

NEWS

September 2020

Shirley Junior School PTFA

Parents, Teachers and Friends Association



A warm welcome to everyone returning to school and especially to the new Year 3 children and your families!

The PTFA run events throughout the year to raise funds for the benefit of all of the children. Sadly many of these events have been cancelled due to social distancing but we'll find other ways to have fun and raise funds! Our big project this year is a fantastic new play area in the juniors playground but we still need to raise £2000 to pay for it. There are lots of ways you can help to contribute....



Class Reps Needed!

Could you represent your class at the parent forum? With so many changes this year it's vital that we have a good flow of communication between parents and school leaders. If you would like to be a class rep for your child's class, please email pta@shirleyschools.co.uk or sign up via the Facebook group for your year.

We aim to have 3 reps per class.

Pond Rediscovered

There is a beautiful pond in the junior's playground which has recently been revitalised. The ten-foot fence surrounding the whole pond and forest area has been removed, a smaller fence erected around the pond itself and a new path laid. Thanks to the immense time and effort of our volunteers this can now be used as a true outdoor classroom space as well as a shady and tranquil play area for a bubble.



We hope you've found the closure of the road outside school helpful. The lovely Sustrans volunteers have been helping out but from next week we need to do this ourselves.

The time slots for volunteering are
8:20-8:45
8:45-9:10
2:40-3:00
3:00-3:20

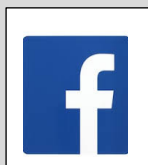


Maybe there is one day when you don't have to work or rush off to something else? Please contact the school office if you can help – either call or email juniorinfo@shirleyschools.co.uk

Childcare can be arranged while you are on your shift. Ideally bring your own high-vis although there will be a few spares. You'll be shown what to do and will be paired with someone for moral support if we have enough people. Please just contact the school if you can help.

Facebook groups

There are parent-run Facebook groups for each of the year groups and one for the whole school if you have a question for parents with older children. These groups are really useful for weekly and event reminders, questions, gathering thoughts for parent forums and organising social events and we would recommend that you join to make life a little easier. They are all closed groups so please just request to join.



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Sign up to our second-hand trading page on Facebook to buy and sell with your fellow parents and carers. Search for **SIS and SJS Preloved**

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Over the last 3 years we have raised £17k through fundraising events and have spent £15k for the benefit of the children. Examples include:

- Chrome Book for each class £2500
- Library Books £1200
- Smart Sacs £3500
- Digital camera for each class £900



School Lottery



Our school lottery raises money directly for the 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 £25000! The tickets cost just £1 each week.

Sign up here:

<https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/shirley-junior-school>

Shopping Online?

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/> (choose Shirley Junior School PTA to support).
- Online shopping from bread to bathrooms, use Easyfundraising, sign up here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sjsptfa/>
- If you'd like to support the school by buying them a gift from their wish-list, they are always grateful for classroom essentials: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/36E409UQ05QD5>

parentkind.org.uk

is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!



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