



# Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications

**KINDNESS.**  
**RESPECT.**  
**INTEGRITY.**

**Friday 06th December 2024**

**Headteacher Message:**

Dear Parents and Carers,

In assemblies this week the children have been focusing on setting goals and overcoming barriers, understanding that a roadblock is not permanent, and they can overcome setbacks.

It was great to see so many parents and carers sharing their children's learning on Thursday! We know the children really value the chance to show off their work to you.

Please note we have changed our plan for Christmas Cards: children may now bring these in during the Monday to Wednesday of the last two weeks of term and put them in the postbox in their year group corridor. The cards will then be sorted and handed out on a Friday. Please help children to ensure that the envelope clearly states the first name, surname and class of the person it is for.

**Whole School Dates:**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day: children can wear their Christmas jumpers.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle – St James Church (See messages below for further information).

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – **Last Day of Term**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – **First day of term**

**Messages:**

**Introducing the Shirley Schools Astro Appeal**

Help us fundraise £10,000 to support the replacement of the shared astro pitch. In return for a £10 donation, you can 'own' a square metre of the new astro. [Click here](#) to find out more and sign up. You'll be taken to the Infant School website, but the opportunity is open to families of both schools. A letter with a paper version of the sign-up form will be coming out in book bags soon, so please keep an eye out. Any questions, please email [fosis@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:fosis@shirleyschools.co.uk) We're also working on advertising opportunities for local businesses, so watch this space for more info!

# School Messages...

## Christingle – St James' Church Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

A maximum of 2 adults per child please. Adults will be seated upstairs. Access will be made available for anyone with a disability downstairs. (Please contact the office in advance of arranging this). Please can all adults arrive at the church by 1.20pm.

## Scooters and Bikes

Recently there has been an increase in adults and children riding bikes and scooters on school grounds. Please ensure that you and any children with you dismount your bike or scooter at the school gate and wheel them across the playground. Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of the school community.

## Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Dinner Day is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. If you have not pre-ordered your child a Christmas dinner for this day, please ensure you provide a packed lunch on this day as no other meal options are available.

## School Streets

Our School Streets Lead Volunteer Coordinator recently stepped down. If you are interested in volunteering to lead the Shirley Junior School Streets programme, please email [office@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:office@shirleyschools.co.uk).

The school street programme aims to help create a safe and pleasant traffic-free environment from 8:00 – 09:30am and 2:15-3:45pm every school day. The Lead Volunteer Coordinator organises the volunteers, ensures that health and safety requirements are met, and liaises with the school and council about any issues or concerns.

### 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](mailto: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 Year or 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 Year or Phase Leader, to the school's email address ([office@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:office@shirleyschools.co.uk))
- phoning or coming into reception to book a meeting with the Year or 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 Year or 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 [raisingaconcern@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:raisingaconcern@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.

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# Coming up in your year group...

## Year 3

## Year 4

## Year 5

**11th December** – Orangutan class swimming lessons.

## Year 6

The children in Year 6 have been given individual targeted arithmetic booklets to practise at home. We thank you for your support with this.

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# Community Messages...



**TEAM SPIRIT**  
SPORTS COACHING

JOIN US FOR OUR  
**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL  
COURSE**  
**23rd  
DECEMBER**

**WWW.TEAMSPIRIT4SPORT.CO.UK**

**HIGHFIELD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
HAWTHORN ROAD | SO17 1PX**

A RANGE OF DIFFERENT  
ACTIVITIES ALL WITH A  
CHRISTMAS THEME.  
SNOWBALL FIGHTS,  
GINGERBREAD DECORATING,  
ELF OLYMPICS, REINDEER  
RACES AND LOTS MORE  
FESTIVE FUN. A SPECIAL GIFT  
FOR ALL CHILDREN WHO  
ATTEND. HO HO HOPE TO SEE  
YOU ALL THERE!

