



# Shirley Schools



## 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;

- ◇ Infants Tickets and Carol Service Letter (in book bag)
- ◇ Year R Teddy Bear Hospital Letter & Parent Information Sheet

### **COLD WEATHER WARNING**

As we are now into cold weather season and temperature's are dropping and our classrooms are well ventilated, children are allowed to wear extra layers underneath their uniform.

For example:

Thermal or long sleeved white or black tops under polo shirts



## Coming Soon

## Dates for your Diary

### Shirley Infant School

#### December

Thursday 2nd	Family Photo Session 3.30pm Junior School Hall - appointment only
Friday 3rd	FOSIS Crazy hair day £1 donation
Friday 3rd	FOSIS Wreath making night
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
<b>Friday 17th</b>	<b>Last day of Autumn 2—School closes at 3.10pm for Christmas Break</b>

#### January

<b>Tuesday 4th</b>	<b>School re-opens at 8.45am</b>
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### Shirley Junior School

#### December

Wednesday 1st	Year 5 Lemming Swimming Lessons
Thursday 2nd	Family Photo Session 3.30pm Junior School Hall - appointment only
Friday 3rd	PTA Crazy hair day £1 donation
Friday 3rd	PTA Wreath making night
Wednesday 8th	Year 5 Lemming Swimming Lessons
Friday 10th	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day £1 Donation
Friday 10th	Class Christmas Parties (pm)
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
<b>Friday 17th</b>	<b>Last day of Autumn 2—School closes at 3.20pm for Christmas Break</b>

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## 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.

## Year 2 going to Year 3 Junior School application

Please can we remind Year 2 parents that your application for Junior school needs to be submitted online by January 15th 2022.

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/find-school/apply-school/year-3/>

## 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**

## Shirley Infant School—PJ DAY

**The School Council of Shirley Infant School 2020/21 present ... PYJAMA DAY**

On Friday 17th December all children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas

**No donations required**



## 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.

## JUNIOR CHOIR

Unfortunately choir is cancelled next week, 2nd December due to covid restrictions. We will review this again at the end of next week.

Children can continue to practice our songs using the music room -

<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/music-room>

password: YV2021

## Weekly Communication through My Child at School

If you are using the My Child at School app but not receiving any notifications from the school, you will need to ensure that you have allowed notifications in this app.

## Christmas Jumper Day

Just a reminder on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

## Poorly child? Some advice on what to do...










Your child can go to school but may need treatments as shown

Can be spread to other children. Some restrictions for attending school

No school. See advice below for what you should do and when your child can return

What it's called	What it's like	Going to school	More advice
Chicken Pox	Rash begins as small, red flat spots that develop into itchy <a href="#">fluid-filled blisters</a>		Although the usual exclusion period is 5 days, all lesions should be crusted over before children return to nursery or school.
Common cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat		Ensure good hand hygiene – dispose of tissues and regularly wash hands with soap and water.** Children may be given paracetamol if fever is present (unless contraindicated and always follow product dosing instructions), plenty of fluids to drink and can be sent to school.
Conjunctivitis	Teary, red, itchy, painful eyes.		<a href="#">Treatment is not usually required</a> . Try not to touch eyes to avoid spreading.
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache, body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat.		Ensure good hand hygiene** Children should go back to school when recovered - this is usually about five days.
Glandular Fever	High temperature, sore throat (usually more painful than any before) and swollen glands.		Child needs to be well enough to concentrate at school.
Hand, Foot and Mouth disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, <a href="#">small painful blisters inside the mouth and on tongue and gums (may also appear on hands and feet)</a>		Children can go to school with hand, foot and mouth disease.
Head Lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night).		Treat child and all other family members by wet combing with a nit comb and conditioner.
Impetigo	Clusters of <a href="#">red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness</a>		See GP. Back to school when the lesions crust over or 48 hours after the start of antibiotics.
*Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, and watery inflamed eyes. Small red spots with white or bluish white centres in the mouth, <a href="#">red blotchy rash</a>		Contact your GP (by phone initially) if you think that your child might have measles. Back to school 4 days from the onset of rash.

See next page for more conditions...

