



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,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- PSHE Letter
- RSE Guide for parents

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.



Please remember to be considerate of others when lining up in the queue and to wear a mask where possible unless you have a medical condition which exempts you.

UPDATE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND

As an extra precaution Public Health England (PHE) is now advising close contact of anyone with a positive test result to get a COVID-19 PCR test (ideally 5 days after exposure or day five of isolation). If your child has had a positive PCR test within the last 90 days, you do not need to get another test unless they have new symptoms.

TRANSITION DAY 7TH JULY / UPDATED SCHOOL RISK ASSESSMENT

Transition Day will still go ahead as planned in line with our risk assessment and current Covid guidance. Year groups are working in bubbles therefore can transition in these bubbles to their new classes.

YEAR 6 to 7 TRANSITION

We are waiting for an update from Secondary Schools regarding their plans for transition.

As soon as this information becomes available we will communicate this to our parents

Coming soon

- As of September 2021 children will remain in their Sports Uniform
- End of year reports will be sent out at the end of July

ARRANGEMENTS

All current arrangements regarding the start and end of the school day will stay for the rest of this term. We are awaiting further guidance from the Government as to the arrangements for the new academic year and will update you as soon as we received this information.

Dates for your Diary

June

Thursday 24th	Year 6 Paultons Park
Thursday 24th	Year 3 Summer Cruise Dress up
Friday 25th	INSET DAY - School Closed to pupils

July

Friday 2nd	PTFA Break the rules day
Wednesday 7th	Transition Day -you will be told your child's new class & teacher on this day. Unfortunately you will not be able to visit your child's classroom due to restrictions
Friday 9th	Sports Day & Picnic —Children Only
14th—16th	Year 6 Foxlease Residential
Friday 23rd	Year 6 Leavers Festival—children only

BIKE DR

On Friday 2nd July The Bike Dr will be visiting Shirley Schools, if you would like them to give your bike a Health Check please bring your bike to school and leave it in the bike shed.

It would be helpful if you have a specific problem you would like them to look at to leave a note stuck to your bike. This is not for any major repairs, just a Health Check.

You can collect your bike at the end of the day.



Don't forget to look at our Community Information page in the letters section, for what's happening in Southampton on our website.

<https://www.shirleyjuniorschool.org/page/?title=Community+Information&pid=115>

YEAR 3

On Thursday 24th Year 3 will be delving into the world of cruises! We would like the children to come dressed ready for a summer cruise. We will be doing a range of activities to develop their understanding of what a cruise is and why Southampton is a key cruise terminal.'



Transition Information for all Pupils

We are working to put some sort of plan in place for transition for all pupils but at this time we are unsure of what it will look like and the exact date. It may change to a Friday to support the COVID risk assessment.

YEAR 3

Year 3 will be having a socially distanced picnic with Year 2 on Thursday 1st July.

Please could the children bring in a packed lunch or they can order sandwiches as their lunch option that day.

Parent Forum

This year's third Parent Forum was held virtually on Friday 11th June. Parent Forum is an opportunity for parent and carers to be involved in school decisions, and for school to give parents a heads up about upcoming changes and seek parents' and carers' views about these. The full minutes will soon be available on the website under Our School -> PTFA.

Items discussed were:

Agenda item	Discussion points	Actions
Communication	Trip letters needing more information MyChildAtSchool app issues	Request taken on board for future letters about trips User guide to be sent out
Periods and the systems in place for girls	Provision of sanitary products in school Discrete access to these	Sanitary products are provided to schools by the government, and Y5/6 teachers all have a supply of these for girls. They speak to the girls about which toilet cubicles have the sanitary bins in Girls are able to bring in a pouch to keep sanitary items in
Uniform	Will the sports uniform remain? Quality of house t-shirts Which items of uniform can still be worn Are trainers suitable/ supportive enough to wear all day, every day?	Yes, definitely We will provide a better quality option alongside the current t-shirt. School to also investigate a plain cotton t-shirt with owl logo printed White polo tops and school shorts/trousers are still fine if children prefer these. As long as trainers are wide enough, with enough room for the toes, and no (or minimal) heel, they are healthy for growing feet.

Thank you to everyone who submitted their views in advance, and to the class reps who attended. If you are interested in being a class rep next year, please get in touch with any member of the PTFA.

Purpose: *The parent forum is an important and valued communication link. It provides an opportunity for a representative group of parents/carers and the school to discuss whole-school issues that have been raised by multiple parents across different year groups. It enables positive feedback to be provided by parents/carers, and gives an opportunity for the school to discuss and seek feedback on new ideas and initiatives. Through their involvement in Parent Forum discussions, Class Representatives support other parents/carers to understand whole school and year-group decisions made by the school. By working together, focussing on solutions and supporting each other to see different perspectives, we continue to make Shirley Junior School a great place for children to thrive.*



CLEANER REQUIRED

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Grade 1, Point 1 £9.25 per hour

10 hours per week

Please email Hayley Newman at hayley.newman@shirleyschools.co.uk for an application pack or come into the office to pick one up.

