



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.**

Friday 13th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- Infants walk to school week letter & activity
- Year 4 Foxlease Medical Form
- Year 4 Foxlease Kit
- Year 4 Fashion show information Sheet
- Junior School Prejudicial language & behaviour guide for parents/carers

Please find the links to the letter pages on our websites

<https://www.shirleyinfantschool.org.uk/page/?title=Letters&pid=72>

<https://www.shirleyjuniorschool.org.uk/page/?title=School+Letters&pid=39>

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

MAY 2022

Friday 20th Year R Dress Up Day
FOSIS Year R Cake Sale
Thursday 26th Year R Celebration Event 2:50pm
Friday 27th Year 1 Celebration Event 2:50pm
Hamwic Jubilee Celebrations wear red, white & blue
LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM 1
School closes at 3.10pm

JUNE 2022

Monday 6th School opens 8.45am for Summer 2
Thursday 9th Year 1 Hilliers Trip
Friday 10th Year 2 Marwell Trip
Thursday 16th Year 2 Leavers Photos
Tuesday 21st Year 2 going to Year 3 New Parent
Info Evening - Junior Hall 6pm
Friday 24th **INSET DAY School closed to pupils**

Shirley Junior School

MAY 2022

Friday 20th Cricket Day
Monday 23rd Year 4 Foxlease parents info evening at 5.30pm - Hall - **PARENTS ONLY**
Thursday 26th Share my Learning 8:20am & 3:10pm
Friday 27th Hamwic Jubilee Celebrations & Cultural Diversity Day - wear cultural dress or red, white & blue
LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM 1
School closes at 3.20pm

JUNE 2022

Monday 6th School opens 8.45am for Summer 2
Friday 9th Year 4 Common Trip
Friday 10th Year 5 Paultons Park
Wednesday 15th Year 4 Foxlease Residential 2 nights
Thursday 16th Year 6 Leavers Photos
Friday 24th **INSET DAY School closed to pupils**

Coming soon

Jubilee Celebration on 27th May

Wednesday 6th July Transition Day

Year 2 End of year celebration arrangements

As the weather is now beginning to warm up, please can we remind you to ensure children are dressed appropriately;



- Please provide your child with a named sun hat
- Please apply sun cream before children come to school
- Sun cream can be brought into school, **but children must be able to apply it themselves**
- Please ensure jumpers are **named**, as children do like to take them off when it's hot
- Children should continue to wear sensible school shoes
- Please make sure children have a full water bottle for the day
- Please provide a light weight coat for Year R's particularly as the weather can change and we are still outside a lot!

Infant Footwear

Please can we remind you our shoe uniform code is that only black school shoes or black trainers can be worn.

Thank you for your support in this.



Weather Request

Please ensure your child has a light weight coat in school with your child at all times.



Juniors Footwear

Just a reminder that trainers must be worn at all times and all kinds of weather.



Lost Property

There is lots of lost property waiting to be claimed.

This is located outside the school office daily.

Please come and have a look.



Attendance

As COVID restrictions have eased and it has become possible to travel again, we have received an increase in applications for leave of absence (holiday forms). This has meant that it is taking longer to process the forms, please bear with us. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that it is important that your child/ren attends school regularly and that they are only absent when they are ill or when personal circumstances mean it is unavoidable. All requests for holidays will be declined and parents may be liable to a fine of £60 per parent per child. Please can you ensure that all requests for leave are submitted at least 3 weeks before the date of the leave unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Trades

Mr Davies our Site Manager is on the lookout for any of our parents that are able to offer their professional trade skills to assist him around the school site.

If you are able to offer help, please contact him via the office@shirleyschools.co.uk email account please.

Currently he is in desperate need of a Bricklayer.



RESPECT

Shirley Junior school has been raising the children's awareness and understanding of inappropriate language in school, particularly focusing on an individual's identity and how *'it is not ok'* to be unkind about another's identity. This links to our school value of **Respect**.

Please find attached on the school website a parent leaflet that explains what we are doing and how you can support your child to form positive relationships with their peers.



