



Shirley Juniors

Weekly Communication

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- ◆ SRE Letter

LIBRARY BOOK & READING BOOK PLEA

Can you please return any library books or reading books back to the school. The children can drop these on the table in the entrance hall when they come into school.

MASKS YEAR 6

From Monday 10th October can all year 6 children wear a mask when lining up to come into school every day.

Open Day Virtual Tour

Please find our Open Day Virtual Tour on the School Website on the Home Page -
Under latest news



USH Virtual Open Morning Information – Help us spread the USH Story to Year 5 and 6.

In normal times, we would have opened our doors on Saturday morning for our annual Open Morning. Instead, over the weekend we launched the start of our Virtual Open Morning experience for 2020.

Despite current restrictions making it impossible for us to see prospective parents face-to face, we want to make sure Year 6 families have all the information they need about our school. So far, via Facebook and our School Website we've shared the following information:
School film containing the Headteacher's address: <https://www.facebook.com/UpperShirleyHigh/videos/373317180492194/> Virtual Tour of the school : <https://www.facebook.com/UpperShirleyHigh/videos/533559034132210/>

USH Guidebook : <http://uppershirleyhigh.org/virtual-open-morning-2020>

We have also released a series of Subject video Postcards located on the USH Facebook site.

To ensure we reach all parents, we would really appreciate your help in the following way:

- Sharing these document links with parents via email (links as above)
- Sharing our online material via your own school Facebook page

We recognise that choosing the right secondary school is a huge decision for families and we are trying to give as much information as we can to recreate our normal Saturday opening.

Year 5 & 6 Bubbles

Year 5 & 6 are currently in Class Bubbles as of Monday 10th they will become a Year group bubble, this is to support the children's wellbeing so they may meet with their friends from other classes.

The Teaching Assistants will also be able to support the year group bubbles. Please be aware if a positive covid test should arise this will mean the whole year group will self isolate.

SCHOOLPHOTOS

Your child will be coming home with a photo card with a code to order their school photo if you wish to do so online

PARENT FORUM

Thank you for the positive feedback at parent forum, its gratefully received

Please remember to be considerate of others when lining up in the que

Please remember to wear a mask where possible unless you have a medical condition which exempts you.

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

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

Coming Soon

- Decision regarding parents evening
- Remote Learning—in case of future lock down - Information to follow
- Year Group Curriculum Letters for Autumn 2
- Launch of an online Reading Provision
- Christmas Jumper Day—Friday 12th Dec - unfortunately we will be unable to hold any Christmas celebrations this year such as Performances and Christingle but we will be having a festive Grab & Go, details to follow

PTFA

Shirley Juniors Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) will be having a zoom AGM on Wed 14th Oct at 7pm. All welcome! If anyone is interested in joining the committee, please just contact Nicola Howarth or Jen Bleeck for an informal chat, or email any expressions of interest to pta@shirleyschools.co.uk.

Zoom details Meeting ID: 8760351430 Passcode: gTS=6pT0

Shirley Halloween Hunt

Join us for the biggest Halloween Hunt in Shirley!

All day Friday 30th Oct, Saturday 31st Oct and Sunday 1st Nov.

Can you find all of the pumpkin letters to solve the puzzle and win a goody bag?

Tick off as many houses on the map as you can, and vote for your favourite! The 3 houses with the most votes will win a prize.

Only £2.50 per child to enter the treasure hunt and £2 to list your house on the map (and enter the best decorated house competition).

Maps will be emailed closer to the time. Please purchase 1 map for every child who wants to take part (so we can make sure we have enough goody bags).

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=29532>

Halloween Balloon Race

Normally at this time of year we would be planning our fireworks night, this has been a sell out event over the past two years and would have raised around £3000 between the two schools.

As we can't hold live events this year and after the success of the virtual balloon race in the summer, we thought we'd do it again.....so please sign up for a balloon or two if you are able. Starting at Dracula's castle the virtual balloons will set off on 31st October and will race for a week.

The balloon from our school which travels the furthest will win a prize.

If your balloon beats all the others from different charities, the prizes are:

1. £500 Cash
2. Apple iPad
3. £10 Book Tokens

Christmas cards!

We will be doing our printed Christmas cards as usual!! Mugs etc again this year too.

A bit of a different process this year thought but we are so glad we can offer to do this again.

Please could you complete your child's design at home. Could you ensure your child's name and class are on the back! Could it then be dropped at either 55 Darlington gardens, 80 St James road or the box at the school gate. We will then send these off and you will receive a code to then purchase your card. These will then be sent to school and either hand delivered to you or be available to pick up from school.