



Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications

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Friday 25th October 2024

Headteacher Message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to everyone who succeeded in becoming a House Captain or Learning Ambassador, and well done to everyone who put themselves forwards for election - we had more candidates this year than ever before! It takes courage to put yourself out there when success isn't guaranteed, and it really shows how high our children's aspirations are.

We are having a focus on Integrity this week, and children are collecting examples of this - they will be bringing their postcards home on Thursday to share with grown ups at home.

Finally, have a very lovely half term and enjoy Hallowe'en if it's something you take part in!

Whole School Dates:

Friday 25th October – **INSET DAY**

Monday 4th November – **Back to School**

Tuesday 11th November – **Date Change** - Science Showcase at 3.20pm, all year groups

Tuesday 12th November – Odd sock day (Part of Anti Bullying week – No donations required).

Friday 29th November – **INSET DAY**

Monday 2nd December – Flu Vaccinations

Messages:

OPEN DAYS AT SHIRLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

There will be an opportunity to view the school on the following dates:

5th November 2024 - 11am - 12noon

7th November 2024 - 2pm - 3pm

Please book to view the school by emailing office@shirleyschools.co.uk

School place applications for September 2025 entries are open from 5 September 2024

Lost Property

As we are getting close to the end of term, please can we remind all parents to check the lost property for any missing uniform items. Any clothing that are not collected by Thursday 24th October will be recycled.



Messages...

Remembrance Service for grandparents and great grandparents only.

We look forward to inviting grandparents to our annual Remembrance Day service at St James Church on Monday 11th November at 1.30pm.

The new Learning Ambassadors will be serving tea and cakes at the church after the service.

Fireworks - Friday 8 November 5pm - 7pm

We are running our fantastic fireworks event again and it's sure to sell out. To all those who have volunteered - thank you so much - we have filled all our volunteer slots.

Here's the main ticket sale link:
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm>.

It will go live at **6pm Sunday 27th October 2024**, nothing will show before then, don't forget to set a reminder!

Ticket prices:
Adults £6
Children (3-18) £4
Children and infants (0-2) Free but please still select tickets as they count in our numbers



Halloween Pit Stop

St James Road Methodist Church in Shirley (SO15 5HE) is offering 600 FREE hotdogs, drinks, craft activities, a treasure hunt and a bouncy castle on Thursday 31st October 5-30pm till 7-30pm outside the front of Make and Brew. The aim is to provide a fun and safe place to stop by whilst trick or treating. All are welcome to come and stay for as long or short a time as you like. Hope to see you there!

Mr Hack 😊

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Messages...

Sea City Museum – Southampton – October Half Term Activities

It's never too early to start planning fun activities for the spookiest time of the year! Pick from a range of our Halloween themed activities for all ages! There'll be lots of fun things to do, including creepy crafts, gruesome ghosts and even some magical wizardry!

Activities include:

Mon 28 Oct to Fri 1 Nov – [Culture Club for Kids October Half Term](#)

Mon 28 Oct to Tue 29 Oct – [October Art School \(7 – 13yrs\)](#)

Mon 28 Oct – [Wizard School \(6yrs+\)](#)

Tue 29 Oct – [Wizard School \(6yrs+\)](#)

Wed 30 Oct – [Art for All: Spooky Fruit Press Printing \(6yrs+\)](#)

Wed 30 Oct – [Tour for All: Scary and Spooky Southampton Walking Tour](#)

Thu 31 Oct to Fri 1 Nov – [Art For All: Clay Pumpkins \(5yrs+\)](#)

Light Up Drama – Half Term Workshop

Dare to make your spookiest nightmares come alive with Light UP youth theatre this October! Work alongside theatre professionals to devise, direct, and perform your own horror story. This workshop for 7-14's will include:

Playing fun games

Creating characters

Directing and devising an original story

Making props

Performing to family and friends in a studio theatre!

The workshop will be held at Maskers Theatre Company, a professional theatre venue. After a day of creating and rehearsing, you will perform to family and friends with full stage lights, sound, plus costume and prop items.