FOSIS/PTFA

***SAVE THE DATE* - SUMMER FAIR – SATURDAY 2 JULY (11-2PM)**



How to get involved:

If you work for or know of any companies that would like to donate a **raffle prize**, please get in touch via pta@shirleyschools.co.uk. We'll include their logo in our promotional material and programme as much as possible.

Volunteers, volunteers, volunteers, we'll need lots of them so if you have an hour or two spare and can help out, we would love to hear from you, please email pta@shirleyschools.co.uk

INFANT CAKE SALE - Friday 20 May (after school) 2022



Year R parents, we need:

Donations (baked or bought)

Everyone:

Bring pennies (we will also accept card payments!) for your children to spend!

Bring a Tupperware box on the day to carry their purchases!

All proceeds go to FOSIS

YEAR R INTAKE FOR 2022/23



Do you have a little one who will be joining Shirley Infants Year R in September this year? Or know someone that does? Please help us spread the word and share the link to our private Facebook group to help us support parents and carers:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1150736922357432>

COMING SOON...



JUNIOR SCHOOL LOTTERY



Extra prizes to win if you sign up to our school lottery **before 25th June** - just £1 per week and someone from **OUR school wins EVERY week!**

Sign up here: [Support Shirley Junior School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)

- Please help give our fundraising a much-needed boost
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Cash prize winner EVERY week
- Win up to £25,000!

To support your school, go to:
yourschoollottery.co.uk/play
and search for: **Shirley Junior**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 25th June 2022. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).

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 here: <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 Easyfundraising, sign up here:
[Infants – Friends of Shirley Infants – Southampton](#)
[Juniors – Shirley Junior School PTFA – Southampton](#)

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 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/849370902208557>
- Year R Face book 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

Don't miss out on money you're entitled to

As the cost of living continues to rise and money worries affect more households, it's crucial that you claim all the benefits you are entitled to. Around a million people aren't claiming Universal Credit (UC) when they could be, so make sure you're not missing out.

tenants'link



HOUSING NEWS FOR TENANTS AND LEASEHOLDERS

[Read more >](#)

Worried about paying your rent? Talk to us!

When money is tight it may seem tempting to skip paying bills, but if you get into arrears, you run the risk of losing your home. You must continue to pay your rent on time, all year round. If you need help, please talk to our Welfare Rights & Money Advice Team.

[Read more >](#)

Full-fibre broadband available for tenants

In today's digital world, fast and reliable broadband is essential, but in a recent survey of Southampton council tenants, 25% of respondents reported that they never access the internet, with 62% of this group either not having access, or not knowing how to access the internet. So, we're working to improve digital inclusion and have recently signed an agreement with full-fibre internet provider Toob to enable all 18,000 council homes across the city to access the latest broadband technology.

The network is being rolled out to council homes over the next 18 months. So whether you want to study or work from home, start a new business, stay connected with friends and family online or simply enjoy the latest box-set, find out if Toob's superfast broadband is available to order by [entering your post code online](#).

Free Adult Social Care Course

Itchen College are offering a free adult social care course to anyone who is unemployed or looking for a career change.

It doesn't matter about your background or how old you are, if you want to help people there's a role for you. You don't necessarily need any qualifications or previous work experience. What's really important is your values and attitude. You'll be helping people to live more independently and have a better quality of life.

On this course you will meet employers with guaranteed interviews provided with a range of employers. Training includes first aid, health and safety and manual handling. Every learner will have a mentor to support them through the training and continued support after the programme.

The course will run 3 – 13 May, 9:30am – 2:30pm every day (Monday – Friday) so be quick to sign up!

Venue: Masonic Hall, Albion Pl, Southampton SO14 2DD


For further information or to book onto the enrolment session please contact Itchen College Adult Education on 02380 435636 or email courses@itchen.ac.uk

The Ark



**For babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers
and their parents or carers
Fridays, 10:00-11:30 (term time only)
£1 per family
St James by the Park
(St James Road / Bellemoor Road junction)**





Southampton Parent Carer Forum & SEND Local Offer

Parent/ Carer Engagement Event

📍 Portswood Church,
Portswood Rd, Portswood,
Southampton, SO17 2FY

Come and meet various providers such as SENDIASS, Active Nation, Short Breaks, Saints Foundation, Testlands, Re:Minds etc and find out more about what they have on offer.

