

Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications



Friday 13th September 2024

Headteacher Message:

Dear Parents and Carers.

We introduced our Learning Value focus for the half term, To Persevere, by looking again at Growth Mindset. Over the rest of the half term, class and year group assemblies will dig deeper into why failure is an important part of the learning process, why our language matters, and how sleep and homework help us learn.

We are pleased to be able to share with you the opportunities we will be offering across the year to come into your children's classrooms, so you can plan your time in advance.

Please could we remind you that bracelets and necklaces are not allowed in school (unless they are religious items) - this includes friendship bracelets and wristbands - please could you check your children are not wearing these when they come to school.

Whole School Dates:

Monday 20th September - School Photo's

Monday 23rd September – Harvest Festival Assembly

Tuesday 24th September – Parents Evening 3.30–6.00pm (face to face appointments)

Thursday 26th September – Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm (Virtual appointments)

Friday 25th October - INSET DAY

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

Friday 29th November - INSET DAY

Friday 18th October - Crazy Hair Day

Messages:

On Monday 23rd September the children will be celebrating the Harvest Festival assembly. We welcome donations in support of the 'Basics Food Bank' to be brought in on the day. Please see the link for the most urgently needed items. Get Involved: How To Donate – Southampton City Mission

Coming up in your year group...

Year 3 Year 4

Year 5

18^{th and 25}th September 2nd/9th/16th October– Fossa class swimming lessons.

<u>Year 6</u>

30th September – Trip to Osmington Bay

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Messages

Pupil-led clubs are back!

We announced to the children in assembly last Friday that they have the chance to apply to run a small lunchtime club for others in their year group. Clubs will run for 4 weeks, with further chances to apply after half term and after Christmas. This is generally a very popular opportunity, and we always love seeing the children's ideas for clubs! Children have been shown how to fill out the form with all the important information, such as the rules for their club, how they will choose who attends, who has agreed to supervise, and what equipment they will need. Clubs will be chosen based on having a range of suitable activities on offer in each year group.

The deadline for returning the forms for this round of applications is the end of lunchtime on Tuesday 17th September. Good luck to all who apply!

Personal Skill focus:



To Persevere

This half term we will be having a focus on Perseverance, and through this we will be teaching the children about Growth Mindset, how their brains learn new information, and how effort leads to improvement

This page on the website has a presentation for parents, explaining what Growth Mindset is, how we are developing this in school and how you can support at home: SMSC / British Values - Shirley Junior School (scroll to the bottom of the page)

INTEGRITY

We will be diving deeper into integrity this half term - thinking about what it is, how we can show it, and what the challenges are. Just like we did with Respect before the summer holiday, we will have a week where children are encouraged to notice the integrity shown around them

As part of our focus on integrity, please could we ask you to ensure children bring a fruit/vegetable/protein break time snack to school? It's understandably hard for those who show integrity by following this rule, to see others around them snacking on crisps and chocolate which we have asked not to be provided at break time.

Anxiety Workshop



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SOUTHAMPTON MHST



You're invited to our upcoming workshop on...

INTRODUCTION TO ANXIETY IN CHILDREN

The Mental Health in Schools Team are an NHS service who work in schools across Southampton.

Our workshops are informal, non-judgemental, spaces where you can find out more about the topic, take away some practical tips, and meet other parents/carers in

All children experience anxiety but for some children this can start to impact their wellbeing.

It can be difficult for parents/care givers to know how best to support children to overcome challenges.

This workshop is for parents and caregivers to understand more about what anxiety is and learn some tools which hel with managing anxiety.



Monday 23rd September, 9-10am. Shirley Infant and Junior School.

Please email Karen Allen so that we have a rough idea of numbers, karen, allen@shirleyschools.co.uk





Meet the facilitator - Nikki

Hi. I am excited to meet you at the

Year 3 - Welcome from Shirley Junior School PTFA and St Mark's Open Evening

Thursday 3 October from 7pm in school hall the PTFA will hold their AGM where we nominate the committee for the year ahead, decide on the events we want to run this year and discuss how we have spent last years funds. Everyone is welcome to attend, whether you would like to get involved or just come along to find out more.

Shirley Junior School PTFA

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Welcome to Juniors on behalf of the PTFA!

The Shirley Juniors PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) is a friendly group who raise funds for the benefit of the children. We organise lots of fun events throughout the year that allow the children and parents to come together outside of school hours.

Everyone is very welcome to join, and participation can be as much or as little as you like.

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- We organise fun events such as school discos, a firework night, a Summer fair, quizzes and a colour run and raise much needed funds for the benefit of the children.
- We provide an important link between parents and the school. This includes parent-teacher forums where we take forward parental comments, both negative and positive.

Why do we do it's

 Our primary goal is to raise much needed funds for the school. Each year we purchase smart-sacs for every new child in Year 3. Most recently we have funded the new artwork in the playground. In the past we'd so funded the climbing frame as well as other equipment in school, including reading books, music stands, and visualizers and distrial camers for every class to record their work.

How can you holp and get involved?

There are several ways to get involved! We always need committee members, and help for our co-chairs and so it would be great if we had some new people to get involved. Please do let us know if you're interested, or come along to our AGM to find out more.