What it's called	What it's like	Going to school	More advice
*Mumps	Swollen glands, headaches, joint pain, high temperature		Contact your GP (by phone initially) if you think that your child might have mumps. Back to school 5 days from the onset of swollen glands.
*Meningitis	Symptoms of meningitis can develop very quickly and include high temperature, vomiting, headache, rash ( <u>that does not fade when a glass is rolled over it</u> ) stiff neck, dislike of bright lights, drowsiness, seizures.		Seek medical advice as soon as possible if you think your child may have <b>meningitis</b> . Call 999 for an ambulance or go to your nearest A&E/Emergency Department immediately if you think your child might be seriously ill. Call NHS 111 or GP surgery for advice if you are not sure. Remain off school until recovered.
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy rash, may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty.		See pharmacist for advice about treatment.
Scabies	<u>Intense itching, pimple-like rash.</u> Itching and rash may be all over the body but is commonly between the fingers, wrists, elbows and arms.		See pharmacist for advice about treatment. Back to school after first treatment.
Scarlet fever / strep throat	Severe sore throat and painful glands in neck. No runny nose or cough. <u>Associated with sandpaper-like pink/red rash in scarlet fever.</u>		See GP. Return to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister type rash.		Only stay off school if rash is weeping and not covered.
Sickness bug/diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.		Ensure good hand hygiene.** Return to school 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. See GP if child appears to be <u>getting dehydrated</u> (passing little urine or becoming lethargic).
Threadworms	Intense itchiness around the anus.		See pharmacist or GP for advice and treatment. Everyone at home should be treated.
Mild tonsillitis	Sore throat associated with runny nose or cough.		<u>See GP if they are getting dehydrated or fever persists for more than 5 days.</u>

**Always consider COVID-19 alongside the other infections above given the overlapping nature of symptoms.** If your child has one or more of the following common coronavirus symptoms: high temperature, new continuous cough or loss of taste/smell, arrange a PCR test at [Get tested for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) or call 119 and self-isolate child at home until test result received.

\*Vaccinations are the most effective way to prevent infectious diseases. It is important that vaccines are given on time for the best protection. For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule for children please visit [NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

\*\* For additional information on Infection Prevention and Control measures in school and child care facilities please visit [Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

**Further Information:** visit the following websites for more information

<http://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/parents-and-carers/worried-your-child-unwell/>

<http://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/parents-and-carers/should-your-child-go-school-today/>

[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(Covid-19\) infection](#)

October 2021: This information is a guide and has been checked by health professionals, however if you are unsure about your child's wellbeing we recommend checking with your pharmacy or GP.

If you need this information in another format, such as large print or an alternative language please look on the [Healthier Together website](#)

# FOSIS/PTFA



## JUNIOR CAKE SALE - TODAY - FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Cake cakes and more cakes! Bring your pennies to buy lots of fabulous cakes and raise money for our junior school - **TODAY** after school in the junior playground. Please bring a tub with you to put your cakes in if you can.



## CRAZY HAIR DAY – FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER

It's coming up to that time of year when you need to reach for the coloured hair chalk, hair spray and extra hold gel to create those hairstyle masterpieces for your little ones!

Google has plenty of suggestions should you need some inspiration or there is always the teachers....



Suggested donation **£1**.  
Payment online via QR code or cash in the bucket on the day.  
All donations will be shared across both schools.

## WREATH MAKING EVENING – FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER - SOLD OUT!



Our popular wreath making event has sold out already!

For those that have bought tickets, we will keep you posted on refreshments that will be available to buy on the night.

Green foliage: Check ✓  
Christmas spirit: Check ✓  
Adults only: double check ✓✓



## 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](mailto: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 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/346079616377363>  
Remember to check it regularly for more gift ideas. **All profits go to the schools!**

## SAVE THE DATE...

### ELFRIDGES COMING TO SJS - FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER

Elfridges is back! On Friday 10 December your junior school child will have the chance to go 'shopping' in our present room (aka the Community Room) and buy and wrap a gift for you. This will be done during the school day and 'tickets' to buy a gift, if you wish, will be on sale in advance - details to follow.



## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER



Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a visit from the big man, so be sure to save the date of **Saturday 11 December 2021**.

