



Shirley Schools



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,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- Diary Dates for both schools
- MCAS Parent Guide for both schools

Family Photo Session

We are very pleased to be able to offer the opportunity to have any family, friends or sibling group photographs taken. These group photos will take place between 3.30pm and 6.00pm on Thursday 2nd December. Whilst you can have a photograph taken of any group you wish, we do ask that you do not bring any pets with you as we are unable to accommodate pets in the school. If you would like to sign up for a group photograph you can book a time with the office.

The closing date for this is Wednesday 24th November

Coming Soon

Infants

Further information on Carol Service tickets to follow

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

Shirley Junior School

November

Thursday 25th Year 2 Titanic Dress Up Day
Friday 26th Flu Immunisation Year R, 1 & 2

December

Thursday 2nd Family Photo Session
Friday 3rd FOSIS Crazy hair day £1
Friday 3rd FOSIS Wreath making night
Tuesday 7th Year R Carol Service 4.30pm -
5.15pm Playground
Wednesday 8th Year 1 Carol Service 4.30pm -
5.15pm Playground
Thursday 9th Year 2 Carol Service 4.30pm -
5.15pm Playground
Friday 10th Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day
Friday 10th Year 2 Theatre Trip
**Friday 17th Last day of Autumn 2—School
closes at 3.10pm for Christmas
Break**

January

Tuesday 4th School re-opens at 8.45am

November

Wednesday 24th Year 5 Lemming Swimming Lessons
Friday 26th Flu Immunisation Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Friday 26th PTA Cake Sale

December

Wednesday 1st Year 5 Lemming Swimming Lessons
Thursday 2nd Family Photo Session
Friday 3rd PTA Crazy hair day £1
Friday 3rd PTA Wreath making night
Wednesday 8th Year 5 Lemming Swimming Lessons
Friday 10th Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Saturday 11th PTA Breakfast with Santa
Wednesday 15th Year 5 Lemming Swimming Lessons
**Friday 17th Last day of Autumn 2—School
closes at 3.20pm for Christmas
Break**

January

Tuesday 4th School re-opens at 8.45am

After reflecting on the R rate and advice from Hamwic and
Southampton Public Health, we have made the decision
to not hold a public Nativity this year and have changed
this for a carol service.

We are still going to hold a Whole School Nativity and we
will record this so you can all have a copy.

Songs from Nativity will be sung at the Carol Service.

COVID 19 GUIDANCE

Please follow the guidance below regarding Covid 19

- ◇ If your child displays any Covid symptoms please take them for a PCR test and inform the school.
- ◇ If a parent or carer tests positive on a lateral flow or PCR test, but your child is negative, your child can still come to school.
- ◇ If a child tests positive from a PCR test, please inform the school and keep your child home.

Year 2 going to Year 3 Junior School application

Please can we remind Year 2 parents that your application for Junior school needs to be submitted online by January 15th 2022.

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/find-school/apply-school/year-3/>

It's your school too: parental engagement

Dear Parents,

The past two years have forced parents/carers and the school to engage with each other differently to how we may have done in the past. As we all move forward with a new normal, it seems like a good opportunity to review the what, when and how of parent/carer/school engagement. Please take a few moments to complete this survey which will inform our communication and engagement strategy for the next few years. The results will be discussed with the Parent Forum.

<https://forms.gle/QQREq7Kodr4ieU8Z7>

Thank you

The Romsey Sinfonietta

There are two concerts coming up which are suitable for young children

Peter and the Wolf - Year 1 are currently listening to this in their music lessons

Book tickets here <https://thorndenhall.ticketsolve.com/shows/873625437>

The Snowman—you may just want to get into the Christmas spirit

Book tickets here <https://thorndenhall.ticketsolve.com/shows/873625448>

Contacting the School

A few parents have been asking about the best ways to contact the school. The preferred route is by email to office@shirleyschools.co.uk, with the teacher's name in the subject box. You are also welcome to phone the office and request a call back from the teacher, although this may take longer depending on the teacher's commitments over the next couple of days.

Please see the flowchart below for the steps we ask you to take if your child is experiencing an issue.

My child is having a problem in school. What should I do?

Everyone in our school wants to make sure that the children are happy and learning. Please follow these steps to get problems resolved.

Step 1: Ask your child to talk with their class teacher. Their teacher will want to help and most things are very simple to sort out.

I have done this and
there is still a problem...

Step 2: Speak with your child's class teacher yourself and explain the problem so they can help to resolve it. You can do this by:

- finding them on the playground at the end of each day
- sending an email, marked for the attention of the class teacher, to the school's email address (office@shirleyschools.co.uk)
- phoning or coming into reception to book a meeting with the teacher - you will need to mention what it is about. We regret that teachers cannot talk to parents from 8:30am as they are preparing their classrooms and greeting the children.

Talking to your child's teacher, then giving them a bit of time to do the things that will help, normally resolves most problems.

I have done this and
there is still a problem...