Each class also needs two class reps to help with collecting feedback and organising those important teacher thank you gifts.

You can also volunteer if and when you can. Keep an eye on Facebook posts/school newsletters where we ask for volunteers! Other ways you can help include:

School Lottery! This is a great way to support the school, and comes with the chance to win £25,000! A
weekly prize is given to someone in our school – currently at £22.20 (with 75 supporters), but the more
people that play, the more you could win. Only £1 a ticks. This year more than ever this funding has been
vital for us to continue to support the school. Sign up here:

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/shirley-junior-school

Amazon Wishlist <u>- https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/36E4O9UQ05QD5</u>

Earyfund(a)sing — lots of online shops will donate to the school (at no extra cost to you) if you purchase
through <u>earyfund(a)sing</u> and register for Shirley Junior School PTFA e.g. M & S, John Lewis, Sainsburys,
https://www.earyfund(a)sing.org.w/cause/sipstfa/

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Please join our Facebook groups which are packed full of useful information and reminders. They are all closed groups so you will need to look us up and request to join. They are called:

- Parents of Year 3 @ SJS 2024/25
- Parents of Year 4 @ SJS 2024/25
- Parents of Year 5 @ SJS 2024/25
- Parents of Year 6 @ SJS 2024/25
- Shirley Junior School Parent Group

If you are already a member of the Year 2 @ SIS 2023/24 group, you don't need to do anything to join the year 3 group. We rename the groups every year so there is no need to leave and re-join another group.

We continue to support the selling page on Facebook called "SIS and SIS Preloved v2" which is for parents, guardians and friends of both the infant and junior schools to sell, swap or give away second hand toys, books clothes etc. There are more details on the site – olease feel free to take a look.

We also have an "SIS/SIS business page" which aims to promote local businesses and support our schools' families who are business owners.

Please note that these groups are set up and moderated by parents and not by the school. They are a great platform for us to support each other, and we all do our best to answer questions and share information, just remember we are not an official channel for contactine the school.

Gettina in touch

If you would like to volunteer to be a Class Rep or for any other role on the committee, or to plan small events like cake sales, or big events like the colour run, then please get in touch. You can email us on <u>pta@shirleyschools.co.uk.</u> catch us in the playground, leave a note in the office or message via the facebook groups. Everyone is welcome!

PTFA Committee

Shirley Junior School PTFA Email: pta@shirleyschools.co.uk

Open Evening

Is your child starting Year R or 7 in September 2025?

We would like to invite you to our Open Evening

Wednesday, 18th September 6pm - 8pm

Executive Headteacher talk at 6:15pm and 7pm



Entry for the event will be on Shirley Road, at our Main Entrance

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PTFA Quiz Night

Friday 4 October - 7.30pm-10.30pm - come and join us for a fun quiz and curry night at Freemantle Community Centre. Tickets £12 per person (including curry) now on sale PTFA Quiz Night Tickets.



Opportunities to come into school:

Please see the attached dates for Share My Learning, Subject Showcase, and Bring your Adult to School events - we have planned out when these will be across the year to help parents organise their time.



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Parent Programme Flyer and Open Evening for St Anne's and The Gregg School

Strengthening Families



A FREE course for families Online via ZOOM

Mums, dads and carers participate together with one of their children who must be aged 10—14 years

Get some helpful tips to strengthen your relationship with your child!



Explore subjects together such as:

- Setting loving limits
- Making house rules
- Encouraging positive behaviour
- Using consequences
- Building bridges
- · Communicating when you don't agree

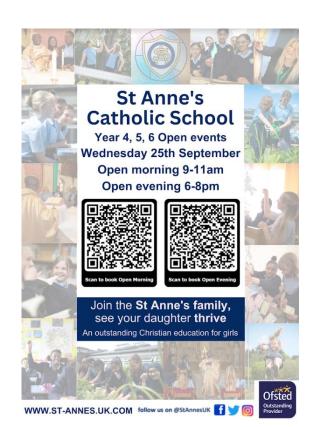
Course materials and snacks will be sent to your home!

An 8 week course starting on 2nd October 2024
Wednesdays 6.30 – 8.30pm on Zoom

2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd Oct. and 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th Nov. 2024

Book a place on the course by emailing us on info@sftrust.org.uk









Year 6 Activities Morning

Saturday 21st September 8.45am-12.20pm

Year 6 children are invited to experience some fun lessons and activities for the morning: Computing • Maths • Science • History • Art PE • Drama • Modern Foreign Languages Geography • Food and Nutrition • 3D Design

Simply click here to book Activities Morning

Open Evening

Thursday 3rd October 4pm-7pm

Families with children of all year groups are welcome.

Head teacher talks: 4.15pm and 5.15pm Tour the grounds and classrooms Talk to teachers and current students Refreshments available

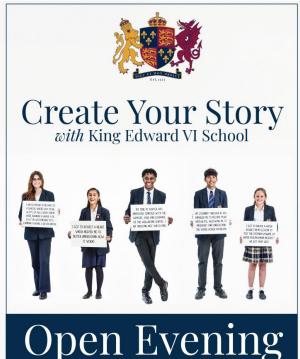
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To find out more contact Mrs Sam Sharp, Registrar:

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Friday 4 October 6pm-8.30pm

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