



Shirley Schools



Weekly Communication

Friday 11th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- Infants World Book Day Letter
- Year 3 Sleepover

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.

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

February

Friday 18th **School closes for Half Term**

HALF TERM

Monday 28th **School re-opens for SPRING 2**

Monday 28th Year 2 Fire of London Workshop in School

March

Thursday 3rd Year R Mill Cottage on site
 Thursday 3rd Year 1 Manor Farm Trip
 Thursday 3rd FOSIS Decorate a Spoon Competition
 Friday 4th World Book Day - PJ Day
 (this will take place instead of this
 terms PJ Day)
 Thursday 10th Parent Forum
 Tuesday 15th Parents Evening
 Thursday 17th Year 1 Victorian Dress Up Day
 Thursday 17th Parents Evening

Shirley Junior School

February

Tuesday 15th Year 3 Egyptian Banquet - Dress up
 Wednesday 16th Tundra Wolf Swimming
 Friday 18th Year 5 Climate Summit Dress up Day
 - Smart / professional

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Wednesday 2nd Arctic Lynx Swimming
 Thursday 3rd World Book Day - Optional dress up
 day - Letter to follow
 Thursday 3rd PTA Decorate a Spoon Competition
 Thursday 3rd Year 6 SAT's Information Evening
 6pm Junior School Hall
 Tuesday 8th Year 3/4 Share my learning outside
 Wednesday 9th Arctic Lynx Swimming
 Thursday 10th Year 5/6 Share my learning outside
 Tuesday 15th Parents Evening
 Wednesday 16th Arctic Lynx Swimming
 Thursday 17th Parents Evening
 Friday 18th PTA Silent Disco

Coming soon

- Parents Evening info

LOST PROPERTY IS BACK



Lost property has been reinstated to the school office.

Any **named** lost property will be returned to your child, any **unnamed** items will be disposed of at the end of each half term if not claimed.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME YOUR CHILD ITEMS

If you need any information on where to purchase labels please see the link below:-

<https://www.easy2name.com/>

easy2name

One way system

Please can everyone use the one way system in the playground when dropping off or collecting your child. It makes it much easier for the foot flow through the school as well as the COVID risk assessment. We know that the restrictions are being lowered, however, lots of people still have a range of feelings and anxieties around COVID. Please be mindful of each other and keep giving out your kindness to each other like the children are.



NO DOGS

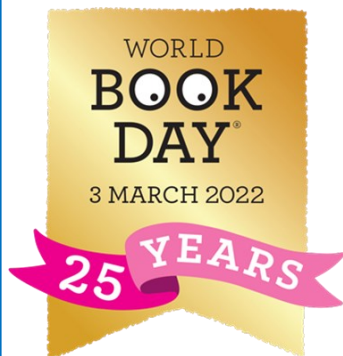
Please may we remind you that **NO DOGS** are permitted on the school site, not even carried.

Please may we also ask that you do not stand with your dog near the entrances to both schools.



Year 6 parents SATS information evening

At 6 o'clock on Thursday 3rd March, the year 6 teachers will be holding a SATS information evening for parents of our current year 6 children in the Junior hall.



Shirley Junior School will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of World Book on

Thursday 3rd March.

We have many exciting activities planned for the school day. Here's how you can get involved:

SJS pupils:

Optional dress up - if you enjoy dressing up as your favourite book character, come to school on Thursday 3rd March in full costume!

Spoon character competition - For just £1, decorate a spoon to look like your favourite book character and have the chance to win a prize! Spoons can be collected from your class teachers from **Monday 14th February.**



SJS parents:

Share your love of reading - This year's theme for WBD is 'You are a reader!'. Help us to celebrate parents and carers as readers at school by sending us information about your favourite children's book. These will be used to create a new display in our school library.

Please include: Your name and the name of your child/children at SJS.

The name and author/image of your favourite book.

The reasons you enjoy reading this book.

Send in your responses by **Thursday 3rd March.**

Non School Uniform Day Friday 27th May 2022



Hamwic Education Trust Foundation

Hamwic Education Trust Foundation was established to provide support for some of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils throughout their time at school.



WHAT WE DO

Supporting our pupils is a priority and this Foundation will allow us to help those who need it most. We will aim to deliver by providing for basic needs and supporting pupils in ways that can boost their learning, confidence and self-esteem.

Following on from the success of last year's fundraising for our Christmas Eve Box appeal, the Foundation would like to be able to carry out similar activities that will benefit our pupils in the future.

The HET Foundation Board has representation and support from across the Trust including senior leaders and Directors.



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We will be hosting at least two fundraising events every year involving pupils, parents and staff alike. Our first fundraising event is to be held this summer; a non-uniform day with a voluntary donation of £1.

