



# Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications

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**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Headteacher Message:**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're looking forward to Democracy day next Thursday, and to finding out who our Learning Ambassadors and House Captains are for this year!

Year group and class assemblies are still focusing on Growth Mindset - please ask your young people what they have learned and what they are practicing, it's great for them to have to recall their knowledge to explain it to someone else!

**Whole School Dates:**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Bring a grown up to school day 8.40 – 9.30am

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Democracy day (no action required)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Crazy Hair Day – Donations taken on the gate.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of Term

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – **INSET DAY**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – **Back to School**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Science Showcase at 3.20pm, all year groups

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Odd sock day (Part of Anti Bullying week – No donations required).

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – **INSET DAY**

**Messages:**

**OPEN DAYS AT SHIRLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL**

There will be an opportunity to view the school on the following dates:

5th November 2024 - 11am - 12noon

7th November 2024 - 2pm - 3pm

Please book to view the school by emailing [office@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:office@shirleyschools.co.uk)

School place applications for September 2025 entries are open from 5 September 2024

**Crazy Hair Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Please see the attached poster for further information



# Messages...

## Bring a parent to school

We're looking forward to seeing lots of parents next Wednesday (16th) for our next 'Bring your Grown up to School' event, which will be focused on math's and times tables. Please come straight up to classrooms with your children between 8:40 and 8:55, to see the morning activities in classes. School gates will be locked at 8:55 as usual but you can still come in and up via the office before 9:00. Grown ups will have the chance to join in with some teacher-led times tables and math's fluency activities. Teachers will ask grown ups to leave the classrooms at 9:30 - please exit via the Junior playground.

## Royal British Legion – Poppy Walk

This November, the Royal British Legion are hosting a Walk to Remember as part of the Poppy Appeal. The Royal British Legion are encouraging people to bring friends and family together to celebrate the lives of Service men and women and help raise much needed funds and share a moment of personal reflection on a 3km walk.

Therefore, we would like to invite you to join us at Southampton Common, for the Royal British Legion's [Poppy Walk Southampton](#).

Our aim is to bring together anyone who wishes to support the Armed Forces Community, whether that's as a group or individually.

Date: Sunday 3rd November 2024

Location: Southampton Common

Time: 10:00 Event Village open

Entry costs: £10pp (under 18's FREE)

Distance: 3km

Accessibility: Family & Friends of all ages and abilities

There is no fundraising limit but for those who go the extra mile (not literally) and raise over £100, will earn their own RBL beanie to wear with pride on the day.

If you would like to find out more information or register for [Poppy Walk, Southampton](#), please contact me via my email: [Jlax1@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:Jlax1@britishlegion.org.uk) or mobile number: 07354 165381



## Halloween at Tudor House – Southampton

### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 10am - 5pm

Join us for the Spooktacular Halloween Family Day!

Enjoy FREE admission to the most haunted house in Southampton and take part in loads of spooky and fun family activities throughout the day, including creepy crafts, gruesome games and a haunting trail!

### Book a spooky ghost tour (Recommended for children age 6+)

Join one of our ghost hunters to discover the spooky stories of Tudor House as you creep up into the dark attic and down into the dingy cellars. \* Charges apply for some activities.

<https://tudorhouseandgarden.com/>  
Thursday 31 October 2024 10am - 5pm

# Messages...

## Sea City Museum – Southampton – October Half Term Activities

It's never too early to start planning fun activities for the spookiest time of the year! Pick from a range of our Halloween themed activities for all ages! There'll be lots of fun things to do, including creepy crafts, gruesome ghosts and even some magical wizardry!

### Activities include:

Mon 28 Oct to Fri 1 Nov – [Culture Club for Kids October Half Term](#)

Mon 28 Oct to Tue 29 Oct – [October Art School \(7 – 13yrs\)](#)

Mon 28 Oct – [Wizard School \(6yrs+\)](#)

Tue 29 Oct – [Wizard School \(6yrs+\)](#)

Wed 30 Oct – [Art for All: Spooky Fruit Press Printing \(6yrs+\)](#)

Wed 30 Oct – [Tour for All: Scary and Spooky Southampton Walking Tour](#)

Thu 31 Oct to Fri 1 Nov – [Art For All: Clay Pumpkins \(5yrs+\)](#)

## Light Up Drama – Half Term Workshop

Dare to make your spookiest nightmares come alive with Light UP youth theatre this October! Work alongside theatre professionals to devise, direct, and perform your own horror story. This workshop for 7-14's will include:

Playing fun games

Creating characters

Directing and devising an original story

Making props

Performing to family and friends in a studio theatre!

The workshop will be held at Maskers Theatre Company, a professional theatre venue. After a day of creating and rehearsing, you will perform to family and friends with full stage lights, sound, plus costume and prop items.

To learn more and book, visit: <https://www.lightupdrama.org.uk/whatson>

Should you have any questions, please email the team

at [info@lightupdrama.org.uk](mailto:info@lightupdrama.org.uk)

### My child is having a problem in school. What should I do?

Everyone in our school wants to make sure that the children are happy and learning. Please follow these steps to get problems resolved.

Step 1: Ask your child to talk with their class teacher. Their teacher will want to help and most things are very simple to sort out.

I have done this and  
there is still a problem...

Step 2: Speak with your child's class teacher yourself and explain the problem so they can help to resolve it. You can do this by:

- finding them on the playground at the end of each day
- sending an email, marked for the attention of the class teacher, to the school's email address ([office@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:office@shirleyschools.co.uk))
- phoning or coming into reception to book a meeting with the teacher - you will need to mention what it is about. We regret that teachers cannot talk to parents from 8:30am as they are preparing their classrooms and greeting the children.

Talking to your child's teacher, then giving them a bit of time to do the things that will help, normally resolves most problems.

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Step 3: Speak to your child's Year or Phase Leader. You can do this by:

- finding them on the playground at the end of each day
- sending an email, marked for the attention of the Year or Phase Leader, to the school's email address ([office@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:office@shirleyschools.co.uk))
- phoning or coming into reception to book a meeting with the Year or Phase Leader - you will need to mention what it is about. We regret that teachers cannot talk to parents from 8:30am as they are preparing their classrooms and greeting the children.

Your child's Year or Phase Leader will need time to investigate the issue and talk to the other people concerned, and then they will get back to you and let you know what action they plan to take in order to help.

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Step 4: Speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team. You can do this by:

- finding one of them on the gate at the start of most days
- sending an email to [raisingaconcern@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:raisingaconcern@shirleyschools.co.uk) marked for the attention of the SLT
- phoning or coming into reception to book a meeting with a member of the SLT - you will need to mention what it is about.

# Coming up in your year group...

## Year 3

## Year 4

## Year 5

16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Fossa class swimming lessons

6<sup>th</sup> November – Orangutan class begin their swimming lessons

## Year 6

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Lush Workshop (no action required)

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