



# Shipleys Church of England Primary School

Nurturing Creative Thinking for Life Long Learning

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## Message from the Headteacher

Happy Holidays!

What a Year!!!!

No one predicted what was to come this year and none of us were prepared for it. The last few months have certainly been challenging and I would like to thank all of our wonderful staff at Shipleys for their hard work and resilience during the last few months. Team Shipleys has shown that when the going gets tough, the tough get going and I am sure that parents will join me in thanking them for all the support they have provided for our children and families. I have been privileged to see all of the work that the staff have been doing behind the scenes and I can truly say they deserve their holiday.

I would also like to thank all our families for working so hard to keep our children learning, happy and safe. The staff really appreciate your dedication in taking part in home learning, staying in touch and being patient with us when we didn't have all the answers straight away. We are very proud of how our families have come through this moment in history and it has been lovely to see your children over google classroom this week, happy and healthy. We can't wait to see you all on 7th September!!!!

Shipleys community you are amazing.



## **Leavers 2020**

It was wonderful to see our Year 6 pupils yesterday. So grounded and mature. Year 6 you are a fantastic example of our school values. I would like to thank you for being an amazing year group throughout your time with us. I am sure that you will all go on to shine at secondary school and we look forward to hearing about your successes. We will see you again to have a traditional Year 6 leavers event, hopefully very soon. We managed to scrape Miss Lennard off the playground yesterday. I know you are very close to her heart as she has watched you all grow and mature and she will miss you. We will all miss you. Good Luck Year 6.

## **Staff Leavers**

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Finan and Mrs Crisp today. Both members of staff will be hugely missed. They will both be taking time out of working in schools but we hope that they will come and visit us soon. I would like to thank both of them for their hard work and dedication to the school. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for the support they have provided for our children, many on a 1-1 basis. I hope they recognise the impact and influence they have had on learning. Thank you Mrs Finan and Mrs Crisp. Good Luck.

## End of Year

Thank you to parents for supporting your children in joining in with the google classroom meets this week. The DfE are expecting schools to have a plan going forward in case any children need to shield again. Google classroom forms part of our plan. For those parents who have not managed to log on we will be supporting you in September to be able to access this provision.

Year group leaflets have been on dojo yesterday. Hopefully this will provide you with lots of answers to questions regarding September including what happens if we have a case of covid-19 at school. If you have access to a printer I would suggest printing it out and have it around the house over summer. It folds into 3 and can be pinned to a notice board to be referred to by your children over the holidays to help them look forward to September. I will be posting the leaflets on our website.

## Drop off and Pick up times September

You will now know your drop off and pick up times for September. To ease traffic on the pavement outside Mr Barker is marking a designated area on the playground that you will be able to go and stand (socially distanced) at the start of the day. This will only be for the class whose time it is to arrive. If you arrive earlier than your time you will have to stand outside the school grounds.

If you have more than one child to drop off at any one time there are some suggestions on the leaflet regarding what you could do to prepare. We have made a list of families this will affect and staff will be aware there could be a slight delay. As far as possible they will wait. However, we will be working to a strict time table. We recognise that the first day will be a little different and it may take slightly longer but hopefully as we get into the new normal it will become second nature.

We will have to follow this time table until we are provided with updated guidance from the government.

### Curriculum:

We have a recovery curriculum planned for our return in September. Details of this will be posted on the school website over the holidays. Time tables will be slightly different to provide time for catch up but also to support our pupils health and wellbeing. Our topic work will be whole school and based on 3 texts.

There will also be space and time for children to share their experiences, develop their friendships again and settle into their new classes. We will be running this curriculum until October half term.

**Questionnaire:** Thank you to all the parents who have completed the returning in September questionnaire on our website. If you haven't done it yet, there is still time. Your responses so far have been very helpful in helping us to gain an insight into how our families are feeling and what support you think you might need. Please take a few minutes to complete. Thank you.

## Church School Distinctiveness

Mrs Pellant has planned our school worship for next year. It will take place via remote learning for the first term as we are not advised to collectively worship together in large numbers.

However, I know Mrs Pellant has already organised for our familiar visitors to join us and it will still be a daily whole school event.

**Please remember you can join in morning prayer or a Sunday service by visiting**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXY1pewJTF7bxsrwqGABtlg>



Visit St Pauls Church website <https://stpaulsshiple.org/>

## Nursery Places

**Mrs Bowers has been contacting all our new children this week.**

**If you have a 3 year old and you or someone you know is looking for a nursery place. Contact us on 01274 583900.**

**Our Nursery opening hours will be 9am-12pm Monday to Friday. If you require full days or 30hours please contact the school office who can put you in contact with our Early Years Leader.**

**If you need a place for September, January or April please contact us and we can arrange someone to talk to you about enrolling.**