Hamwic Education Trust is a company registered in England and Wales.
Company No. 10749662



HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

We will be raising funds in a number of ways and we will also be accepting donations in the form of:

- Financial donations by individuals or businesses
- Donations of goods from suppliers or local businesses.

We want to support our most vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils whenever possible and any help is greatly appreciated. If you need to know more or want to donate to our Foundation, please get in touch by emailing donations@hamwic.org or calling us on 023 8078 6833.

We are also on Just Giving – please visit www.hamwic.org/support-us/hamwic-education-foundation



FOSIS/PTFA



PTFA/FOSIS Events

COMING AFTER HALF TERM
more details to follow

Infant Mother's Day tea towels	March
Story spoon competition	4 March
Family silent disco	18 March
Non-uniform day	1 April
Escape room in a box night	1 April
Tidy-up day	2 April
Junior cake sale	8 April



To celebrate World Book Day, FOSIS and PTFA are running a Story Spoons competition with lots of great prizes to be won!

Entering the competition is easy! We'll provide every child with a wooden spoon next week, please keep an eye out in book bags and all we ask is:

Children use half-term to decorate their spoon as their favourite character from a book.

Bring their decorated spoon back to school (clearly labelled), hand it into their teacher, together with a suggested donation of £1 by latest **1 March**.

Online payments can be made via the PayPal fundraiser here: <https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8H6kr6kND4>

All proceeds will be shared between FOSIS and PFTA.

Winners will be announced in school later that week.

TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER (INFANTS ONLY)



Once every 3 years FOSIS runs a tea towel fundraiser.

Your child has drawn a self-portrait of themselves at school and you can order a tea towel of their whole year's portraits and/or a coaster of your child's individual design.

The design is in production so here is an example from the last time we ran this.

As soon as we have our design, we'll share it on the Facebook groups.

Prices are **£4** per tea towel and **£2.50** per coaster.

The link to order is: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yhslNfixSuMfQVBVdP4rf_LUKrm21aVLHwWkGahZE/edit

All orders must be received by 3 March 2022

THANK YOU!



To everyone who joined us for the Junior quiz night last week, we raised **£968** for the PFTA!

Special thanks to our quiz master Nick and our sponsor Upton Training



Upton Training

www.uptontraining.co.uk



DON'T FORGET ...

Our school lottery raises money directly for the **Junior School**. Every week there is a guaranteed cash prize for someone from the school.

This prize money goes up the more tickets we sell.

You are also automatically entered into the national draw where you could win £25,000! The tickets cost just £1 each week.

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



If you are **shopping online**, please click on these links first. They then donate to the school at **NO EXTRA COST TO YOU**. Amazon = <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>

Infants – choose Friends of Shirley Infant School

Juniors - choose Shirley Junior School PTA

Online shopping from bread to bathrooms, use Easyfundrasing, sign up here:

[Infants – Friends of Shirley Infants – Southampton](#)

[Juniors – Shirley Junior School PTFA – Southampton](#)

STAY CONNECTED AND GET INVOLVED...

On Facebook through the private year groups – please remember that these groups are managed by parents and not run by the school:

Infants

Year 2 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/172919936937823>

Year 1 Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/849370902208557>

Year R Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/774368666506974>

Juniors

Parents of Year 6 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1601794303401012>

Parents of Year 5 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1716707195249069>

Parents of Year 4 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/649407131910961>

Parents of Year 3 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/137311320449399>

Through your class reps (see list below) and WhatsApp groups:

Infants

Woodpeckers - Gayle Doulton and Jo James

Badgers - Tracey Ward and Natalie Formstone

Foxes - Katy Durston and Colette Thorp

Owls - Lisa Witt and Lisa Longhurst

Rabbits - Gemma Gore and Kerrie Read

Moles - Maria Dimech and Tabytha Greenhalgh

Hedgehogs - Sarah Willcocks and Gill McCann

Squirrels - Sarah Scott and Hilary Rebecca

Otters – Zoe Konn and Sarah Whicher

Juniors

A complete list of class reps for Juniors can be [found here](#)

Safeguarding

How can
anxious
parents raise
confident children?

Together we can find out

If you are a parent who experiences anxiety you could help test a new free online course designed to help parents of children aged 2-11.

Find out more:



www.parentingwithanxiety.org.uk



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Parenting with Anxiety: Helping Anxious Parents Raise Confident Children



What is the Parenting with Anxiety study?



I am Professor Sam Cartwright-Hatton who heads the Parenting with Anxiety study team at the University of Sussex. Our work is focused on developing tools and support to help parents who experience anxiety and reduce anxiety in children.

We are looking for 2,000 parents who experience anxiety to join us in testing an online course developed to give anxious parents skills and techniques to raise confident children.

