

Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications

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Friday 24th January 2025

Head Teacher Message:

It has been lovely seeing the pupils running clubs this week, covering content ranging from learning about animals, to origami, football and more!

Assemblies have been focussed on friendship - how would children define a good friend, how can we care for our friends, what our friends need from us when they are in the blue or yellow zone, and why passing on hurtful comments is unhelpful. These can all be tricky things to navigate for our young people so it's great to be able to spend a bit of time thinking about this with them and listening to their thoughts. <u>Whole School Dates:</u> 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

<u>Messages:</u>

Reminder: We are a nut-free school. Please do not send nuts or foods containing nuts to school.



Coming up in your year group...

<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>
27 th January – 4:45pm – Sleepover information evening	
13 th February – Sleepover	
<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
Year 5 Swimming – Capybara class 5 th , 12 th , 26 th February	3 rd March – Year 7 offers released
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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: <u>SJS PTFA Shirley Junior School Disco</u>

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 disco-tastic 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.

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...

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 particate in the consultation process using the link below by 10th February:

Consultation link



SeaCity Museum - Get Ready for February Half-Term Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February 2025

If you're looking for some inspiring ways to occupy your kids this half-term, we have plenty on offer! From short, creative workshops to family-friendly walking tours, there's something to keep everyone entertained. Our <u>Kids' Club</u> runs from 9am to 4pm, offering a full day of exciting activities, arts and crafts, and interactive learning. Plus, block bookings for the Kids' Club offer great value, so you can make the most of the holiday while keeping your little ones engaged and inspired.

And don't worry – we haven't forgotten about the adults either! There are a range of activities designed for grown-ups too. Whether you're looking to relax or dive into Southampton's vibrant cultural offerings, there's something for everyone this February Half-Term!

A Spring Full of Musical Adventures at Turner Sims

Fill this spring with musical treats for all ages! Babies, children and their grown-ups are invited to dance, wiggle, play and sing, as they discover the joy of live music at Turner Sims.

•Babies and toddlers under 2 can explore the magic of nature through gentle singing and sensory play with Hurly Burly Theatre's You Are The Sun on Saturday 1 February.

•Sunday 2 February invites ages 4+ to create their own soundtrack for classic animation with The Enchanted Cinema and their Orchestra of Seasons. Adults are encouraged to join in too.

Experience your first orchestra with the Shostakovathon, or meet the puppet Pythagoras as she conducts musical experiments with her Toolkit in March! Explore The Wonderland Garden in April as the City of London Sinfonia and Landmark Theatres bring the changing seasons to life.

Fill your diary with magical memories for you and your family this year - <u>find out more</u> and book your tickets here.

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Explore all activities.