Listen to other Parent/ Carers talk about their own experiences and hear from our guest speaker.



FREE Raffle with lots of amazing prizes - YOU COULD WIN THIS!!

**Friday
10th June
10am to 2pm**



For more information and to let us know you are coming please visit our Facebook page.



Su Wright

suzannewright@roseroad.org.uk | 07741 193600

Southampton Mayor Making Ceremony Wednesday 18 May - Save the date!

Did you know that 2022 marks the 800th Mayor of Southampton?

This annual civic event takes place at the Southampton O2 Guildhall where the election of the new Mayor and the appointment of the Sheriff takes place. The ceremony starts at 11am and guests are requested to be seated by 10.45am.

Free entry - all welcome.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Don't forget to visit our [Queen's Platinum Jubilee web page](#) which has information about activities taking place in the city to mark the Queen's 70-year reign, including the [Big Platinum Festival](#) in Mayflower Park on 5 June and a special Queen's Jubilee exhibition in [SeaCity Museum](#).

A reminder - the closing date to apply for the Mayor's Jubilee Afternoon Tea if you are turning 70 this year is the 1 May 2022. Find out more [here](#).

Multi modal travel app insight project

The Solent Future Transport Zone (FTZ) is a trial programme funded by the Department for Transport to help make journeys easier, smarter and greener in the Solent region. The programme is supported by the local authorities of Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and Isle of Wight.

The research team at the University of Portsmouth would like to conduct a series of four surveys (initial and follow up) to understand individuals' travel behaviour as part of the FTZ Programme.

To express your interest in taking part in the survey, [answer a short questionnaire](#) (1 min) to help us confirm eligible residents.

Depending on your eligibility, you may then be invited to participate in the surveys via e-mail. Each survey will take 15 – 20 minutes to complete. By completing each survey, you will receive either an online voucher or a donation will be made to your chosen charity as a thank you for your time.

For more information, visit the [Solent Future Transport Zone](#).

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Trail

Hosted by [Visit Southampton](#) and High Street Safari, you can join in this historic occasion by taking part in this **FREE** magical augmented reality (AR) story trail between 30 April – 12 June. It's an interactive experience, and as you visit the story points in order, you'll collect digital stamps, learn more of the story and be able to take selfies with some AR characters.

Located around Southampton city centre there are seven magical characters on a day trip from Buckingham Palace. Follow Sir Barnaby Beacon on the trail as he visits his friends, you'll be able to see them in AR, decide what happens next in the story and even win a free digital fun pack at the end. Not only that, each of the characters will tell you about a decade in The Queen's historic seventy-year reign.

Find out more about the fun trail and how you can get involved [here](#).

COVID walk-in clinics

1st, 2nd and booster COVID-19 jabs are available at the following walk-in clinics next week:

Tuesday 3 May

Hythe Fire Station, SO45 6BN (10:30am – 6:30pm)

Friday 6 May

St Mary's Fire Station, SO14 0DB (10:30am – 6:30pm)

Saturday 7 May

University Health Service, SO17 1BJ (1pm – 5pm)

Marlands Shopping Centre, old Shoe Zone store (10:30am – 6:30pm)

Sunday 8 May

Marlands Shopping Centre, old Shoe Zone store (10:30am – 6:30pm)

Boots West Quay Retail Park (ages 16+ only)

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (9:30am – 5:30pm, closed 1pm – 2:30pm)

Oakley Road, SO16 4GX

Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday (8am – 8pm)

Everyone is welcome, bring your family and friends along. Jabs 12+ unless otherwise specified, spring boosters also available. Pfizer only.

No GP? No NHS number? No problem.

Your health matters, not your/your family's immigration status.

Got a question?

Pop along to a walk-in clinic and ask the friendly NHS staff or call 0300 561 0018.

Scared of needles?

Just let the NHS staff know and they'll look after you.

If you have already booked your jab using the NHS national booking service, please don't forget to cancel it.

The need for high-quality trained care workers has never been greater.

- Care Quality Commission

Thousands of additional workers who are passionate about helping others are needed to help boost the care workforce in England.

With an abundance of job opportunities within the care sector, now is the perfect time to [enhance your CV](#), fulfill your ambitions, and land that meaningful and rewarding role.