Parents who get involved are not only helping us to test the course, they are contributing to scientific research which will bring us closer to improving the lives of parents and children with anxiety.

What does taking part involve?

The course is made up of eight modules. They take about 20-30 minutes to complete and it is all done online, on your computer, tablet or smart phone. You can do it at your own pace and at a time that suits you.

You will also be asked to fill in a set of questionnaires at the start and again on two occasions over the next year and a half.

Half of the parents who sign up for the study will be asked to complete this course and the other half will just be asked to fill in the questionnaires.

If you wanted to try the course, it may be disappointing to be in the control group, but you are still playing an essential role in our work in helping parents with anxiety. We value the contribution of every parent who takes part.

Who can take part?

You can take part if you:

- Experience high levels of anxiety
- Have a child aged 2-11 that you see at least 50 days per year
- Are aged over 16
- Are a UK resident
- Are able to commit your time to answering our questionnaires on three occasions over the next 18 months

Find out more and sign up at

www.parentingwithanxiety.org.uk

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PARENTING WORKSHOPS



- Are you a parent/carer of secondary school age children?
- Are you worried about their mental health and wellbeing?
- But don't know how to help them?
- Join us for a **FREE** virtual workshop to find out how you can provide support during these challenging times!



There are 2 workshops available:

- Tuesday 8th March from 6:30pm to 9pm, OR
- Thursday 10th March from 10am to 12:30pm.

Topics covered:

- Signs and symptoms of anxiety & depression
- Types of self-harm
- Support and signposting
- Effective communication skills

To book your FREE place:

Eventbrite: <https://buff.ly/3rB1zs8> OR

Email: info@nolimitstrading.org.uk

These sessions are funded by Southampton City Council Community Learning & Adult Skills

www.nolimitstrading.org.uk. Company Number 11167244



Community Information

February half-term activities

Places are booking up fast for our February half-term workshops and activities. Get messy in the Gallery with Bubble Blossom painting or discover 10,000 years of Southampton's amazing, incredible, and sometimes strange history with our fun new Southampton through time show!

Monday 21 February - [Kids Culture Club - Heroes and villains sculpture day](#) | SeaCity Museum | 9am-5pm | £35 - [Book here](#)

Tuesday 22 February - [Pokemon Money Boxes](#) | Southampton City Art Gallery | only spaces for 11.45am or 1.30pm | £7 - [Book here](#)

Thursday 24 February - [Bubble Blossom Painting \(5yrs +\)](#) | Southampton City Art Gallery | 10am | £7 - [Book here](#)

Thursday 24 February - [Southampton Through Time Show](#) | Southampton City Art Gallery | 11am | Adult £6.00, Kids £4, Family £18 - [Book here](#)

Kids' Clubs

Our brilliant monthly kids' clubs are also back in 2022, let your kids get creative and explore Southampton's art in a new way.

[The Young Ones Monthly Art Club - 7-13 yrs](#) | Saturdays - 12 Feb, 12 March, 9 April, 14 May | Southampton City Art Gallery | 11.30am | £12.00 - [Book here](#)

[Mini Monets Monthly Art Club - 4 to 6 yrs](#) | Saturdays - 19 Feb, 19 March, 23 April, 28 May, 25 June, 23 July | Southampton City Art Gallery | 11.30am | £7.50 - [Book here](#)

It's as if Winchester and Southampton knew all about the SJS Autumn term projects!

Linked to Year 5's 'A Kingdom United?' project:

Knights at the Westgate Museum

Learn about armour and defences in Winchester's last remaining gate whilst exploring the Westgate's vast history. There is also an activity trail where you can earn a knight badge.

All included with museum admission. Suitable for all ages, children must be accompanied. Full admission details and times at www.hampshireculture.org.uk/westgate-museum



King Alfred's Winchester at Winchester City Museum

Explore Winchester in King Alfred's time. Learn all about Wessex, become an Anglo-Saxon with the museum costumes and discover the tale of King Alfred. Mini King Alfreds are hiding around the museum! Find them all to reveal the hidden word and claim your prize. There are also craft sessions to make an Anglo-Saxon shield.

Full admission details and times at www.hampshireculture.org.uk/winchester-city-museum

Linked to Year 3's 'Southampton through Time' project:

The Southampton Through Time Show:

Thursday 24 February 11:00–12:30

Children £4, Adults £6

SeaCity Museum



Want to know more about Southampton's amazing, incredible and sometimes strange history? Join SeaCity Museum's learning and engagement officer Andy Skinner for a whistle-stop interactive show covering all of the basics! Expect costumes, stories, games, objects and fun in this family-friendly introduction to the first 10,000 years of Southampton's history!

<https://www.list.co.uk/event/1755770-the-southampton-through-time-show/110120-seacity-museum-southampton/> 02380 834 536