To learn more and book, visit: <https://www.lightupdrama.org.uk/whatson>

Should you have any questions, please email the team

at info@lightupdrama.org.uk

Parent Forum

We are pleased to announce that the SJS Parent Forum will be held on November 22nd. The forum is a chance for parents to find out and get updates about things happening at SJS, and the reasoning behind them. It also allows us to find out from parents about things that impact the whole school body, and to gather feedback on recent events or changes. Please be aware that this is not a forum to raise matters which are specific to your child or situation - for these, your first point of contact is always the class teacher.

The Forum will be attended by your wonderful Class Representatives and Jo Tearle, our Deputy Head Teacher. Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us, and we would love to hear your thoughts. Minutes will be published afterwards.

Please share your feedback through this Google form; <https://forms.gle/9jVH8LRtC5SNg239>, which includes questions on specific topics. Alternatively, you can provide your input via your Class Representative.

Thank you so much for your time and support!

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@stjohnschoools.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@stjohnschoools.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 raiseaconcern@stjohnschoools.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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Messages...

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



Re: Minds

Bevois Town Primary School	Portwood Primary School
Fairisle Infant & Nursery School	Redbridge Primary School
Freemantle Academy	Shirley Junior School
Ludlow Infant Academy	Shirley Warren Primary & Nursery
Ludlow Junior School	St Marys CE Primary School
Mansbridge Primary School	Swaything Primary School
Mason Moor Primary School	Thornhill Primary School
Maytree Nursery & Infant and Mount Pleasant Junior School	Townhill Junior School
Oasis Academy Sholing	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.



Re: Minds



Shirley Junior School

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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!



Scan me to take the survey

Any questions?

Please email
info@reminds.org.uk

FREE Junior Warden Events October Half Term – Southampton City Council

The Southampton City Council have 3, FREE, Half Term activities running over the October Half Term. Please see the attached letter and the links below.

One for the East of the City Link: [Free Ticket HERE – Community Noticeboard & Planter – 39-44 Canon Pl, Thornhill, Southampton \(tickettailor.com\)](#)

One for the West Link: [Free Tanners Brook Ticket – Tanners Brook Walkways Stage 1 – Aldi, Auckland Rd, Millbrook, Southampton \(tickettailor.com\)](#)

One for the Whole City Link: [Your Firefighter Pass – St Mary's Fire Station Day – St Mary's Fire Station \(tickettailor.com\)](#)

All events and projects are run through the Junior Wardens at Southampton City Council.

All Staff are DBS Checked

No lone working

All events and projects are risk assessed

If you want to know more, follow this link [Junior Warden events \(southampton.gov.uk\)](#)

Messages...

Southcliff Dale Road Dental Care

New child and adult patients welcome. They are open between 08.30 am to 17.30 pm from Monday to Sunday.

Dale Road Dental,
44 Dale Road
Southampton
SO16 6QL
Telephone no - 02380773461

Next week at Re:Minds... 4th-8th November 2024



Please email
info@reminds.org.uk
to book a space at one
of the clinics. You do
not need to book to
attend the support
groups - just turn up!



Exclusive Uniform Discounts

Free Delivery this weekend only 26/27th
October Use code = FREESHIP
Code = **UNIFORM10 10% discount**
Expires 20/12/2024



Hello there,

Thank you for your continued support! We wanted to let you know about a great promo we're running that your parents might love. By using the code UNIFORM10, they can enjoy a 10% discount on all uniform orders from MyClothing until the end of the year.

Could you help spread the word? Is our link already on your website, and could you share details about MyClothing in your school newsletter? We'd be happy to assist with any materials or info you might need to make it easier for parents to buy their school uniforms.

We'll be sending you an email tomorrow with further details about the offer. Please take the opportunity to forward it on to your parents, so they can enjoy the discount!

Please feel free to [reach out](#) if there's anything we can do to help.

Best regards,
MyClothing Team

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support@myclothing.com

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Coming up in your year group...

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

6/13/20/27 November and 4th/11/18 December - Orangutan class swimming lessons.

Year 6

Thursday 7th November – Lush Workshop (no action required)

Thursday 5th December – Height and Weight Checks

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