Closing Date: 25th June 2021 (12pm)



Community News

The Wild World Heroes are coming to a library near you! This year, children in Southampton can visit their local library and pick up their Wild World Heroes Collectors pack - come and see us, we can't wait to see you this summer!

We're teaming up with World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) for a very special nature-themed challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet! Our Wild World Heroes live in Wilderville, a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the people and animals that live there.



Everything you need to know!

Wild World Heroes will launch in all our libraries on **Saturday 10 July 2021** and run until **Saturday 25 September 2021**.

It is open to ALL children, completely free of charge. Simply visit your local library and pick up your Wild World Heroes Collectors folder and stickers in a pack. Then when you've read or shared 6 books you can pick up a second celebration pack which includes your certificate and medal!

More information about the challenge can be found online

<http://www.southampton.gov.uk/libraries/library-activities/summer-reading-challenge.aspx>

Keep up to date with this year's challenge by following us on social media -

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthamptonCityLibraries>

<https://twitter.com/SotonLibraries>

Symptom free testing... easy as 1,2,3

40 community pharmacies across the city are offering the collection of lateral flow COVID test kits. Wherever you live there is one close by.

Twice weekly symptom free tests are available to everyone, they are free, you have the result in 30 minutes, and you don't have to go out of your way to pick up a kit.

It's important to get tested twice a week if you don't have COVID-19 symptoms even if you've had your vaccine.

Our Mobile Testing Unit is also out and about in the city, you can get a symptom free test or collect a kit from the unit, which is open from 10 am to 6pm.

- Monday - Lordshill
- Tuesday - Shirley Precinct
- Wednesday – Merryoak Community Centre
- Thursday – Lordshill
- Friday – Shirley Precinct

Check out your nearest collection point on the [NHS site](#), just put in your post code and it will show the nearest locations to your address.

Aged 25 or over? If you're eligible say YES to the COVID-19 vaccine

If you are aged 25 or over, are clinically vulnerable, a frontline worker or a carer, you can now book your COVID-19 vaccination through the NHS website even if you haven't yet received a letter. Appointments are available at sites across Southampton.

Women who are breastfeeding can now receive the COVID-19 vaccine when it is offered to them. If you have any concerns, speak to a healthcare professional before having the vaccination.

Please be aware there are scam messages circulating, please ignore any messages you're unsure of. The NHS will never ask you for money or your bank details for your vaccination – it is free.

You can book an appointment now if:

- you are aged 25 or over
- you are at [high risk from coronavirus](#) (clinically extremely vulnerable)
- you are an eligible frontline health or social care worker
- you have a condition that puts you at higher risk (clinically vulnerable)
- you have a learning disability
- you are a main carer for someone at high risk from coronavirus

You can book appointments at larger vaccination centres or a pharmacy that provides COVID-19 vaccinations.

If you have received an invitation, keep Southampton moving and say YES to the COVID-19 vaccine. [Book your appointment online](#) or call 119, or contact your GP surgery to book. Please make sure you plan your journey responsibly to allow for as much social distancing as possible.

Exciting news regarding UK government-funded training courses, that I am certain will be of interest to you!

We have access to over 50 fully funded level 2 courses to help you learn and progress in your career.

Explore all FREE online courses

<https://explore.freecoursesinengland.co.uk/free-courses/>

These online courses provide the flexibility to study all from the comfort of your own home or office.

Our free courses are fully accredited by NCFE or TQUK, and successful completers will be awarded a formal qualification.

There is a range of courses to choose from including [mental health](#), [digital skills](#), a variety of [business](#) workshops and a host of [health and social care](#) courses to name a few.

After last month's announcement that our T.E.E.M Work Club is returning to Central Library, we are excited to share that our Bitterne and Northam Work Clubs are also re-opening in June.

At this time, we are unable to accept drop ins, and attendance at Work Clubs are by **appointment only**. To book a 30 minute slot, you can visit our Work Club booking page on Access Southampton and complete a form. If you cannot use the online form, you can call 078 1116 5129 to book a time slot.

