



# Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications

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## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Head Teacher Message:

We have made the decision to stop children bringing Air Up bottles to school. This is partly because they are very expensive and there have been a few issues with missing bottles. The range of aromas the Air Up bottles give off have affected several students and adults. This has caused them to suffer with asthma and headaches as a result.

Therefore we request that no Air Up bottles are brought into school from Monday. Children must bring their water in a plain standard water bottle. We appreciate that some children may find this decision difficult we thank you for your support. Cups will be provided for any child that continues to bring their Air Up bottle to school. Thank you for your support.



### Whole School Dates:

Fri 2/2/24 – INSET day (school closed to pupils)  
Mon 5/2/24 – INSET day (school closed to pupils)  
Mon 12/2/24 – Fri 16/1/24 Half Term  
Thu 22/2/24 – Geography Showcase (Parents are welcome from 3.30 - 4.15).  
Mon 11/3/24 - INSET day (school closed to pupils)  
Tues 26/3/24 – School Photo Day

### Messages:

We are currently looking for a parent volunteer to assist with some photocopying. If you are interested in helping please email [office@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:office@shirleyschools.co.uk) for further information. When emailing the office please title the subject line, Photocopying Volunteer.

A gentle reminder, whenever possible please pre-order your child's meal on the SchoolGrid system. This helps the kitchen and school in the event of any last minute technical issues. The link to the login page is: <https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk>. Please be aware the cut off for ordering from home is 8.55am and you can also cancel meals if your child is unwell and not at school.

A reminder that SJU gates need to be locked by 3:40pm each afternoon so we can safeguard the children who are in after school clubs. We appreciate you leaving the playground promptly after collecting your children. Thank you

# Coming up in your year group...

## Year 3

Thursday 25th January – There will be a **Sleepover information session** for Year 3 parents at 3:30pm in the Junior Hall.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 Sleepover

## Year 4

Watch this space!

## Year 5

Minstead Group A – 22 - 24 January

Minstead Group B – 24 - 26 January

Non Minstead Group C – 22 January (Testwood Lakes)

1<sup>st</sup> Feb; 8<sup>th</sup> Feb; 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Pizzly Bear swimming lessons

29<sup>th</sup> Feb – first Walrus swimming lesson

## Year 6

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Height and Weight Checks

The PTA are asking for parent volunteers who would like to help with any of the year 6 activities - festival organising, SATS breakfast, show support, hoodies and photo book production. Please contact a Year 6 teacher or email

[office@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:office@shirleyschools.co.uk)

## Good Grub Club

There is a free Good Grub Club running in February half term, on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>. Families attending will be able to get involved in cooking some tasty food. Please see the flyer attached for further information and to book.



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**Shirley Junior School - Lunchtime Drama Club**  
Thursday 12:15 - 1:00

**Shirley Infant School - After School Drama Club**  
Thursday 3:15 - 4:15

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**Monday, Shirley Ensemble (12-18 yrs)**  
4:30 - 6:00

**Wednesday, LAMDA Tuition (7+)**  
times vary depending on grade. Enquire for details.

**Thursday, Musical Theatre Class (7-14 yrs)**  
5:00 - 6:00

**Friday, Mixed Company (7-16 yrs)**  
4:30 - 6:30

**Coming Soon to the Light UP line-up:**  
Intro to Tech - register your interest  
Junior Company (7-12 yrs) - register your interest

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