

To contact any member of staff, please email <u>office@shirleyschools.co.uk</u> marked for the attention of the member of staff and your email will be forwarded.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following;

- Online Safety Part 3
- Orchestra Interest Letter
- Southampton Music Service Letter

To view these attachments please click here

#### **KEEPING US INFORMED**

Please could we ask all parents to inform the school if anyone in the household is going for a coronavirus test or is self-isolating as another family member in the household has tested positive.

Please remember to be considerate of others when lining up in the queue and to wear a mask where possible unless you have a medical condition which exempts you.

## **Coming soon**

As of September 2021 children will remain in their Sports Uniform

# **Dates for your Diary**

#### **May**

Thursday 27th Year 6 Leavers Photos

Friday 28th Non-Uniform Day

Monday 31st –Friday 4th May MAY HALF TERM

#### **UNIFORM REMINDER**

Please remember children should be wearing **BLACK** Sports Joggers, Leggings, or Skorts, only school jumpers are allowed.

## My Child at School App — MCAS

As we have previously communicated we are now using a new online app for payments, weekly communication and emails

If you have not yet down loaded the MCAS app or visited the website to access this or are having issues accessing MCAS please let the know so that we may assist you with this as we will be using other aspects of MCAS in the future

If you are currently not using the MCAS app the Weekly Communication will be sent to your nominated email address whereas if you have downloaded the add it will show in the MCAS app

### **SURVEY**

We would like to gather the views of year 3 and year 4 parents to help us with class mixing for next year (please do not mention this to the children yet).

Please could we ask you to fill in a brief form?

Year 3 parents: https://forms.gle/ed4WjKKrCt6N2GvRA

Year 4 parents: <a href="https://forms.gle/JeqGte4D5o9YB6LV7">https://forms.gle/JeqGte4D5o9YB6LV7</a>

Year 5 children will remain in their current class groups as they move into year 6.

Thank you for your help.

Don't forget to look at our Community Information page also in the letters section for what's happening in Southampton on our website.

https://www.shirleyjuniorschool.org/page/?title=Community+Information&pid=115

## **READING AT HOME**

Following a discussion at the last Parent Forum, we are aware that while the online reading we are currently setting children through Reading Planets works fine for most of our children, there are a few who find it hard to read this way. If this is the case for your child, please send a message to their class teacher, who will be able to advise.

Please also contact their teacher if your child is struggling with writing their reading reflections. We want every single one of our children to develop a real love of reading, and we are keen to work with you to break down any barriers to this, especially if the barrier is caused by the way we are asking them to read.



# **Community News**



## Team Spirit Half Term Holiday Courses

Wordsworth Primary School - Victor Street - SO15 5LH: Open to all

We will be running multisports and activity courses at Wordsworth Primary for all children from any school to access. Please read below for details and dates.

Tuesday 1st June - 10am - 2pm - £18 **OR** 9am - 5pm - £22

Wednesday 2nd June - 10am - 2pm - £18 OR 9am - 5pm - £22

Thursday 3rd June - 10am - 2pm - £18 OR 9am - 5pm - £22

Friday 4th June - 10am - 2pm - £18 OR 9am - 5pm - £22

All children will be required to bring in a packed lunch, water bottle and snacks. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather as we like to go outside as much as possible - sun cream in sunny/warm conditions and jackets/coats in cold/wet conditions. Indoor space is used in extreme weather.

Please visit our website <a href="https://www.teamspirit4sport.co.uk">www.teamspirit4sport.co.uk</a> and head to the holiday courses page for full information and to book.

For any queries, please email Team Spirit: <a href="mailto:ryan.teamspirit@gmail.com">ryan.teamspirit@gmail.com</a> or give them a call on 07527194938.

## **Half-term kids activities - from 1 June**

Are you thinking about what to do with the kids this half-term? Then look no further. We have some fantastic kids activities, both in our venues and online. In-venue activities are limited so make sure you book them early to avoid disappointment!