Step 3: Speak to your child's Phase Leader. You can do this by:

- finding them on the playground at the end of each day
- sending an email, marked for the attention of the Phase Leader, to the school's email address (office@shirleyschools.co.uk)
- phoning or coming into reception to book a meeting with the Phase Leader - you will need to mention what it is about. We regret that teachers cannot talk to parents from 8:30am as they are preparing their classrooms and greeting the children.

Your child's Phase Leader will need time to investigate the issue and talk to the other people concerned, and then they will get back to you and let you know what action they plan to take in order to help.

I have done this and
there is still a problem...

Step 4: Speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team. You can do this by:

- finding one of them on the gate at the start of most days
- sending an email to office@shirleyschools.co.uk marked for the attention of the SLT
- phoning or coming into reception to book a meeting with a member of the SLT - you will need to mention what it is about.

Junior Curriculum Information

Please go to the school website and your child's year group tab to find out about what they are learning in their projects this half term curriculum - year group - click on project title

We are really excited to be launching a school magazine written by our pupils, the following jobs are currently being advertised:

Job Title: School Magazine Writer

Job Title: School Magazine Artist

Job Title: School Magazine Editor

Full job descriptions are on the website in Pupils - Pupil Job Agency

FOSIS/PTFA

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNIOR DISCO TODAY! (FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER)



Dress to impress, treat yourself to a hotdog, something from the tuck shop and show off your moves on the dance floor!

There will be a tuck shop selling hotdogs (meat and veggie) at 50p each plus various sweets, crisps and glow sticks from 20p. **Please consider your child's likely sugar intake when giving them their pocket money!**

Year 3 & 4 disco – 4.45pm until 6pm

Year 5 & 6 disco – 6.30pm until 7.45pm

Tickets are £2.50 per child, available on the door – cash/card payments accepted.



JUNIOR CAKE SALE FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Cake cakes and more cakes! Bring your pennies to buy lots of fabulous cakes and raise money for our junior school - we'll be selling in the junior playground after school on Friday 26th Nov.

Cake donations (bought or baked, no nuts please) very gratefully received and can be taken to the office on the Friday morning or brought straight to the stall after school. Thank you



THE SHIRLEY SCHOOLS VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET IS STILL OPEN!

Remember to check out the Christmas treats, crafts and gifts for sale on the SIS/SJS business page on Facebook.

CRAZY HAIR DAY FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER

It's coming up to that time of year when you need to reach for the coloured hair chalk, hair spray and extra hold gel to create those hairstyle masterpieces for your little ones!

Google has plenty of suggestions should you need some inspiration or there is always the teachers....



Suggested donation **£1**.

Payment online via QR code or cash in the bucket on the day.
All donations will be shared across both schools.

WREATH MAKING EVENING – FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER - TICKETS ON SALE SATURDAY



Why not start the festive season with a crafty evening making a Christmas wreath over a glass of mulled wine or prosecco. All equipment will be provided and an experienced instructor will be on hand to help show you what to do. Basic greenery and embellishments are included but if you have any specific design ideas or preferred foliage or decorations then please do bring them with you.

Green foliage: Check ✓

Christmas spirit: Check ✓

Adults only: double check ✓✓

Tickets will be **£15** per person. Drinks (mulled wine and prosecco) will be available to purchase
Tickets on sale from Saturday 20th November at 9am, limited places available so don't delay!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm#.YYKUjprP2Uk>



SAVE THE DATE: BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a visit from the big man, so be sure to save the date of **Saturday 11th December 2021**.

We're just fine tuning the baubles and will share all the details, including how to book tickets, soon.

DON'T FORGET

Our school lottery raises money directly for the **Junior 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 £25,000! The tickets cost just £1 each week.

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



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/>

Infants – choose Friends of Shirley Infant School

Juniors - choose Shirley Junior School PTA

Online shopping from bread to bathrooms, use Easyfundraising, sign up here:

Infants – [Friends of Shirley Infants – Southampton](#)

Juniors – [Shirley Junior School PTFA – Southampton](#)

STAY CONNECTED AND GET INVOLVED...

On Facebook through the private year groups – please remember that these groups are managed by parents and not run by the school:

Infants

Year 2 Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/172919936937823>

Year 1 Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/849370902208557>

Year R Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/774368666506974>

Juniors

Parents of Year 6 Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1601794303401012>

Parents of Year 5 Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1716707195249069>

Parents of Year 4 Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/649407131910961>

Parents of Year 3 Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/137311320449399>

Through your class reps (see list below) and WhatsApp groups:

Infants

Woodpeckers - Gayle Doulton and Jo James
Badgers - Tracey Ward and Natalie Formstone
Foxes - Katy Durston and Colette Thorp
Owls - Lisa Witt and Lisa Longhurst
Rabbits - Gemma Gore and Kerrie Read
Moles - Maria Dimech and Tabytha Greenhalgh
Hedgehogs - Sarah Willcocks and Gill McCann
Squirrels - Sarah Scott and Hilary Rebecca
Otters – Zoe Konn and Sarah Whicher

Juniors

Community Information



Balfour Beatty

Working in partnership

Bellemoor Road Drainage Surveys



Works have been planned to undertake drainage survey work on Bellemoor Road.