How to find us:

Bitterne Work Club: Mondays 10am-12pm - Bitterne Library, Bitterne Road East, SO18 5EG

Northam Work Club: Wednesdays 10am-12pm (starting from 23rd June) - Northam Community Centre, Kent Street, SO14 5SP

Central Work Club: Thursdays 3pm-5pm - Learning Centre, 1st Floor, Central Library, SO14 7LW

If you are not comfortable attending an in-person Work Club, an Employment Officer will also be at our Virtual Work Club on Thursdays 3-5pm to offer virtual support. To join the virtual work club, all you need to do is go on this link: bit.ly/VirtualWorkClub and enter the passcode: 356055

Don't forget, if you are a Southampton council tenant, you can get 1:1 support through T.E.E.M outside of our work clubs. For full details, please visit <http://access-southampton.co.uk/help-finding-work/>

Employability Training

Our next free online Employability Course for people who want to develop their employability skills and start preparing to look for work takes place in June. The course will be delivered online via Zoom, and learners will receive resources and their completion certificate through email.

Dates and times (learners must be able to attend all 4 sessions):

Monday 28 June 10am-11:30am

Tuesday 29 June 10am-11:30am

Wednesday 30 June 10am-11:30am

Thursday 1 July 10am-11:30am

The course is free for anyone aged 19+ and living in or around Southampton.

The aim of this course is to improve your confidence around getting a job and develop your employability skills. This course acts as an introduction to employability, or to refresh existing knowledge for people who have been out of work or are looking to change their career. The course is fun and relaxed and acts as a stepping stone to accredited employability courses.

Over the 4 sessions, the course will aim to:

- Improve learners' confidence and motivation
- Support learners with CV writing
- Teach job application tips and tricks
- Develop interview techniques
- Help learners plan to move into paid work, volunteering or education

To join this course, please contact daniel.stickland@southampton.gov.uk or call 078 1116 5534.

Introduction to Self-Employment Workshop

This month we are running a free Introduction to Self-Employment Workshop for people taking the first steps towards becoming self-employed and setting up a business.

Date: Thursday 24 June 2021

Time: 5pm-7pm

Location: Seminar Room, Central Library, Southampton, SO14 7LW

The session is free for anyone aged 19+ and living in or around Southampton.

This session is intended to help learners find out whether going self-employed and starting their own business is right for them. At the end of the course, learners will have the opportunity to get ongoing support from our team, or will be signposted to other support available to them.

The session will aim to:

- Teach learners the basics of becoming self-employed
- Cover the main things to consider before starting a business
- Support learners to identify their business idea's unique selling point
- Learn the key points of writing a business plan
- Support learners to find ongoing support and training to move towards their goals

To join this course, please contact daniel.stickland@southampton.gov.uk or call 078 1116 5534.

Introduction to IT for jobseekers course

We're running a free Introduction to IT course for people who are looking for work but don't feel confident using computers to do this.

Date: Starts Monday 28 June 2021 (every Monday for 5 weeks)

Time: 4pm-7pm

Location: Learning Centre, Central Library, Southampton, SO14 7LW

The course is free for anyone aged 19+ and living in or around Southampton.

This course is aimed at learners with very basic IT skills who want to develop their skills around using computers to look for work.

The course will cover:

The basics of using a computer

How to use email

How to search for jobs online

How to stay safe online

To join this course, please contact daniel.stickland@southampton.gov.uk or call 078 1116 5534.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, places on the course are limited, so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Family summer activities are ready to book!

We have lots of fun and exciting family workshops for all ages at **SeaCity Museum** and **Southampton City Art Gallery** this summer! Come and get messy in the gallery with clay, plaster, paints at more, or join us at SeaCity Museum for some exciting Titanic science, sea creature sculptures and more.

<https://www.wegottickets.com/SouthamptonCulture>

HALO Workshops with Leap Then Look



On **Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 June**, John Hansard Gallery and MAST Mayflower Studios host innovative art workshop leaders Leap Then Look for a weekend of hands-on, creative workshops. Responding to [Semiconductor's HALO](#) (on show at MAST from **21–30 June**), Leap Then Look invite families with children of all ages, as well as young people, to take part in short sessions to create your own 'sound sculpture'. Expect electric guitars and disco balls!

Free, booking essential. More information <https://jhg.art/events/halo-workshop-leap-then-look/>

After School Art Club



Wednesdays until 14 July / 4.30pm / £7.50 each

Budding artists can explore a fantastic range of artists and artworks through games, drawing challenges and projects in this after school club. Sessions are designed for 6-12yrs, find out what's on below:

Wed 23 June - [Make your own 'Zine'](#)

Wed 30 June - [Meet Mary Cassatt](#)

Wed 7 July - [Meet Pablo Picasso](#)

Wed 14 July - [Puzzle challenge](#)

<https://www.wegottickets.com/f/12476>

Tudor House and Garden Museum to reopen

We're pleased to announce that **Tudor House and Garden Museum** will reopen **28 June!** A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers for all the work behind the scenes making it safe for our visitors to return. [Book your tickets today.](#)

