



# Shirley Juniors

## Weekly Communication

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Please find attached to the school website the following letters;**

- ◆ Website Special Newsletter
- ◆ Google Classroom Letter
- ◆ AGM 2020 Minutes
- ◆ PTFA Design a Logo Competition
- ◆ Year 3 Smoothie Letter
- ◆ Year 3 Wellness Letter

### Important Dates

Friday 6th

PTFA Christmas Card Deadline

## HARVEST FESTIVAL



Just to say a big thank you to both schools for all of the donations for food for the basics bank. We are amazed by how generous families from the school have been.

## EMAIL COMMUNICATION

As of Monday 2nd November all email communications for both Infants and Junior Schools should be sent to [office@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:office@shirleyschools.co.uk)



All other former email address will not be accessible or monitored as of this date.

## INFORMATION & CHANGES BOOKLET 20/21

We have updated the "Information and Changes for 20/21" booklet that was given out on Transition Day, and put it onto the website under Key Information -> Prospectus.

It details lots of the current procedures

## REPORTING UNSAFE PARKING

If you are aware of parking that is not safe then we would encourage you to report the parking to: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/roads-parking/parking/illegal-parking.aspx>

## AUTUMN 2 UNIFORM

The children will continue to wear uniform / sweatshirts/ house shirts with trainers for the second half of the Autumn Term.

As we will still need to keep windows open for ventilation they may also wear a long sleeves black or white top under their polo shirt if required.

The lunches will continue to operate as Grab and Go or Packed Lunch as the lunch hall remains closed , the children will continue to eat in their classrooms.

## **WEBSITE NEWSLETTER**

We have republished the website newsletter from Feb 2020, with a couple of updates, to help you make the best use of our website

## **TEACHER PUPIL CHECK IN UPDATE**

The result of the parents evening survey was that parents would prefer to receive a written report, with additional phone call to follow if needed

These reports will be sent home with the children on Friday 13th November

**Please remember to be considerate of others when lining up in the queue**

**Please remember to wear a mask where possible unless you have a medical condition which exempts you.**



**Don't forget to look at our Community Information page also in the letters section for what's happening in Southampton.**

**<https://www.shirleyjuniorschool.org/page/?title=Community+Information&pid=115>**

**Coming Soon**

\* Christmas Grab & Go

# PTFA

Normally at this time of year we would be planning our fireworks night. This has been a sell-out event over the past two years and would have raised around £3000 between the two schools.

As we can't hold live events this year we are planning some virtual fundraisers instead. Please join in if you can and help raise funds for the two schools!

## **HALLOWEEN VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE – FROM 31<sup>ST</sup> OCT FOR 1 WEEK**

After the success of the virtual balloon race in the summer, we thought we'd do it again.....so please sign up for a balloon or two if you are able. Why not get one for everyone in the family and turn it into a fun competition?

Starting at Dracula's castle the virtual balloons will set off [on 31st October](#) and will race for a week.

The balloon from our school which travels the furthest will win a prize.

If your balloon beats all the others from different charities, the prizes are:

1. £500 Cash
2. Apple iPad
3. £10 Book Tokens

Each balloon costs £3. You can customise your balloon, give it a name, chose its shape, decide how much helium to put in, thickness of the balloon wall etc!

Sign up here: <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/722> and good luck!!

## **SHIRLEY HALLOWEEN HUNT - ALL DAY [FRIDAY 30TH OCT](#), [SATURDAY 31ST OCT](#) AND [SUNDAY 1ST NOV](#).**

Join us for the biggest Halloween Hunt in Shirley!

Can you find all of the pumpkin letters to solve the puzzle and win a goody bag?

Tick off as many houses on the map as you can, and vote for your favourite! The 3 houses with the most votes will win a prize. 1st prize is an amazing hamper donated by Biglands Bakery and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a large Halloween Treats Box donated by Paula English.

Only £2.50 per child to enter the treasure hunt and £2 to list your house on the map (and enter the best decorated house competition).

Maps will be emailed closer to the time. Please purchase 1 map for every child who wants to take part (so we can make sure we have enough goody bags).

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=29532>

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS – 4<sup>TH</sup> NOV DEADLINE**

We will be doing our printed Christmas cards as usual! Mugs etc again this year too. A bit of a different process this year but we are so glad we can offer this again.

Please could you complete your child's design at home and ensure your child's name and class are on the back. Designs should be dropped at either 55 Darlington Gardens, [80 St James Road](#) or the box at the school gate after half term.

We will then send these off and you will receive a code to then purchase your card.

These will then be sent to school and either hand delivered to you or be available to pick up from school.

## **SJS PTFA LOGO COMPETITION – 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER DEADLINE**

We've never had our own logo and we'd love you to design one for us! Please see the attached entry form. Just draw your design in the circle (feel free to cut and glue one of the owls in if you like) and make it as colourful as you want!

PTFA stands for parents, teachers and friends association. You can either write this out or just use the letters. The winning design will be picked by a VIP team from the school and there will be a prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Remember to write your name and class on the back of the design and drop it into the basket outside 1 Branksome Avenue by 20th Nov. Have fun designing!

## **PTFA AGM**

We held our virtual AGM on 7th Oct. Thank you to everyone who attended. The minutes will be available on the PTFA page of the website. here: <https://www.shirleyjuniorschool.org/page/?title=PTFA&pid=41>

Next half term we have a virtual quiz night and a crazy hair day as well as lots of Christmas events to help us feel festive. If you'd like to get involved in organising any of the Christmas activities, please just email [pta@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:pta@shirleyschools.co.uk)

All funds raised go to Shirley Infant and Junior Schools

Hope you all have a relaxing half term.