



# Shirley Juniors

## Weekly Communication

**To contact any member of staff, please email**

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

**marked for the attention of the member of staff and your email will be forwarded.**

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

- Christmas Parent letter
- Dinner Menu Spring

### Dates for your Diary

#### **December**

**Friday 18th**

**School closes at 3.20pm for the Christmas Holiday**

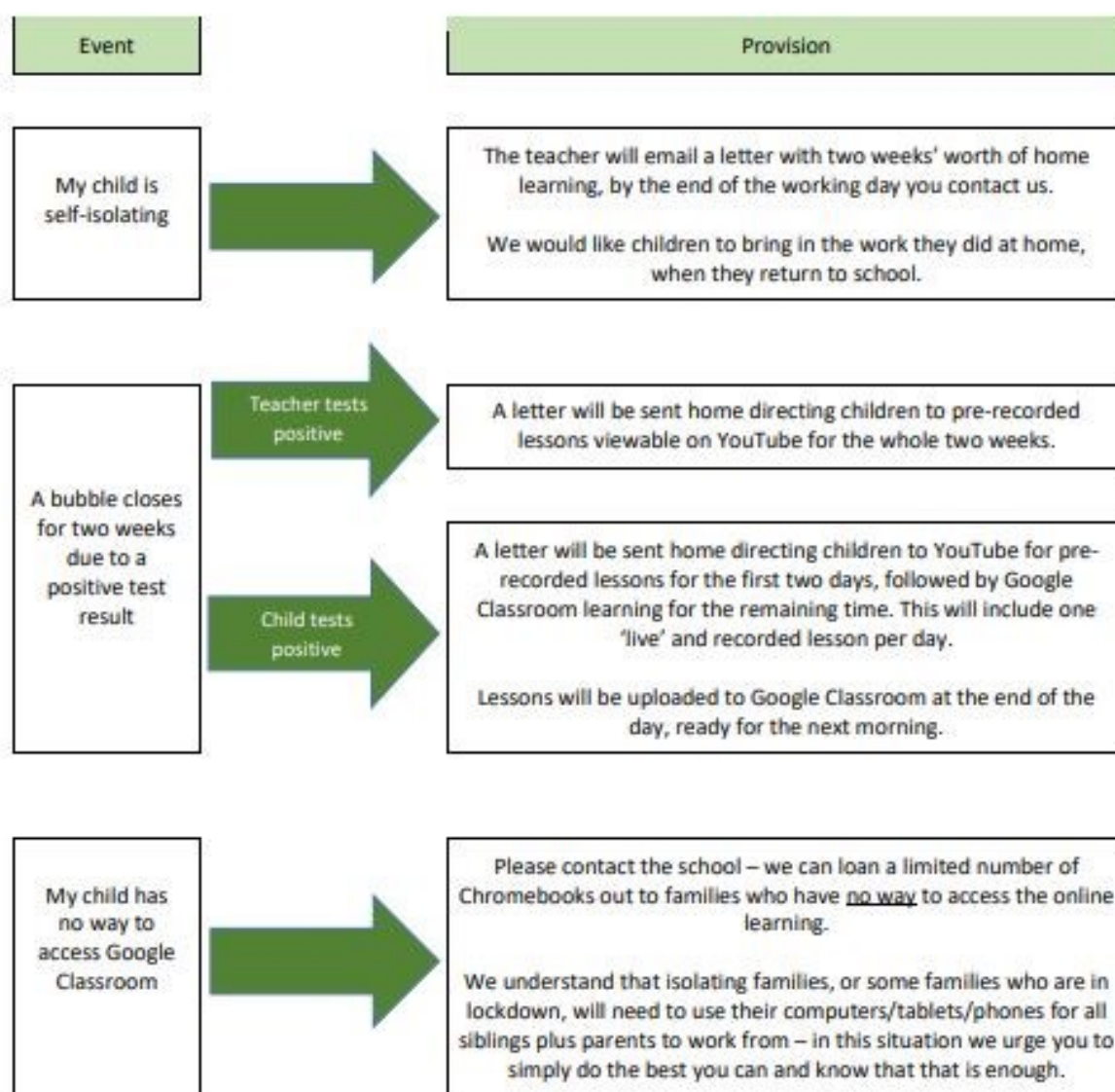
**Monday 1st February 2021 - Extra INSET DAY**

**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.**



### Isolation Home Learning at Shirley Junior School



Google Classroom can be accessed on a computer or laptop, or as an app on Android or Apple tablet devices (not currently on Windows tablets). It can also be accessed via the browser on an Xbox or PlayStation. While accessible via the app on a mobile phone, it would not be easy to use many of the features on such a small screen size.