We're just fine tuning the baubles and will share all the details, including how to book tickets, soon.



## THANK YOU...



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us on the dance floor for the Junior disco last week. We all had so much fun and loved seeing you (and the teachers!) throwing some fabulous moves on the dance floor. I think the local residents may have heard the singing ..... 'Sweet Caroline... oh oh oh'!

We raised about **£900** for the Junior School



Thanks to all of our fundraising efforts and your amazing support FOSIS has been able to purchase brand new chairs for all three Year R classrooms. This was no small purchase, costing £790, which simply wouldn't have been possible without your generous donations and attending and spending at our events.

## 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

## 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

<https://www.shirleyjuniorschool.org/page/?title=Class+Reps&pid=228>

# Community Information

## PATH Parents Employability Day

Southampton City Council's Employment Support Team and the PATH project are bringing the first ever Parents Employability Day to Southampton!

The event is specifically aimed at parents, parents-to-be and their families around helping them to find employment, volunteering and training. It's completely free to attend and as well as free food and refreshments, we'll also be providing free childcare on site for the whole day.

- Attend workshops around CVs, job searching and job interviews
- Listen to special guest speakers share their stories around parenting and work
- Meet other parents, share stories and get advice

Find out more about the PATH project: [path-perinatal.eu/uk/tackling-mental-health-stigma](https://path-perinatal.eu/uk/tackling-mental-health-stigma)

Get involved on social media using the hashtag #PATHsoton

[Click here to book your place](#) - spaces are limited so don't delay!

**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](https://pathemployabilityday.eventbrite.co.uk)  
#PATHsoton

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## Start your Career in Care

We are looking for carers to support local people in Southampton in their homes.

There are many great reasons to work in adult social care, which include job security, flexible working patterns and an enormous sense of personal achievement from knowing you are helping other local people.

Typical responsibilities for a home carer include helping individuals to achieve their reablement plans/goals, meal preparation and support, medication support, personal care such as dressing, bathing and toileting, and offering companionship and a link to the outside world.

If you're interested in making a genuine difference to people's lives, then this is the career for you. [Apply on our website.](#)



Our next free Employability Course for people who want to develop their employability skills and start preparing to look for work takes place in November. The course will be delivered in person in our training room in Central Library.

Dates and times:

- Tuesday 23rd November 10am-3pm
- Wednesday 24th November 10am-3pm
- Thursday 25th November 10am-3pm

Venue: Seminar Room, Central Library, Southampton, SO14 7LW

Cost: FREE for anyone aged 19+ and living in or around Southampton.

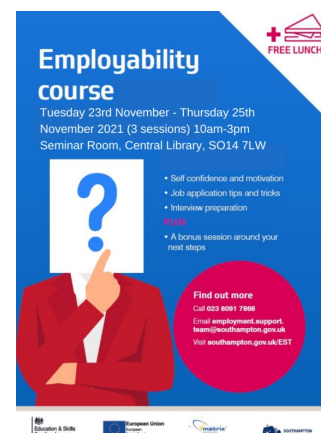
The aim of this course is to improve your confidence around getting a job and develop your employability skills. This course acts as an introduction to employability, or to refresh existing knowledge for people who have been out of work or are looking to change their career. The course is fun and relaxed and acts as a stepping stone to accredited employability courses.

After the course, learners will have the opportunity to receive ongoing support from other Employment Support Team projects.

Over the 3 sessions, the course will aim to:

- Improve learners' confidence and motivation
- Support learners with CV writing
- Teach job application tips and tricks
- Develop interview techniques
- Help learners plan to move into paid work, volunteering or education

Contact [daniel.stickland@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:daniel.stickland@southampton.gov.uk) / 07811 165534 to join



BEAVERS

# TIME FOR FUN

## WE HAVE SPACES!

Join us and start your scouting journey filled with adventure, friendships at fun. Beavers offers your child a range of exciting activities and opportunities to help them learn and grow.

## WHEN?

Mondays 18:15 - 19:30

## WHERE?

9th Southampton Scouts  
15 Bindon Rd, Southampton SO16 6DA

## HOW?

[join-9th@southamptoncityscouts.org.uk](mailto:join-9th@southamptoncityscouts.org.uk)

