



Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications

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Friday 17th January 2025

Head Teacher Message:

It really feels like the children have hit the ground running after the Christmas break, and we are seeing so much fantastic learning!

We learned a bit about mental health in our whole school assembly this week - what it is, where we all think ours is on a scale, and how it can be improved. Children will go deeper into some strategies over the next few weeks and will try some out for themselves.

Whole School Dates:

Fri 31st Jan – PTFA Disco
Mon 10th Feb – INSET Day – staff training (no children in school)
Fri 14th Feb – Last day of term
Mon 24th Feb – INSET Day – staff training (no children in school)
Tues 25th Feb – First day back at school
Fri 28th Mar – INSET Day – staff training (no children in school)
Tue 1st Apr – Class and leavers photo day

Messages:

Emails

When emailing the school office, please include in the subject line the name of the teacher you are contacting, or teacher/class name if you are contacting about end of day collections. Thank you.

Winter Health

Please see attached a letter to parents and carers about current winter pressures, how to keep children well, and the Pharmacy First service.

Coming up in your year group...

Year 3

13th February – Sleepover

Year 4

22nd January – trip to Marwell Zoo

Year 5

Year 5 Swimming – Capybara class
22nd January; 5th 12th 26th February

Minstead Residential – 26th – 31st January

Year 6

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School messages...

SJS PTFA Junior School Disco

Friday 31st January 2025

Come on Down with your glad rags on and throw some shapes at the legendary Junior School Disco!!

Years 3/4 4.30-5.30pm. **Year 5/6** 6-7.15pm

Tickets are just £2.50 per child and available now on the following link:

[SJS PTFA Shirley Junior School Disco](#)

Tickets will also be available to purchase on the night (cash or card) but for fast track entry on the night it is highly recommended that you buy your tickets beforehand. The ticket link will close at midnight on 29th Jan.



This is a super fun event where you can drop your child and let them enjoy something from the tuck shop and strut their stuff to the discotastic tunes of DJ Jen. Hot dogs, pizza, crisps and sweet treats will be available to buy. The tuck shop will be cash only with a recommended limit of £2.50 per child to reduce sugar induced mayhem. Squash and water will be available free of charge.

Points to note: When dropping your child please make sure they have been signed in and then exit as directed, taking their outdoor coats with you as there will be no storage space for these items. The children are not permitted to have mobile phones at this event and any seen will be removed for safekeeping until the end of the event. Please collect promptly as there is a tight turnaround between the discos and sign your child out with the adult who will be with their class, before leaving the hall.

Finally, if you are looking for a reason to get rid of any left over Christmas sweets we would love to receive them for our tuck shop! Donations of sweets (no nuts!) to go to the office please from Mon 20th Jan. Thank you!

Community messages...



#WarmWelcome is back for another winter season. Designed to tackle loneliness, bring communities together and provide a warm, safe place, you can enjoy many free events, warm drinks and snacks at your local library. From games and book clubs to support sessions, there's something for everyone.

Find out more about the [#WarmWelcome initiative here.](#)

STUBBINGTON STUDY CENTRE CLOSURE

The school has received notice that Hampshire County Council propose to close Stubbington Study Centre at the end of this school year. If you would like to share your views regarding the closure, please participate in the consultation process using the link below by 10th February:

[Consultation link](#)



From St James' Church

Thank you to those who gave generously to the Christmas collection at the Christingle service at St James' by the Park church. Over £260 was raised to support Caraway (a Southampton charity working with people with dementia and their families) and the Peace Centre in the DRC (supporting women and children badly affected by tribal warfare).

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