## **Community Information**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for their ongoing support and understanding during these challenging times. As you know, our priority remains keeping every member of our school community safe. If your child is unwell with **any symptoms**, we request at this time that you keep your child off school. This will not only prevent our staff from catching illnesses that may stop them from working but will also protect potentially interrupting many families long awaited plans to celebrate Christmas.

If your child presents as unwell in school, the office will ask you to collect them as a precaution. Please support the school with this to protect our community.

## **Curriculum Zoom**

Please see below the dates and time for the Spring Term Curriculum Informational Zooms.

These will all take place at 4:15pm

Monday 4th January Year 3

Tuesday 5th January Year 4

Wednesday 6th January Year 5

Thursday 7th January Year 6

## **New Dinner Menu for Spring 1**

Your child will be coming home with the new dinner menu, which will also be on the school website.

We are bringing back hot school meals, which will still be eaten in class and will be delivered by the Kitchen Staff on a meal tray with a lid and cutlery. There will no longer be grab and go option. The choices each day will be either a meat or vegetarian option or packed lunch.

The cost remains the same at £2.25 per meal

Coming Soon

New Parent Communication System will be launched in February 2021 due to BROMCOM delays with training. Thank you for your patience

# PTFA

## Parent Forum

Thank you to everyone who submitted feedback for the forum and who attended today. Special thanks to Rachel Holloway and Jo Tearle for the work that went into preparing beforehand. We had another good session and covered a lot of points. The minutes will be circulated once finalised.

**THIS SUNDAY: Not on Shirley High Street!** Virtual Shopping Night Sun 13th Dec 6-10pm. Join us for some great Christmas bargains!

If you have your own small business and would like to sell during this event, please get in touch by emailing [pta@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:pta@shirleyschools.co.uk).

<https://www.facebook.com/events/200910391667388/>

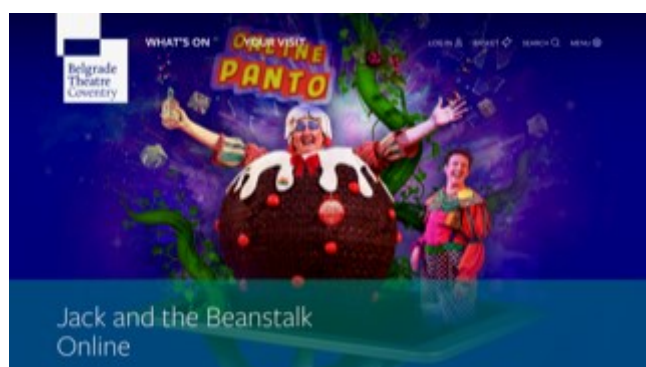
## Panto

We've booked the virtual Panto!

The junior children will watch this in their bubbles and we've put together some interval packs (popcorn and haribo) for every child.

There is no charge for this but if you'd like to make a voluntary £1 contribution, please send it to this money pool.

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8uLvJVzi0S>



## Christmas Elf Hunt

Can you find all the elves in Upper Shirley??

Buy a ticket for the Christmas trail to get a reward for finding the elves.

And help us light up Upper Shirley by entering our best dressed house competition.

Tickets available from

<https://www.ptaevents.co.uk/fosis/index.cfm?event=Shop#.X76D6M37Q2w>



## **New Committee Needed!**

Your current PTFA committee are standing down at the end of this year, paving the way for a new team with fresh ideas and enthusiasm to take the reins. Please let us know if you're interested, perhaps along with a friend to share a role. We are happy to help as much as we can with the transition so you won't be starting from scratch and we'll be around for the next year to support you whenever you need it. If you'd like to have an informal chat about what is involved, please either email on [pta@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:pta@shirleyschools.co.uk), catch one of us in the playground, on the road or send us a message via Facebook. We're on all of the school year Facebook groups so you can find us there. Search for Nicola Howarth, Jen Bleeck, Amanda Webb or Sarah Crookall.

We've already had one person step forward to be the treasurer or secretary so we just need someone else to take one of those roles, and a chair, or 2 people to be co-chairs.

"I have personally loved my time as chair - there are times, particularly before a big event, when it can take quite a lot of time and effort but it's a labour of love, and a very welcome distraction from work! There are always lots of people in the wider team and we work closely with FOSIS to help support, share in the planning and to take on tasks so you don't have to do it all yourself. After 5 years, I feel it's time to give someone else a chance. You might also find that you love it, and make some new friends along the way!" Nikki

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