#### **Tuesday 1 June**

Mini Cruise Family Workshop, 10:30am and 1pm, £6.50, at SeaCity Museum

Discover local arts and crafts of some classic cruise destinations in this fun session at SeaCity Museum. For 6 yrs+.

Drawing Manga, 4pm, £7.50, Online

Learn to draw your own character, manga style with us online. For 7-13yrs

#### Wednesday 2 June

Romans vs Vikings, 11am, £7.50, Online

This online session will involve fun quizzes, games and art activities. 6yrs+. <u>Discover Titanic Workshop</u>, 4pm, £7.50, Online

Discover what it was like to live and work on the Titanic through stories, facts and interactive activities. 6yrs+.

Summer Bugs, 10:15am, 11:15am and 2:30pm, £7.50 / at Southampton City Art Gallery

Art and craft session creating your own creepy crawlies at the gallery. 4yrs+.

#### **Thursday 3rd June**

Clay Creations Family Workshop, 10:30am and 1pm, £7.50, at Southampton City Art Gallery

Experiment with clay and create your own clay creature at the gallery 6+ yrs

#### Friday 4th June

What a Treat, 10:30am and 1pm, £10 / at Southampton City Art Gallery

Art and craft session creating your own box of the most mind blowing sweets in the world. 4yrs+.

To book any of the above look at this website https://www.wegottickets.com/searchresults/adv

# **PTFA**

## Year 6 Leavers Plans!

For those of you who are not on Facebook (or have not seen the fb notices!), a group of parents are organising a Leavers Yearbook and Hoody. These were organised last year and were really well received and great mementos to end the school year on, especially after such a challenging one!

#### Yearbook

The Yearbook will be approximately £15, and is an A4 soft cover book with approx 90-100 pages. There will be class photos from each of the children's years in Junior school and pages/photos relating to every topic and many school events, sports and musical events, craft sessions etc.

There will be individual photos too and we will be asking children to answer a couple of questions about their time at SJS, the answers to which will be included with their photos see below

If you are interested in buying a Yearbook please email <u>paulaenglish1@sky.com</u> and I will ensure that you receive all the information you need. If you're on Facebook, you'll be able to message me on there to order and don't need to email me, unless you prefer to be kept in touch via email.

It would be great if we can get everyone included in the Yearbook, so **please could you all send through one photo** of your child - doesn't need to be in school uniform

Could you also ask your child TWO of the following questions:

- What's your favourite memory of school?
- What did you enjoy learning about the most?
- Which was your favourite year and why?
- What will you miss most about SJS?
- The thing that makes SJS great is?

Please could you send photos and answers through by Half Term!

#### **HOODIE ORDERS**

The Online Shop is now ready for you to order the Year 6 Leavers Hoodie. If you wish to buy a hoodie, you can order and pay for your own hoodie online - and choose your own style, colour, size and nickname (this is optional).

To order, please click on this link to go to the login page:

https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/leavers-hoodies-login

Or alternatively go to

www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk and click on Login at the top of the home page.

Login details are as follows: USERNAME: SL54735 PASSWORD: 54735shirley

For help with sizing see the sizing help and size guide:

https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/leavers-hoodies

You can view the design when you log on. If you choose to add a nickname for the back of the hoodie, this will replace the LEAVER wording on the back.

Please note that the shop will close on the 03/06/21 You must place your order by then. Delivery should then be approximately 4 weeks

## Join the new committee!

Are you interested? We'd love to chat about it! We've had one volunteer already to join the new team, could you help too? We're hoping to organise an event for the end of term, so this would be a great way to find out how it all works. Find us through facebook, email <a href="mailto:pta@shirleyschools.co.uk">pta@shirleyschools.co.uk</a> find us on the road some time if you'd like to ask any questions. We have all thoroughly enjoyed the years that we have done this!

## **School Lottery**

This remains a great way to support the school - with the chance to win £25,000!! Weekly prize money to someone in our school is currently standing at £20.80, and the more people that play the more you could win! Only £1 a ticket, and this year more than ever this funding is vital for us to continue to support the school. Sign up here:

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