



# Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications

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**RESPECT.**  
**INTEGRITY.**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> September – School Photo's

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Harvest Festival Assembly

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Parents Evening 3.30–6.00pm (face to face appointments)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm (Virtual appointments)

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

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

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

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

**Messages:**

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2<sup>nd</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> October– Fossa class swimming lessons.

## Year 6

30<sup>th</sup> 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)

Value focus:

## INTEGRITY

We have the courage to do the right thing even when it feels difficult

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



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 similar situations.

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 help with managing anxiety.

**Meet the facilitator - Nikki**  
Hi, I am excited to meet you at the workshop.



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](mailto:karen.allen@shirleyschools.co.uk)



## Messages

### 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

Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

Registered in accordance with the Charities Act 1960 No. 1108417  
Shirley Junior School, **Shirley Road**, Southampton, SO15 5AE

September 2024



*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.

#### *What do we do?*

- 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?*

- 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've also funded the climbing frame as well as other equipment in school, including reading books, music stands, and visualisers and digital cameras for every class to record their work.

#### *How can you help 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 ticket. 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 - <https://www.amazon.co.uk/sp/registry/wishlist/36E409UQ05QDS>

- **Easyfundraising** – lots of online shops will donate to the school (at no extra cost to you) if you purchase through **easyfundraising** and register for Shirley Junior School PTFA e.g. M & S, John Lewis, Sainsbury, <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sjptfa/>

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#### *Facebook groups*

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

If you are already a member of the **Year 2 @ SJIS 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 **"SJIS and SJIS 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 – please feel free to take a look.

We also have an **"SJIS/SJIS 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 contacting the school.

#### *Getting 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 [pta@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:pta@shirleyschools.co.uk), 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](mailto: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

## Messages

### 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@sfrtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@sfrtrust.org.uk)



## St Anne's Catholic School

Year 4, 5, 6 Open events  
Wednesday 25th September  
Open morning 9-11am  
Open evening 6-8pm



Scan to book Open Morning



Scan to book Open Evening

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see your daughter thrive

An outstanding Christian education for girls

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## 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

Simply click [here](#) to book Open Evening

To find out more contact Mrs Sam Sharp, Registrar:

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THE GREGG SCHOOL, TOWNHILL PARK HOUSE, CUTBUSH LANE, SOUTHAMPTON SO18 3RR

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### Open Evening for King Edwards



# Create Your Story

*with King Edward VI School*



# Open Evening

Friday 4 October  
6pm-8.30pm

Book Online  
[kes.school](https://kes.school)



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