**TEAM SPIRIT**  
PROUD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**You are invited to take part in our  
Autism in Schools Project**

Bevois Town Primary School  
Fairisle Infant & Nursery School  
Freemantle Academy  
Ludlow Infant Academy  
Ludlow Junior School  
Mansbridge Primary School  
Mason Moor Primary School  
Maytree Nursery & Infant and Mount Pleasant Junior School  
Oasis Academy Sholing

Portsmouth Primary School  
Redbridge Primary School  
Shirley Junior School  
Shirley Warren Primary & Nursery  
St Marys CE Primary School  
Swaythling Primary School  
Thornhill Primary School  
Townhill Junior School  
Valentine Primary School  
Vermont School


**Are your children attending any of these schools?**

If so, please complete our quick survey about your schools autism provision

The information you give will be kept **anonymous** and fed back to the school in hope of helping to shape the provision they have

Either scan the QR code or visit  
<http://tinyurl.com/remindsais>

Our part in this project is to gather the views of parents/carers about the schools autism provision and to offer support to parents/carers about any issues around autism and education.



**Shirley Junior School**

**You are invited to take part in our  
Autism in Schools Project**

**Tuesday 10th December 2024  
9.15am-10.15am**

We want to know your views about the autism provision in your school

For this project, we are the link between parents/carers and schools and this is a chance to give your views. We will **anonymously** feed back all the views we gather to the school.

Please come along and share - it doesn't matter if your child has a diagnosis or not!

**Any questions?**  
Please email  
[info@reminds.org.uk](mailto:info@reminds.org.uk)



## Steps to work referral

Step to work sessions offer support and advice to families and carers looking to re-enter the workplace. Support is available for:

- Employment
- Training
- CV writing
- Cost of living advice
- Childcare costs when returning to work

These sessions are on Tuesdays from 9.30am-12pm at a different Family Hub each week by appointment. This is not a session to come and play with your children. For more information, please contact [familyhub@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:familyhub@southampton.gov.uk).



# Community Messages...

Next week at Re:Minds...  
9th-13th December 2024

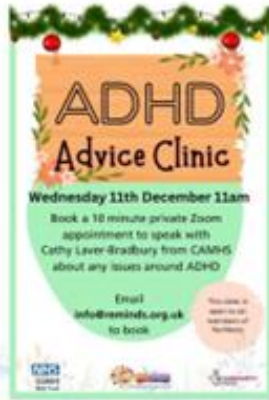


**Autism Advice Clinic**  
Wednesday 11th December 10.30am

Book a private, 10 minute virtual Zoom appointment to speak with a clinician about any issues related to Autism.

The clinic is led by the Southampton Autism Assessment Service  
Email [info@reiminds.org.uk](mailto:info@reiminds.org.uk) to book

The clinic is open to all members of Re:Minds.



**ADHD Advice Clinic**  
Wednesday 11th December 11am

Book a 10 minute private Zoom appointment to speak with Cathy Laver-Bradbury from CAMHS about any issues around ADHD.

Email [info@reiminds.org.uk](mailto:info@reiminds.org.uk) to book

This clinic is open to all members of Re:Minds.



**CAMHS Evening Advice Clinic**  
Wednesday 11th December 6pm

Book a 10-minute private appointment to speak with a clinician about any issues CAMHS deal with.

This clinic is led by the Southampton Specialist Children's Services and is open to all members of Re:Minds for general advice.



**CAMHS Advice Clinic**  
Thursday 12th December 11am

Book a 10-minute private appointment to speak with a clinician about any issues CAMHS deal with.

This clinic is led by the Southampton Specialist Children's Services and is open to all members of Re:Minds for general advice.



**Parenting Children with ADHD**  
For parents & carers of children with ADHD aged 3 - 11 years old.

**FREE**  
8 week online course via Zoom  
Mondays 7pm - 9pm  
Starting 13th January 2025

Course dates: 13th, 20th, 27th January, 3rd, 10th, 24th February and 3rd, 10th March.

To book a place email: [info@sftrust.org.uk](mailto:info@sftrust.org.uk)

Help to learn more about ADHD!

- Coping with feelings
- Meeting your child's emotional needs
- Boost your parent/child relationship
- Improve their self esteem
- Use effective discipline
- Tips for home, school & wider family
- Channel your child's energy

COMMUNITY FUND

Southampton Family Trust  
building relationships

If you would like to apply for a place on this course, please email Karen Allen for the self referral form.

([karen.allen@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:karen.allen@shirleyschools.co.uk))

Please note this course is for parents of children up to the age of 11 years; it is not suitable for Senior School pupils.