome to Shirley Warren over the past couple of weeks. For those we have not yet met, I thought it would be great to introduce myself and my team, as we have been asked by the city council to help the school at the moment. I have worked alongside Ali Mann as a colleague Headteacher for the past 7 years (and Jan Denholm and Lynne Sproson before her) and I can only say that I feel very privileged to have known Ali and hold her in the highest esteem and, on behalf of everyone here at Shirley Warren, wish her, Dave and her girls all the very best for the future. It is a while since I have visited the school, having taken part in the federation peer review here a few years ago, so I feel it's a bit like renewing old acquaintances! I have been a Headteacher since January 2000 (must have been a Millennium present!) and have worked at Fairisle Junior since 2007.

You may also have met Bev Bessey, who although has been my Deputy since 2008, joined me from Shirley Warren and appears to know many of the parents and families still in the school. Holly Cleveley and Robin Hayes are my two Assistant Headteachers and we are all quickly getting to know the school. I would finally like to thank all the staff here for really embracing us and making us all feel so welcome over the past few weeks.



Peter Howard



Bev Bessey



Holly Cleveley



Robin Hayes

Health & Safety Update

We are so proud of the way all the children have settled back into school this term and I would like to congratulate all of them on their positive work ethic and their brilliant attitudes towards being in school.

Thank you very much to everyone who has engaged with us by using the NHS Test and Trace App to check in. This is part of the government guidance that states schools should engage with the app and is part of our overall drive to keep all the children and staff safe. Please remember that social distancing on the way to and from school, as well as while you are





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dropping off and picking up is vitally important. It is great to see so many parents wearing face coverings on the school site and I am amazed how these have become so much a part of daily life recently.

In the event of your child having to self-isolate, we will contact you regarding remote learning.

Secondary School Admissions – September 2021

Southampton City Council Admissions Department have asked me to remind all Year 6 parents that applications are now open for parents to apply for a secondary school place for September 2021. This year, there are **four** choices available and the Local Authority has asked me to inform parents that they should use **all** the choices. This year's application round closes at 2359 on 31 October (the second Saturday of the half term holiday). Many of the local secondary schools have put virtual tours on their websites so that families can take a look 'inside'.

School Closures for Staff Training

On Monday 2nd November, Friday 12th February and Monday 7th June 2021 (the days after the October half term break, before February half term and after May half term) the school will be closed for staff training.

Dates for the Diary

Virtual Harvest Festival
Half Term Week
Staff Training Day – School Closed
Anti-Bullying Week
Autumn Virtual Parents' Evening
Flu Vaccinations (Year R – Year 6)
Christmas Lunch & Celebrations

NEXT WEEK!

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October
Monday 2nd November
Monday 16th – Friday 20th November
Tuesday 24th & Thursday 26th November
Wednesday 25th November (info to follow)
Information to Follow

Next week, we will be collecting for our local Basics Bank in the city. They do fantastic work to support our local community. Please bring in tins, dried produce and toiletries. Matt from the Basics Bank will collect during the half term holiday. Thank you in advance for your support.

Once again, thank you all for making my team and me feel so welcome at Shirley Warren and I would like to wish you a brilliant (and hopefully, dry) weekend!

Very best wishes

Peter Howard
Headteacher

