

NEWS

JULY 2020

Shirley Junior School PTFA

Parents, Teachers and Friends Association



A warm welcome to everyone returning to school and especially to the new Year 3 children and your families!

The PTFA run events throughout the year to raise funds for the benefit of all of the children. Sadly many of these events have been cancelled due to social distancing but we hope that we'll be able to start holding them again soon. Our big project this year is a fantastic new play area in the juniors playground but we still need to raise £3000 to pay for it. There are lots of ways you can help.....

UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd July 2020

Virtual Balloon Race sets off from Hogwarts. Buy your balloon for just £3 and race against hundreds of others for a chance to win £500!

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/337?fbclid=IwAR1OmrneD9QHl19Xy8tJbFQHg2j8pNVYMgg8HBMv55bY64MYCjVEuQkwseU>



School Lottery



Our school lottery raises money directly for the 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 £25000! The tickets cost just £1 each week.

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

Can you help?

We are always asking for volunteers to help – we can't do it without you!

If you'd like to get involved, you can help as much or as little as you like - run a stall, bake a cake, paint railings, be a class rep or even join the committee – the more the merrier!

Just email pta@shirleyschools.co.uk



Pond Rediscovered

There is a beautiful pond in the junior's playground which has recently been revitalised. The ten-foot fence surrounding the whole pond and forest area has been removed, a smaller fence erected around the pond itself and a new path laid. Thanks to the immense time and effort of our volunteers, as well as the fundraising from events, this can now be used as a true outdoor classroom space as well as a shady and tranquil area for children during break times.

Facebook groups

There are parent-run Facebook groups for each of the year groups and one for the whole school if you have a question for parents with older children. These groups are really useful for weekly and event reminders, questions, gathering thoughts for parent forums and organising social events and we would really recommend that you join to make life a little easier. They are all closed groups so you will need to look us up and request to join.

If you are already a member of the **Year 2 @ SIS 2019/20** group, you don't need to do anything. We rename the groups every year so there is no need to leave and re-join another group.



Parents of Year 3 @ SJS 2020/21
Parents of Year 4 @ SJS 2020/21
Parents of Year 5 @ SJS 2020/21
Parents of Year 6 @ SJS 2020/21
Shirley Junior School Parent Group

Sign up to our second-hand trading page on Facebook to buy and sell with your fellow parents and carers. Search for **SIS and SJS Preloved**

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Over the last 3 years we have raised £17k through fundraising events and have spent £15k for the benefit of the children.

Examples include:

- Chrome Book for each class £2500
- Library Books £1200
- Smart Sacs £3500
- Digital camera for each class £900

We are installing new playground equipment at a cost of £17,000. We still need £3000 and have set up a Paypal money pool to replace the events we had to cancel. If you would like to support this appeal, please donate here:

https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8pOdmzvZvV?fbclid=IwAR1B97yKF1jCWkh_OLNjwWIKqAIXIbXOB4aGXhk8oWyd-VHQe4CTYIG-Tgo



JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

This will be arranged as soon as we are allowed!

parentkind.org.uk

is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!



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Shirley Junior School Parent Group
Nicola Howarth & Jennifer Bleack
(Co-chairs)



Amanda Webb (treasurer)
Sarah Crookall (secretary)

Shopping Online?

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/> (choose Shirley Junior School PTA to support).
- Online shopping from bread to bathrooms, use Easyfundraising, sign up here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sjpsfta/>

If you'd like to support the school by buying them a gift from their wishlist, they are always grateful for classroom essentials:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/36E409UQ05QD5>

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