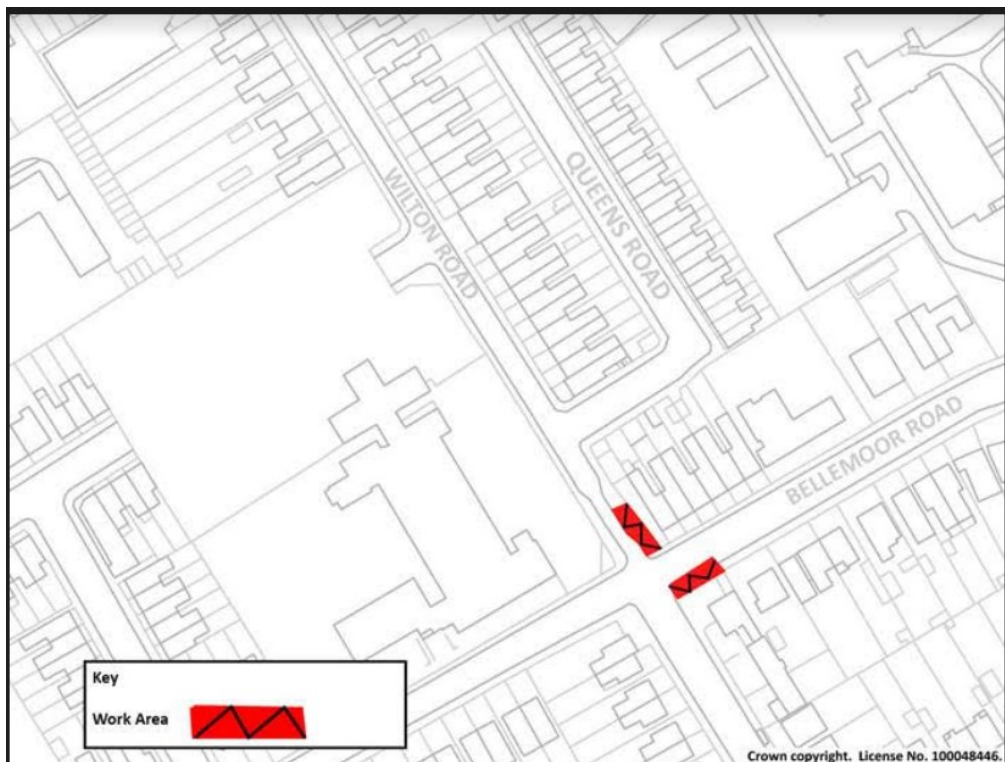
These works will be carried out in the following order:

Wilton Road/ Bellemoor Road junction – on **Wednesday 24th November between approx. 9:30 am and 2:30 pm**. To undertake these works safely, we will need to implement a lane closure. Three-way lights and a signed diversion route will be put in place.

St James Road / Bellemoor Road junction – on **Thursday 2nd December between approx. 9:30 am and 2:30 pm**. To undertake the works safely, we will need to close Bellemoor Road from St James Road junction. Two-way lights and a signed diversion route will be put in place.

Maps to show works areas:

Wilton Road / Bellemoor Road junction – Wednesday 24th November



St James Road / Bellemoor Road junction – Thursday 2 December



For up to the minute travel information in the city, follow us on Twitter [@SCChighways](https://twitter.com/SCChighways). For any other enquiries, email roadworks@southampton.gov.uk. While works are underway, residents are advised to use the journey planning tools available at www.myjourneysouthampton.com to plan their trip and avoid disruption where possible.



"JUST LIKE THE ONES WE USED TO KNOW"

Celebrate this Christmas with Life Church



"JUST LIKE THE ONES WE USED TO KNOW"

What are you dreaming of this Christmas?
You're invited to join us for a carol service
'just like the ones we used to know'.

Whether you are able to join us in person or
online, may your days be merry and bright
this Christmas.

From all of us at Life Church!

King Edward VI School
Wilton Road
Southampton
SO15 5UQ

LIFE CHURCH



12 December - 10.15am | Family Service

If you always wanted to be Mary or Joseph in the
nativity then this could be your chance...from the
youngest to the oldest, join us for a fun and
interactive morning celebrating the good news of
the Christmas story.

19 December - 5pm | Carol Service

We'll sing carols you'll know, we'll eat and drink
festive classics and have a chance to consider
whether the Christmas we think we know ever
really lives up to its own hype.

Online Services

To find details of our live-streamed Christmas
services visit lifesouthampton.org

Not sure if you can help?

Wordsworth Primary School are looking for street closure volunteers to help for a period of time in Victor Street, with our extended street closure. On this day we are hosting 'Winter At Wordsworth' a winter take on a traditional christmas style event with grotto. The hours would be between 15:40-18:00. You are of course welcome to come to the event, which amongst other things will also have a special Santa light up fire engine with music and characters within the road closure, 23 trading stalls, hot/cold food/drinks, as well as santa grotto with gifts and photo opportunities.

