



Shirley Juniors

Weekly Communication

To contact any member of staff, please email office@shirleyschools.co.uk marked for the attention of the member of staff and your email will be forwarded.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following;

- Critical Worker & Vulnerable Pupil update Letter

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st February 2021 - Extra INSET DAY—School closed to pupils

Coronavirus: How to keep children healthy, happy, learning and entertained at home

Here is your free e-copy of Family First magazine, packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning & entertained at home during lockdown- We hope it helps in some way.

Please click on the link below:

https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_issue_7_digital211220

YOUTH OPTIONS

Book Today!

Holiday Clubs

Join us at our forest school themed holiday club at Itchen Valley Country Park, Eastleigh!

www.youthoptions.co.uk

Youth Options is a UK registered charity helping young people across Hampshire, helping and empowering them to make positive decisions towards a brighter future.

What's on Offer

- Spend the day outside exploring and enjoying the natural world.
- All activities run in line with social distancing.
- Activities including shelter building, campfire cooking, woodland art, games, nature walks, habitat exploration and much, much more!
- Ofsted Registered.
- 8:30/9.00am - 3.30/400pm Monday—Friday.
- Suitable for primary school children.
- Childcare & Tax-Free Childcare vouchers accepted.
- Sibling discount of 10%

Book online today

bit.ly/forestholidayclubs

A Better Future

YOUTH OPTIONS 2 Eastwood Court, Broadwater Road, Romsey, SO51 8JJ
E jamieboyd@youthoptions.co.uk - T: 01794 525510

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Please remember to be considerate of others when lining up in the queue

Please remember to wear a mask where possible unless you have a medical condition which exempts you.



FLU IMMUNISATION

The School Aged Immunisation Team are pleased to continue our offer of the flu vaccination to your child to protect them against the flu and viral chest infections.

If your child has not yet received their annual 2020/21 flu vaccination, please find below details of community drop in clinics which you can attend with your school aged child (**Year R - 7**) for them to receive the vaccine:

Southampton Flu Vaccination Community Mop Up Clinics (School Aged Children Yr R-7 only)

Pickles Coppice Childrens Centre, 65 Windemere Avenue, Southampton, Hampshire, SO16 9QX

Monday 11th January - 1pm – 4pm

Thursday 14th January – 10am – 3pm

Monday 18th January – 1pm – 4pm

Wednesday 20th January – 10am – 3pm

Wednesday 27th January – 1pm – 4pm

Thornhill Centre for Healthy Living, Pepys Avenue, Thornhill, Southampton, SO19 6PJ

Saturday 16th January – 10am – 3pm

Tuesday 19th January – 10am – 3pm

Friday 22nd January – 1:30pm – 4pm

Monday 25th January - 1pm – 4pm

Thursday 28th January -- 10am – 3pm

Clovelly Sure Start Central Clovelly Road, Southampton, SO14 0AU

Thursday 21st January - 1pm - 4pm

Sure Start Swaythling, Honeysuckle Road, Southampton, SO16 3BZ

Friday 15th January - 1pm - 3:45pm

Friday 29th January - 1pm - 3:45pm

Home learning

Thank you to all the parents and children who have been fantastic over the last two weeks. It is amazing to see all the children's faces on the screen and so many of them are enjoying their learning. Hopefully we have solved most of the technical issues as they arise, thank you again for your patience. We know there are still a few pupils who are struggling to engage in their learning, please contact the office and let us know so we can work with you on an individual basis to get the provision right for your child. The timetable sent out in the letter last week is flexible, all live lessons are recorded so if you prefer to organise your child's day differently that is absolutely fine with us, just let the class teacher know.

Technical Support Google Meet

We will be holding a Google Meet session weekly for parents and children if they have technical issues they would like support with. This will be run by Russell Hack, our IT Technician, every Monday between 12-1pm.

<https://meet.google.com/gzd-hjmv-kjb>

Curriculum Information Zoom

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Curriculum zooms this week. They will be uploaded to our website by Monday 18th January after 4pm

Please take a look to find out all about what your child will be learning this half term, as well as guidance to help you navigate Google classroom.

KEEPING US INFORMED

Please could we ask all parents to inform the school if anyone in the household is going for a coronavirus test or is self-isolating as another family member in the household has tested positive.

Critical Worker Update

We wanted to write to you with an update on our current provision in school in relation to requests for Critical Worker spaces. As you are aware, the national restrictions mean that all children who can stay at home, should stay at home. **This includes the children of those identified as critical workers, wherever possible**, and the critical worker definition is only supposed to cover **front line** critical staff who are **currently and directly involved in the Covid or Brexit efforts**.

While we acknowledge that the guidance specifies that only one parent is required to be a critical worker to be eligible, we must take seriously the safety implications of having too many children within any one 'bubble' and therefore ask all critical worker families currently attending and those requesting spaces to carefully consider their need for space/s.

The DfE guidance recommends that children be maintained in small groups, making use of social distancing where possible. Unfortunately, our in school 'bubbles' are now in danger of going against these recommendations and are reaching unsafe numbers; despite our recent request regarding part time provision.

We therefore need to make you aware that we may need to re-evaluate what provision we are able to offer, both to current families and those requesting in the future; using a banding system in order to prioritise spaces for those most in need, starting with vulnerable pupils and pupils we have invited in ourselves.

If you are a keyworker who is now able to switch to remote learning provision and can now keep your child at home, please notify the school as soon as possible. We understand this means you will not be able to give them 1:1 attention, or that they may not be able to engage with every single lesson, and that is absolutely fine. We are trying to encourage children to be as independent as possible, and to cater for all needs, through our home learning provision but we appreciate that we are on a steep learning curve too!

We really appreciate your support during this very challenging period and encourage you to engage in the spirit of the lockdown and do what you can to help reduce rates of transmission.

With warm regards,

Shirley Junior School Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team

PTFA

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

We're super pleased to announce that installation of this will begin on Tuesday. This will be a great addition to the outdoor space. Thank you so much for all your help and support in the last two years to make this happen.

QUIZ TIME! Feb 5th February

Save the date - plans coming soon.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

Join our school lottery! £21 weekly prize at the moment.

Join up here: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/shirley-junior-school>

Keep clicking that easy fundraising button when you shop online! It all helps and no extra cost to you.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sjsptfa/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=cpl

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