



# Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications

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**Friday 13th December 2024**

**Headteacher Message:**



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are having a week of noticing the Respect that is all around us, and children should be bringing home their Respect postcards on Friday where they will have written down what they saw and heard..

In year group assemblies, children have been looking at how to celebrate success - apologies in advance for the really quite annoying song they may come home singing!

It feels like the festive celebrations have really started after Christmas lunch and jumper day today! We're excited about Elfridges (and very grateful to the PTFA who run it) and we are also looking forward to the Christingle. We hope to see lots of you there!

**Whole School Dates:**

Wed 18th December – Elfridges

Thu 19th December - Elfridges

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle – St James Church (See messages below for further information).

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – **Last day of term**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – **First day of Spring term (children back at school)**

**Messages:**

**Introducing the Shirley Schools Astro Appeal**

Help us fundraise £10,000 to support the replacement of the shared astro pitch. In return for a £10 donation, you can 'own' a square metre of the new astro. [Click here](#) to find out more and sign up. You'll be taken to the Infant School website, but the opportunity is open to families of both schools. A letter with a paper version of the sign-up form will be coming out in book bags soon, so please keep an eye out. Any questions, please email [fosis@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:fosis@shirleyschools.co.uk) We're also working on advertising opportunities for local businesses, so watch this space for more info!

# School Messages...

## Christingle – St James' Church Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

A maximum of 2 adults per child please. Adults will be seated upstairs. Arrangements can be made available for anyone with a disability to be seated downstairs. (Please contact the office in advance to arrange this). Please can all adults arrive at the church by 1:15pm.

## Scooters and Bikes

Recently there has been an increase in adults and children riding bikes and scooters on school grounds. Please ensure that you and any children with you dismount your bike or scooter at the school gate and wheel them across the playground. Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of the school community.



## Elfridges

Dear Families,

Every Christmas the PTFA, with your help, open up the 'Elfridges' Christmas shop to all children in the Junior school. Every child is given the opportunity to come and choose two gifts for family members or friends from the Christmas 'shop' (set up in the SJS community room). They wrap and tag the gifts and bring them home to pop under the tree.

This year the event is taking place on **Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th December**, during the school day. Children will be brought to the community room, a class at a time to select their gifts. There is a suggested voluntary donation £3 per child. Every child in school will be included, donations are not recorded or counted, we would just ask that as many people who feel able to donate, do so.

In addition, if you have any unwanted wrapping paper, bows, tags or small items that would make suitable gifts you no longer require, we would be very grateful - these can be handed in at the office any time, for us to use at the event.

The link to donate is: <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QGP96UJK>. Payment in cash (in an envelope marked 'elfridges') can also be brought to the office.

Thank you all so much for the support!

Best festive Wishes  
Shirley Junior School PTFA



# Coming up in your year group...

## Year 3

## Year 4

## Year 5

Year 5 Swimming – Cappybara class  
8th, 15th, 22nd January; 5th, 12th, 26th February.

Minstead Residential Information Evening – Thursday 9th January, time TBC  
Minstead Residential – 27th – 31st January

## Year 6

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# Community Messages...

## Churches Together – Christmas on the Green Children's Choir

Would your child like to sing in a children's choir for Christmas on the Green in Shirley on Saturday 21st December? 'Churches Together In Shirley' are looking for budding singers to join a choir performance as part of a fun community event, and would love your child to be involved. There will be no rehearsals for this event but your child will be able to practise at home. Full details (including sign up)

at [www.stjamesbythepark.org/childrenschoir](http://www.stjamesbythepark.org/childrenschoir)



## Parenting Children with ADHD

If you would like to apply for a place on this course, please email Karen Allen for the self referral form.

([karen.allen@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:karen.allen@shirleyschools.co.uk))

Please note this course is for parents of children up to the age of 11 years; it is not suitable for Senior School pupils.

A flyer for a parenting course for children with ADHD. The flyer has a purple border and is decorated with various icons: a house with a 'Help!' speech bubble, a lightbulb with '??', a girl with a star, a heart, a rocket, and a person on a bicycle. The title 'Parenting Children with ADHD' is at the top. Below it, it says 'For parents &amp; carers of children with ADHD aged 3 - 11 years old.' A central box with a pink border contains the text: 'FREE 8 week online course via Zoom Mondays 7pm - 9pm Starting 13th January 2025'. Below this, the course dates are listed: 'Course dates: 13th, 20th, 27th January, 3rd, 10th, 24th February and 3rd, 10th March.' A green button says 'To book a place email: info@sfttrust.org.uk'. At the bottom, there is a section 'Help to learn more about ADHD!' with a list of bullet points: 'Coping with feelings', 'Meeting your child's emotional needs', 'Boost your parent/child relationship', 'Improve their self esteem', 'Use effective discipline', 'Tips for home, school &amp; wider family', and 'Channel your child's energy'. The logos for 'COMMUNITY FUND' and 'Southampton Family Trust' are at the bottom.