



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;

- * Infants - Year 1 Parent Info Fire Visit
- * Junior parent forum - You said... we did - here are the outcomes from the most recent parent forum
- * Junior Travel & Parking Newsletter



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 for the isolation period.

Coming Soon

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

December

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 £1 Donation
Friday 10th	Year 2 Theatre Trip
Tuesday 14th	Year 1 Christmas Party (am)
Wednesday 15th	Year 2 Christmas Party (am)
Thursday 16th	Year R Christmas Party (pm)
Friday 17th	School Pyjama Day—No donation
Friday 17th	Last day of Autumn 2—School closes at 3.10pm for Christmas Break

January

Tuesday 4th	School re-opens at 8.45am
Tuesday 11th	FOSIS Bags2School
Wednesday 12th	Year 1 Fire Visit

Shirley Junior School

December

Wednesday 8th	Year 5 Lemming Swimming Lessons
Thursday 9th	PTA Elfridges
Friday 10th	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day £1 Donation
Friday 10th	Class Christmas Parties (pm)
Friday 10th	PTA Elfridges
Saturday 11th	PTA Breakfast with Santa
Monday 13th	Year 5 Anglo Saxon dress up day
Wednesday 15th	Year 5 Lemming Swimming Lessons
Wednesday 15th	Year 3&4 Carol Singing 3.10pm - 3.40pm on Playground
Thursday 16th	Year 5&6 Carol Singing 3.10pm - 3.40pm on Playground
Friday 17th	Christingle Service for children only
Friday 17th	Collect children 2.30pm Choir Concert in playground with mince pies for parents
Friday 17th	Last day of Autumn 2—School closes at 3.20pm for Christmas Break

January

Tuesday 4th	School re-opens at 8.45am
Thursday 6th	Year 5 Minstead Parents Evening 5pm TBC virtual or hall
Tuesday 11th	PTA Bags2School
Wednesday 12th	Year 5 Tundra Wolf Swimming Lessons
Wednesday 12th	Young Voices Concert 02 Arena
Wednesday 19th	Year 5 Tundra Wolf Swimming Lessons

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal, we raised

£131.93

across both schools



Thank you to everyone who joined in and donated on Odd Sock Day

We raised **£243.80** across both schools

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Unfortunately in the **Infant School** we are unable to hand out Christmas cards this year due to the current restrictions



Junior School can bring in Christmas Cards but only for their own year group, there will be a box in each year group corridor.

SJS Seeking volunteers

Do you have regular spare time during the week? Do you enjoy reading? We would love to invite parent volunteers into school to listen to children read. Reading aloud to an adult is so good for children's fluency, and we would love to give more of our children the opportunity to do this every day. If you are willing to get a DBS check, or currently hold one with the school, and are able to spare some time each week, please email in and let us know - once we have an idea of numbers, we will set up a training session (most likely just after Christmas) then assign you to a year group.



INFANTS CHRISTMAS PARTIES

We ask that the children are in school uniform but can wear a festive hat or headband for the day. Please could we ask for your child to bring in a £1 contribution to the party by Friday 10th December.

Year R Thursday 16th December

Year 1 Tuesday 14th December

Year 2 Wednesday 15th December

Christmas Jumper Day



Just a reminder on **Friday 10th December 2021 its Christmas Jumper Day.** We are asking for a £1 donation

Infants are collecting for The Murray Parish Trust – to advance paediatrics emergency medicine at Southampton Children's Hospital and school funds for Christmas DVD's.

Juniors are collecting for Student Hubs who run free programmes and interventions for young people locally.

Everyone will be invited to wear their silliest, sparkliest or cosiest Christmas woollies on this day.

If your child does not have a festive sweater, do not worry – it is easy to decorate a plain jumper with tinsel or homemade stars and snowflakes.

Please make sure your child wears school trousers or skirt with their Christmas Jumper

Juniors Carol singing & Christingle

Due to Covid restrictions our Christmas events will be different again this year.

On Wednesday 15th December we would like to invite all Lower School (Yr 3 and 4) parents to Carol singing on the playground and Upper School parents on Thursday 16th December. This event will run from 3:10pm - 3:40pm on both days.

Please bring hats, scarfs, mittens and wear your Christmas jumper to keep warm.



The children only (sorry no parents) will attend a Christingle service on Friday 17th December.

On our return at 2:30pm, you are all invited to come to the school playground where we will be holding a choir concert and offering mince pies. Children may also be collected at this time if you wish.

INFANTS CAROL SERVICE / NATIVITY

Just a reminder we can only allocate **2 tickets per family** due to restricted space and our Covid Risk Assessment.

For example:

- Parent and a child
- 2 parents
- Separated parents 1 each

Please ensure that you remember to bring your tickets with you on your child's day as there will be no entry without a ticket.



Thank you in advance for your support in this event and understanding our situation.

FACE COVERINGS

We politely request that we all return to wearing face masks at drop off and pick up times in both schools.

We know wearing a face mask out side is not compulsory but we would like to protect our community.

Thank you for your understanding.



THANK YOU - UV air cleaning Ventilators

We would like to thank Richard Little, an ex parent and governor, for donating 12 clean air UV ventilators to the school. The units would have cost us over £ 11,000 if we had to purchase them. We can now clean the air of the COVID virus in our classrooms regularly throughout the day.

INFANTS CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Just a reminder that all children need to bring their costumes into school for the Nativity, by **Monday 6th December.**

Please bring them in a named bag.

FOSIS/PTFA

CRAZY HAIR DAY – TODAY



Suggested donation **£1**.

