



Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications

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Friday 4th October 2024

Headteacher Message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are glad our lovely year 6 pupils had a great week, whether doing things here at school or away in Osmington Bay. We know they will cherish the memories.

We're looking forward to seeing the crazy hairstyles on the last day of term - remember your donations to our amazing PTFA on the gate or online!

Check out the bright new playground markings! We have loved seeing the children making creative use of them this week.

Whole School Dates:

Wednesday 16th October – Bring a grown up to school day 8.40 – 9.30am

Thursday 17th October – Democracy day (no action required)

Friday 18th October – Crazy Hair Day

Thursday 24th October – Last day of Term

Friday 25th October – **INSET DAY**

Monday 4th November – **Back to School**

Tuesday 12th November – Science Showcase at 3.20pm, all year groups

Tuesday 12th November – Odd sock day

Friday 29th November – **INSET DAY**

Messages:

Safeguarding

Please see the attached safeguarding document.

Mental Health Workshop Feedback and Further Workshops

We are delighted that the parents who attended the 'Introduction to Anxiety' workshop found it so helpful - see their feedback attached.

We intend to run more such workshops, so please let us know if you were not able to attend but would like to in future!

Messages...

Next week at Re:Minds... 7th-11th October 2024

Shirley Evening Support Group

Monday 7th October 6.30pm

A chance to talk to other parents/carers with neurodiverse children and/or mental health issues. Get advice & support from our team - it doesn't matter where you live, you can attend any group!

You can also access the book & sensory library on request.
Please allow 45 hours prior notice for this

Read the book 'Mindful Parenting: How to Connect with Your Child' by Dr. Daniel Siegel & Dr. Tina Payne Bryson. Available in the book & sensory library.

This video will be available on our YouTube channel.

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SEND Legal Advice Clinic

Wednesday 9th October 12.30pm

We are linking with Sherrons Solicitors to offer free SEND legal advice clinics to our Re:Minds families who require advice around education, tribunals, appeals etc.

Please email info@reminds.org.uk to book a slot, or follow the link on the event

Sherrons Solicitors **Re:Minds**

CAMHS Advice Clinic

Monday 7th October 10am

Book a 30 minute private appointment to speak with a clinician about any issues CAMHS deal with via Zoom

The clinic is led by the Southampton Specialist CAMHS Service and is open to ALL members of Re:Minds for general advice.
Please note, they are unable to give information about CAMHS services outside of Southampton

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You do not need to book to attend the trauma talk or either support group. Just turn up!

Please email info@reminds.org.uk to book an appointment for either of the clinics

Re:Minds Trauma Talk

10am 10th October 2024

Dr. Alex Boys from the Southampton Educational Psychology Service will join us to discuss trauma, focusing on how being misunderstood can cause trauma and how families can support their children in managing their emotions from it.

Please join us virtually using the link in the events section of the Re:Minds Facebook group.

This video will be available on our YouTube channel!

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Halloween at Tudor House – Southampton

Thursday 31st 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](https://tudorhouseandgarden.com/) (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](https://tudorhouseandgarden.com/)

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

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)
- 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)
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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 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.



Messages...

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 or mobile number: 07354 165381

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Coming up in your year group...

Year 3

Wednesday 9th October – Trip to Mayflower Park

Year 4

Year 5

9th/16th and 23rd October – Fossa class swimming lessons

6th November – Orangutan class begin their swimming lessons

Year 6

Thursday 7th October – Lush Workshop (no action required)

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