



# Shirley Juniors

## Weekly Communication

To contact any member of staff, please email [office@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto: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;

- ♦ Year 5 Lemming Class Swimming Letter
- ♦ Year 4 Butser Farm Trip Information
- ♦ Parents Evening guide

### COVID SYMPTOM REMINDER

If you have symptoms of COVID please can you do a PCR test not a lateral flow test

### LOST PROPERTY

There is currently NO lost property box.



Any items NAMED found around the schools will be returned to the pupils/classes.

Any UN-NAMED items go to the community room and Karen Allen will display them outside on Wednesday's for anyone to claim.

## Coming soon

Swimming Lessons for Arctic Lynx and Tundra Wolf

## Dates for your Diary

### **OCTOBER**

Friday 22nd Last day of Autumn 1—School Closes at 3.20pm

### **HALF TERM BREAK**

Sunday 31st PTA Halloween Trail

### **NOVEMBER**

Monday 1st School re-opens at 8:45am

Tuesday 2nd Parents Evening Virtual

Thursday 4th Year 4 Butser Trip

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Friday 5th PTA Fireworks

Monday 8th Year 6 Lush Visit—in school

Wednesday 10th Year 5 Lemmings Swimming Lessons

Friday 12th Remembrance Day—St James Church Service for Grandparents

Wednesday 17th Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Wednesday 24th Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Friday 26th Flu Immunisation Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

### **Parents Evening**

We will be holding virtual parents evening appointments on 2nd & 4th November via 'School Cloud'.

Booking **will open** on **Wednesday 13th October at 10am** and **close on 25th October at midnight**.

Please see the link below for you to book Parents Evening appointments.

<https://shirleyjun.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please find the guide attached to the school website

## Citizenship Award

We are relaunching Citizenship Award after half term, which will allow children to work towards an award in each year group, and to be nominated for Governor's Award in Year 6.

A copy of the award is in the planners, and you can also read more information on the website: <https://www.shirleyjuniorschool.org/page/?title=Citizenship+Award&pid=107>

## Break time snacks

A number of children are forgetting to take their break time snack out of their lunchbox in the mornings, so we are asking if they can please bring their snacks in their bookbag or pocket instead? The hall is going to be closed at breaktime from now on so children will be unable to access their snack if they have left it in their lunchbox.



## Pupil Job Agency

This weeks jobs are advertised on the school website under pupils, pupil job agency

Get your child to have a look

### The jobs are:-

- ◇ Social Fundraising Team Member
- ◇ Junior Playground Leader
- ◇ Office Assistant

## Core Values that we want to help children to develop

As a school community, we have been reviewing the core values that are embedded across both schools, and we would like to seek your input

When thinking about our new values, staff considered the qualities they felt were the most important for Shirley Schools children to develop during their journey through our schools, and to be able to demonstrate by the time they leave Year 6.

Please could we ask you to share your views by completing this very brief survey?

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIz\\_b2johiAn7eMZr6plo8YQSV4sz6depOWsuEQYzWGOfftw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIz_b2johiAn7eMZr6plo8YQSV4sz6depOWsuEQYzWGOfftw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

The survey will stay open for two weeks

If you would like the school to refer your child and family please contact Karen Allen.



## Southampton Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

# Helping Your Child With Fears & Worries

### A Course for Parents & Care Givers

Does your child have a lot of 'what if...' worries?  
Does your child feel anxious about school?  
Does your child fear particular places, situations or objects?  
Does your child struggle with separation?



All children have fears and worries but for some children this can start to impact their wellbeing. It can be difficult for parents/care givers to know how best to support children to overcome these challenges.

This course is for parents/care givers of children aged 5-12 years old who struggle with anxiety and worries. Evidence has found that treatment for childhood anxiety can be efficiently delivered via parents/care givers and this method has better outcomes than supporting the child directly.

**What does the course involve?**

- Facilitated by the Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)
- 5 weekly 90 minute sessions
- Starting in early November
- Range of times, days and locations available
- First come first serve basis

**What to do if you would like to attend this course?**  
Speak to your child's school so they can put in a referral for you - a member of the MHST will then be in touch.



