



Shirley Juniors

Weekly Communication

To contact any member of staff, please email office@shirleyschools.co.uk marked for the attention of the member of staff and your email will be forwarded.

Dear Parents and Carers,

KEEPING US INFORMED

Please could we ask all parents to inform the school if anyone in the household is going for a coronavirus test or is self-isolating as another family member in the household has tested positive.

Dates for your Diary

FEBRUARY

Sunday 14th	PTFA Valentines Balloon Race
Monday 15th	Half Term
Monday 22nd	First day back after Half Term

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.



Thank you to all the community of Shirley Junior school, we have made it to half term!! we could not have done it without everyone (including parents) working so hard and pulling together as a team. It is really lovely to read the feedback from both pupils and parents about our online learning, thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. The children have produced some amazing work, let alone significantly improved their IT skills!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Byrne good luck as he leaves SJS. I am sure you will join me in wishing him well with his future endeavours.

I hope everyone has the opportunity to get some rest this half term, get away from the screens.

Mrs Hixon

OVER HALF TERM

Over half term, if your child currently has a place in school and needs to go for a test because they develop symptoms, you will still need to report this to the school email address:

office@shirleyschools.co.uk.

Wishing all our families a lovely half term, keep safe!

Reminder about online learning and Safeguarding

Please can we remind parents that in order to keep children safe, it is imperative that no video calls or Hangouts are filmed or shared, either on social media or for personal use.

Holiday Off-screen ideas

As requested by most parents, there are no half term homework projects. A few parents asked for some off-screen activity ideas, so on the website in the Pupils > Home Learning section, you will find a Bingo activities grid that we have put together, and some other ideas. There are also some downloadable conversation cards from a company called 'Off the Grid' that can help you discuss phone use, screens etc which we think are really worthwhile discussions to have.

Lockdown Learning Parent Survey

We're all guessing what's going on in 8 million homes during lockdowns – but we don't actually know!

Could you please help and complete a questionnaire, here is a link to find out more information

<https://parentping.co.uk/bigsurvey/>

Just download the Parent Ping app from your app provider in the Google or Android app stores.

Each day your phone will PING! and send a few simple questions for you to answer. You can decide how many of your children you'd like to answer questions about, and we aim to make the whole thing as easy and simple as possible.

As well as all this we are giving away **PRIZES!** Every day you answer on the app, we enter a token into our national prize draw. Each week we will give away 5 Chromebooks to 5 lucky Pingers.

AND as the school is also participating in the research project, for everyday you answer we will enter a token into your school's prize draw to win a £30 Amazon voucher each week.

THE BIG LOCKDOWN LEARNING PARENT SURVEY

Is your child learning at home? What impact is lockdown-learning having on family life? Help us find out!

Teachers have been listened to throughout lockdown via the respected Teacher Tapp project. Now, the well-known Education Endowment Foundation and Parent Ping want to do the same for parents too.

How does it work?
Easy! First, download the Parent Ping app from your app provider. Then, each day your phone will PING! and send a few simple questions for you to answer. That's it!

What do I get in return?

- See how other parents answer the questions!!
- A chance to win a Chromebooks in the national weekly draw
- A chance to win a £30 Amazon voucher in your school's weekly draw

Wait, who sees my answers?!
Only once 60 parents in your school answer each day do we send your headteacher an overview of the total responses. They are really interested to hear parent opinions and might make changes based on what they learn. All data is centrally held by Parent Ping. We don't share individual results or personal data with third-party companies.

Our terms and conditions: <https://parentping.co.uk/the-big-lockdown-learning-parent-survey-competitions>
Our full privacy policy: <https://parentping.co.uk/education-intelligence-privacy-policy>

For further information: <https://parentping.co.uk/bigsurvey>

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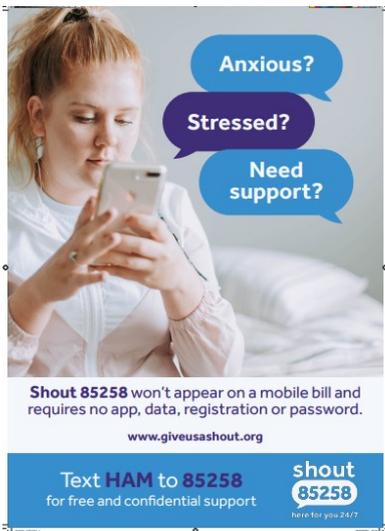
Education Endowment Foundation

Shout 85258

Hamwic Education Trust is pleased to partner with Shout 85258 - a free, confidential, 24/7 text message support service for any of our students, staff or parents who are feeling overwhelmed or struggling to cope. The service is staffed by trained volunteers who will work with students, staff or parents to take next steps towards feeling better. They can help with issues such as stress, anxiety, worry and relationship problems and are there to talk at any time of day or night.

For more information visit <https://giveusashout.org/>

Text HAM to 85258 for immediate support.



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PTFA

VALENTINE'S DAY VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE - 14th Feb Flying from the Eiffel Tower, Paris, the city of love..

Enjoy **tracking** your balloon over half term! Your virtual balloon will travel according to your specifications and responding to real life weather conditions. Who's will travel the furthest!

Balloons are just £3 and prizes to be won within our school and if you win the national race (£500!)

Buy your balloon here: <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1342>

PTFA Logo We still need a Logo! Fill the time over half term and design us a logo. Template and optional owls on the letters page. Drop any designs in the basket outside 1 Branksome Ave or email to pta@shirleyschools.co.uk by Sun 21st February

FAMILY QUIZ

Great night was had by all who took part, with some funky dancing and excellent scavenger hunting as an added bonus. We raised a fab £112. See you for the next one in the summer term!

PYJAMA DAY!

Hope you've all had a great day in your PJ's! If you'd still like to donate for this then paypal to <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8wgqQoj3ev> or cash in envelope to 55 Darlington Gardens or 93 Wilton road. Thank you