Not too late to donate, payment online via <https://shirley-junior-school-ptfa.sumup.link/>
QR code All donations will be shared across both schools.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES (INFANTS ONLY)



As a little thank you from FOSIS, we will be serving some light refreshments before you listen to your little ones sing their hearts out at the Infant Carol Services on 7, 8 & 9 December. We just need a little **HELP** from you please:

Donations of mince pies / biscuits – please leave in the box outside the office

Willing volunteers who can spare an hour or two to help serve the treats, please contact Lynsey Powell.

Bring your own reusable mug with you to enjoy your drink from!

🎁🎁🎁 ELFRIDGES IS BACK! (JUNIORS ONLY) 🎁🎁🎁



Elfridges is opening on **Friday 10 December**! Children with 'tickets' will be brought to the community room during the school day, one class at a time to select, wrap and label a gift for their adult(s). Each gift (1 ticket) costs £1 - you can buy as many as you like!

Please remember that it's also Christmas Jumper day and so they will need to keep their cash for Elfridges separate from any charity donations.

Advance tickets can be bought from this web address <https://rb.gy/ughcj5> or children can bring cash on the day.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER – TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a visit from the big man, so come and join us at the Junior School on **Saturday 11 December 2021**.

Three sittings of 45 minutes: 9am, 10am and 11am. Tickets are **£4 each** (every attendee needs one) and include bacon/sausage/veggie roll, unlimited tea/coffee/juice, activities on the table and a chance to chat with Santa himself.

Numbers are restricted due to social distancing and doors will be kept open to allow air flow, so imagine it's the North Pole and wrap up warm! Don't forget your reusable cups too!

Purchase tickets from this web address:
<https://rb.gy/udjh8h>

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.

Pre-orders will be taken for goods to be collected in December. To pay for all the PTFA/FOSIS goods please use PayPal pta@shirleyschools.co.uk (choose 'pay friends and family' when asked). No PayPal account needed - it just uses your card. **Happy shopping!**

SIS/SJS business page on Facebook
Remember to check it regularly for more gift ideas. **All profits go to the schools!**

THANK YOU...

To everyone who brought, bought, baked and ate cake on Friday 26 November at the Junior Cake Sale. Not even the horrible weather put people off and together we raised **£185** for the school!

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: <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 Easyfundrasing, sign up here:

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

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

🌲 🌲 WE HAVE CHRISTMAS TREES! 🌲 🌲



At least we will come this weekend and we need your help to decorate them please with some festive decorations.

Infants – doesn't need to be anything fancy, either homemade, bought or recycled from your own collections that you no longer need. Please drop any donations in the box outside the school office by early next week. Thank you!

Juniors – please bring a decoration, again can be homemade, bought or recycled from your collection at home and hang on the tree as you come in next week.

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 Face book 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 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1601794303401012>
- Parents of Year 5 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1716707195249069>
- Parents of Year 4 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/649407131910961>
- Parents of Year 3 Face book 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

A complete list of class reps for Juniors can be [found here](#)

Community Information



Multi-Activity Holiday Camps



Cantell Secondary School, SO16 3GJ

20th Dec–23rd Dec | Free of Charge*

9am – 1pm or 12pm – 4pm

About our holiday activities

Ideal for children aged 5 to 16 years, our active camps enable children to enjoy a wide variety of energetic holiday activities and sports in a safe and supportive environment.

How to book?

Visit the HAF website: www.hafsouthampton.org

Email: info@planeteducation.co.uk

Call: 02381 103448

*for eligible children only

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(formerly CRB)
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COVID-19 vaccination for all stages of pregnancy

If you are pregnant, breastfeeding, or are thinking of having a baby, then the advice from the experts is to have your COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccination is the best way to protect against the known risks of COVID-19 in pregnancy for both women and babies. Southampton City Council, working with trusted midwives and members of the local Public Health team, has created 3 animations highlighting the most frequently asked questions for women hesitant to get the vaccine.

The first animation looks at [pre-pregnancy and addresses concerns of women undergoing fertility treatment](#). The second animation covers [information for women who are currently pregnant](#) and the third highlights the [safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine for women who are breastfeeding](#).

Parents Employability Day

Wednesday 1st December 2021
10am-3pm

Novotel, 1 West Quay Rd, Southampton, SO15 1RA

**Join us for a free event at
Novotel Southampton and
get support and advice to
find your next job!**

- Employability Workshops
- Special Guest Speakers
- Free childcare provided for the whole day
- Meet other parents and get advice



**FREE
Childcare and
Food
provided on
site!**

pathemployabilityday.eventbrite.co.uk

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**making
music**

Saturday 22nd January 2022

Performances at 11.00am & 2.00pm

Central Hall, Southampton

City of Southampton Orchestra Presents:

Under the Sea



With the
New Forest School of Dance
and Hampshire and Isle of Wight
Wildlife Trust - Secrets of the Solent.



Conductor: John Trill
Narrator: Phil Cheesman

**Join us for fantastic family
entertainment in a concert
inspired by everything aquatic.**

**We'll hear musical sharks, fish,
ships, mermaids, and much more!**

**Why not bring along
your favourite toy?**

Tickets


£8 Adults


£5 Child

£25 Family (2 Adults 2 Children)

www.csorchestra.org

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City of Southampton
Orchestra
Celebrating **50** Years



Christmas ON THE GREEN

crafts + carols + brass band
nativity characters + refreshments

Saturday 18th December, 3.30pm - 5pm

Colebrook Green
(next to St James' by the Park church)

www.christmasonthegreen.org.uk