## Solent

Child & Family Services

Please see below a thank you letter from the Society of St James for all the Harvest donations



125 Albert Road South,  
Southampton, Hampshire, SO14 3FR  
T: (023) 8063 4596, F: (023) 8033 9026, W: [www.ssj.org.uk](http://www.ssj.org.uk)

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**30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Dear children, parents and staff of Shirley Junior School,

Thank you so much for your extremely generous donation of toiletries and food to our hostel here at 10 Southampton Street. Your hard work means so much to our residents.

Our residents often come into our hostel with absolutely nothing except the clothes that they're wearing. We rely on the kindness of our community to provide for our residents, to help them back on their feet and back into society. Basic things such as toothpaste and shower gel are things we often take for granted, but these items are so valuable to our residents.

The Society of St James exists to help vulnerable people overcome challenges they may face in their lives that prevent them from leading fulfilling and rewarding lives, and your help means we can continue our work.

Kind regards

Hannah Flowers  
Assistant Project Worker

# PTFA

Thank you to everyone who attended the juniors PTFA AGM. The minutes will be shared shortly but we are pleased to announce the new committee. Jen and I will continue to be co-chairs but with a much larger committee to share the workload. Thank you to everyone who has stepped forward to help - we're really looking forward to working with you to raise funds for the school and have some fun along the way!

Co-chairs = Jen Bleeck & Nicola Howarth

Treasurer = Jen Pillinger

Secretary = Rachel Holloway

Parent forum co-ordinator = Cath Dixon

Grounds working group lead = Michelle Aldread

Cake sale co-ordinator = Sue Kinch

Fundraising reminders = Amy Mayhew

General Committee = Amanda Webb, Sarah Crookall, Vicky Lowrey, Nicky Balfour, Zoe Konn, Abigail Gallagher, Jayne Crispin.

## **HALLOWEEN**

The trail is back! Please email [pta@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:pta@shirleyschools.co.uk) or comment on the Facebook post if you want to enter your house into the trail.

Tickets available here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosis/index.cfm?event=shop&fbclid=IwAR1eIZ9nXR9Ncd4wRvWu1V8rrbejNXJSLplvurjbeKTWupcoywcFfv0r0uw#.YWksLi1Q2Rt>

## **FIREWORKS**

We're delighted that the fireworks will be back on again this year. Save the date - Fri 5th Nov. Tickets will be advertised before they go on sale.

## **SCHOOL LOTTERY**

If you buy a regular ticket, every week someone from our schools wins a cash prize. You are also entered into a national large cash prize draw and the occasional booster prize - like these tickets for the Harry Potter: Cursed Child show in London and a tour around the Warner Bros Harry Potter studios.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/shirley-junior-school?leafletId=2fcdc8a2-0344-4f0c-955e-107e89fcbb79&fbclid=IwAR1MghO94C-TpqLEUP7tiosCoch3z5VgRWPz9UT7bU6Y3MvTTtH0tvPw5vc>

## Community News

Be the face of the tournament and join the volunteer programme.

Southampton will host UEFA Women's EURO 2022 next summer, and this is an exciting opportunity to get involved in the football tournament in a unique way.

Volunteering not only gives you a chance to learn new skills and make new friends, but it's great fun and a chance to give back and a experience memories to last a lifetime.

Applications are now open and will **close at 3pm on 1 November**.  
Don't delay in submitting your application.

You can find out more about volunteering at UEFA Women's EURO 2022 here.

<https://tinyurl.com/fkka6d9j>

### STEMM.Junior

We're an organisation which provides curriculum-based **science, maths and technology** learning through fun and interactive events for children of all ages.

*We have a new event coming soon to Southampton which is perfect for children aged 6 plus.*

#### Ancient Egypt: old vs new

In this 3 hour after-school session (which includes an evening meal), children will learn:

- How the ancient Egyptians lived;
- Which construction techniques influenced building today;
- The latest way to build using 3D printing.

Each child will also have a go at creating a 3D printed themed souvenir in either plastic or chocolate to take home, eat a hot meal and access a free trampolining session to burn off any extra energy!

Date:  
**27 October, 2021**

Time:  
**10:00 - 13:00**  
**15:00 - 18:00**

Location:  
**InJoy Centre Southampton**

**Book your childs space here - <https://tinyurl.com/c6xak4mw>**