<https://southampton-city-council.arttickets.org.uk/tudor-house-and-garden/2021-06-28-tudor-house-garden-general-admission-2021>

Whether you want a fun day out, discovering over 800 years of history at Southampton's oldest museum, or just want to pop in and enjoy an Afternoon Tea in our café and beautiful Tudor Knot garden, we'll be ready to welcome you back safely

Helping young people prepare for further and higher education

Are you a parent or carer of a student in Year 11, sixth form or college? The Southern Universities Network is running a free virtual parent and carer event on **Tuesday 22 June** between **3pm** and **6pm** that will cover everything you need to know to support your young person make important decisions about their future.

Expert speakers from some of the region's prominent higher education providers will be there to give live talks and help provide you with the knowledge and confidence to support your young person with their next steps in education.

The event is free and you can [register today to take part.](https://sun.onlineopendays.com/) <https://sun.onlineopendays.com/>

Have you always dreamt of starting your own business or being self-employed? Or do you want to grow your existing business?

We are partnering with [Rebel Business School](#) to offer a totally free online **10-day course** from **21 June to 2 July 10am to 3pm.**

[Sign up here!](https://events.popupbusinessschool.co.uk/SouthamptonJune2021) <https://events.popupbusinessschool.co.uk/SouthamptonJune2021>

And if you need any further inspiration to sign up, look no further than Clare Ellis who participated in the first Rebel Business School which helped her to grow her business.

PTFA

PTFA NEWS

Raffle



ESTABLISHED 1900

The Famous Shirley schools raffle is back!!

Tickets on sale now

Ticket stubs and money can be taken into school in the envelope provided or put through the usual doors.

First prize is an ipad – generously donated by Pearsons estate agent.

If you or your company would like to donate a prize, we would love to promote you in return! Just email us at pta@shirleyschools.co.uk or discuss with Jen Bleeck, Nichola Howarth, Amanda Webb, Sarah Crookall or Jo James. Thank you.

Silent Disco – Cancelled

It is with great sadness that due to the restrictions not lifting further, we will be unable to run the silent disco we had planned on Saturday 3rd July. Please support us and our fundraising by buying some raffle tickets instead!

Break the Rules Day! Friday 2nd July

This popular day is back!! Choose which of these rules to break for the day and pay a 'fine' of 50p a rule. Buckets at the gate on the day for cash and cheques, or pay into the money pool (paypal account not needed): <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8AmdeWY1XZ>

- Top half non uniform
- Bottom half non uniform
- Crazy hair
- Nail varnish
- Face paint or temporary tattoos
- Squash in water bottle
- Unhealthy snack
- Bring in a cuddly toy

Designs Needed

The lorry container in the field needs some love! We are planning to spruce this up, and the wall behind the playground, with a painted mural, which one of our parents has kindly offered to co-ordinate. However, we need inspiration. We would love to receive any design ideas, from you or your child. Simply draw us a picture and send to our email address (pta@shirleyschools.co.uk) or message us via facebook. The winning ideas will be incorporated into our final design and your child could see their work come to life! Suggested themes could be nature, the school, learning, friends, fun – really anything goes.

Year 6 Leaver's Plans!

Leavers Party!

The school will be hosting an awesome event for our year 6 leavers on the last day of term. In normal times they would have fundraised through the year to help support this, but understandably this has not been possible this year. In order to make this event as special as possible for our kids we are therefore asking for donations through this paypal money pool. Please please donate if you can – the more money we get the better we can make it!! Thank you so much.

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8Add328J6y>

Leaver's Yearbook

Still a few people left to submit their photos and questions for the year book. Please email these NOW to Paula! paulaenglish1@sky.com

- What's your favourite memory of school?
- What did you enjoy learning about the most?
- Which was your favourite year and why?
- What will you miss most about SJS?
- The thing that makes SJS great is...?

Thank you!!

Join the new committee!

Are you interested? Just get in touch to find out more. We're hoping to organise an event for the end of term, so this would be a great way to find out how it all works. Find us through facebook, email pta@shirleyschools.co.uk find us on the road some time if you'd like to ask any questions. A great way to make new friends, make some great events happen and really improve the children's school experience.

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BREAK the RULES DAY



Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear school uniform top half
2. Wear school uniform bottom half
3. Have neat hair
4. no nail varnish
5. no face paint or temporary tattoos
6. Healthy snack only
7. Fill your water bottle with water only
8. Bring in a cuddle toy

Here's how it works:

When?

Friday 2nd July

Parentkind
Member Association

Pay 50p for every rule you would like to break.

Buckets at the gates or paypal money pool

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8AmdeWY1XZ>