[Care Courses Online](#) can support you in focusing on retraining or up-skilling, providing you with motivation, job satisfaction, and brand new accredited [qualifications](#).

Enhance or kick-start your career in care...

Learn skills for life in popular subjects:

[Early Years Mental Health](#)

[Mental Health Care Worker](#)

[Dignity in Care](#)

[Falls Prevention](#)

[Infection Control](#)

[Dementia](#)

[Elderly Care](#)

[Caring for Children and Young People](#)

[Equality and Diversity](#)

[Cancer Support](#)

[ACEs](#)

View free courses here

<https://carecoursesonline.co.uk/free-online-courses/>

Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in local libraries

Southampton City Libraries will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a wide range of free events, activities and family fun days! Activities are drop-in unless otherwise stated.

Southampton Scrapstore crown making / Shirley Library / Saturday 4 June / 10.30am to 1.30pm / Suitable for all ages

Make a crown for the Queen to wear at her Jubilee celebrations using the wide variety of materials from our fantastic friends at [Southampton Scrapstore](#)! Let your imagination run wild

Jubilee trail sheet / Shirley Library / Saturday 28 May to Saturday 4 June

Quick, we need to round up the Queen's Corgi dogs before the Big Platinum Jubilee party at Buckingham Palace. Her Majesty left the backdoor open by mistake, whoops!

Lots of corgi's last seen heading towards Shirley Library, can you find them all?

With celebrations coinciding with half-term we have plenty of drop-in craft activities themed to the Queen's Jubilee. Suitable for ages 4+ and children must be accompanied by an adult or carer.

Make your own royal residence from recycled material / Lordshill Library / Tuesday 31 May / 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Greener City Community Day 2022

Free family fun at **Southampton City Art Gallery, Saturday 14 May, 11am - 4pm**. Explore Julian Perry's exhibition: *There Rolls The Deep*, documenting rising sea levels and their effects on our coast-line and enjoy:

- Artist led drop-in workshops using sustainable materials
- Activities for adults and children from Southampton Scrapstore
- Hands on learning on the Maritime Archaeology Bus
- Face painting
- Exhibition trails
- Story time

[Find out more](#)

May half-term activities

With May half-term around the corner it's an ideal time to pre-book your fun family activities at our museums and art gallery. Here's what's on below:

Mon 30 May

Family Old Town Walk: Pirates, Plunder & Plague | Tudor House & Garden | 11am & 2pm. Discover tales of plunder, plague and villainy by venturing into Southampton's vaults and scaling the town's ancient walls. [Find out more](#)

Kids' Culture Club – Pokemon day! | SeaCity Museum | 9am-5pm. Spend the day exploring lots of different art techniques whilst making creations inspired by your favourite characters. For children aged 6 to 12yrs. [Find out more](#)

Tue 31 May

Kids' Culture Club – Space day! | SeaCity Museum | 9am-5pm. Head to a Galaxy far, far away and hunt your own bounty! With lots of fun activities to keep all budding bounty hunters amused. For children aged 6 to 12yrs. [Find out more](#)

WW2 Super Science Family Fun (7+) | Tudor House & Garden | 10.30am, 1pm. A super-charged session of experiments and history based around the World War II! Create egg parachutes, design your own 'gas masks' and more. [Find out more](#)

Wed 1 June

Star Wars Pencil Pots | Southampton City Art Gallery | 10:15am, 11:45am, 1:30pm. Make a brilliant pencil pot by upcycling a coffee pot into your favourite Star Wars character. [Find out more](#)

Wizard School (6+) | Tudor House & Garden | 10:30am, 12pm, 1:30pm. Create your very own magic wand, witness magic and search for the magical characters in the Tudor House garden. [Find out more](#)

Queen's Platinum Jubilee afternoon tea at Tudor House

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea | Thu 2 & Fri 3 June | From £12 per person | Tudor House & Garden

Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a very special Afternoon Tea, at Tudor house café that overlooks our beautiful knot garden.

- A selection of crustless finger sandwiches,
- Fruit scones with jam and clotted cream,
- A selection of sweet treats
- Selection on Tea

Raise a toast to our queen for only £5 per glass of prosecco.

Book Thursday Afternoon Tea

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