



Shirley Schools



Weekly Communication

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

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- Year 1 Lepe Beach Trip Information
- Infants Parents Evening Letter
- Term Dates / Calendar 2022—2023
- The Parents Guide to Google Classroom
- Google Classroom notification Guide

Please find the links to the letter pages on our websites

<https://www.shirleyinfantschool.org.uk/page/?title=Letters&pid=72>

<https://www.shirleyjuniorschool.org/page/?title=School+Letters&pid=39>

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

Shirley Junior School

March

Tuesday 15th	Parents Evening 4pm—7pm
Thursday 17th	Year 1 Victorian Dress Up Day
Thursday 17th	Parents Evening 3.30—6.30pm
Friday 18th	FOSIS Silent Disco
Thursday 24th	Year R All in it together Workshop 1.30pm - 3pm On site 6pm—7pm Virtual
Thursday 31st	Year 2 SAT's Parents Information Evening 6pm—Virtual
Thursday 31st	Year 1 Phonic Workshop & Celebration Event 9am—School Hall

April

Friday 1st	FOSIS Non Uniform Day
Friday 1st	FOSIS Escape room in a box night
Saturday 2nd	FOSIS Tidy up Day
Friday 8th	School closes for Easter Holidays

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 25th School re-opens for SUMMER 1

March

Tuesday 15th	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7pm
Wednesday 16th	Arctic Lynx Swimming
Thursday 17th	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6pm
Friday 18th	PTA Silent Disco
Wednesday 23rd	Arctic Lynx Swimming
Wednesday 30th	Arctic Lynx Swimming

PLEASE NOTE CHOIR IS CANCELLED ON THURSDAY 17TH MARCH DUE TO PARENTS EVENING

April

Friday 1st	PTA Non Uniform Day
Friday 1st	Careers Fair
Friday 1st	PTA Escape room in a box night
Saturday 2nd	PTA Tidy up Day
Wednesday 6th	Arctic Lynx Swimming
Thursday 7th	Year 3 Sleepover
Friday 8th	PTA Cake Sale
Friday 8th	School closes for Easter Holidays

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 25th School re-opens for SUMMER 1

Coming soon

New Spring / Summer Menu - Starting 25th April 2022

Extra Inset day Tuesday 3rd May 2022—School closed to Pupils

Class Photo Day Thursday 5th May 2022

Talking with children about what is happening in Ukraine

We know this is worrying and children are beginning to talk about it. Here are some strategies and resources to help you talk to your child.

[How to talk to your child about what's happening in Ukraine \(flippingbook.com\)](https://flippingbook.com/)

A recent guide developed by the Mental Health in Schools Team specifically in response to the current situation in Ukraine, including a helpful framework for exploring individual's anxieties.

<https://edpsy.org.uk/blog/2022/talking-to-children-and-young-people-about-war-in-ukraine/>

This short blog, written by Educational Psychologists, highlights some key supportive principles based on applied psychology and also notes some key risks factors to be mindful of - such as peer to peer tensions and mis-information).

[Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation. - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://blog.gov.uk/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russia-s-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/)

Drawing from work by 'education against hate', this blog from UK Government outlines the importance of adults being part of the conversation with CYPs (particularly teens) and gives links to helpful structures/resources discussions with wider groups (rather than individual young people).

[Top tips for parents and carers about how to talk to children and young people about war alongside new events, research and resources \(mailchi.mp\)](https://mailchi.mp/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers-about-how-to-talk-to-children-and-young-people-about-war-alongside-new-events-research-and-resources)

Mental health charity The Anna Freud Centre has linked with UK Trauma Council and BBC Bitesize to create a range of advice and resources for young people, families and professionals. This is the link to [BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.com/bitesize) and here is the link for UK Trauma Council about supporting those refugee and asylum seekers [How to support refugee and asylum-seeking children and young people who have experienced trauma - UKTC \(uktraumacouncil.org\)](https://uktraumacouncil.org/how-to-support-refugee-and-asylum-seeking-children-and-young-people-who-have-experienced-trauma)

[Worries about the world | Childline](https://www.childline.gov.uk/worries-about-the-world/)

This link may be useful to share with secondary aged young people seeking self-help information. For younger children, access to CBBC's Newsround (which has age appropriate imagery and wording, providing factual information) combined with chance for follow-up discussion with a supportive adult would be positive. This would be preferable to young people watching news reports designed for older audiences or seeking out unregulated content online. You may also wish to consider how to help limit the frequency or amount younger children are being exposed to such content. In addition, CBBC also have a short video about what to do if the news worries you – [Advice if you're upset by the news - CBBC Newsround](https://www.bbc.com/news/health-61888888)

[Russia & Ukraine story | Climbing the rainbow](https://www.climbingtherainbow.co.uk/russia-ukraine-story/)

This free visual aid was made by parents of a child with ASC and may support those working with younger children, or young people with additional needs.

If needed, there are also routes for Critical Incident support for both our schools (contact EP business support - 02380 332272) and colleagues within Children's Services (contact PDT social workers - PracticeDevelopmentTeam@southampton.gov.uk). Further, If schools are concerned as always they can raise with their Link EP and maybe put forward at a staff surgery session or alternatively book a telephone consultation/well-being consultation with the EP service (contact Jackie Holgate to book jackie.holgate@southampton.gov.uk).

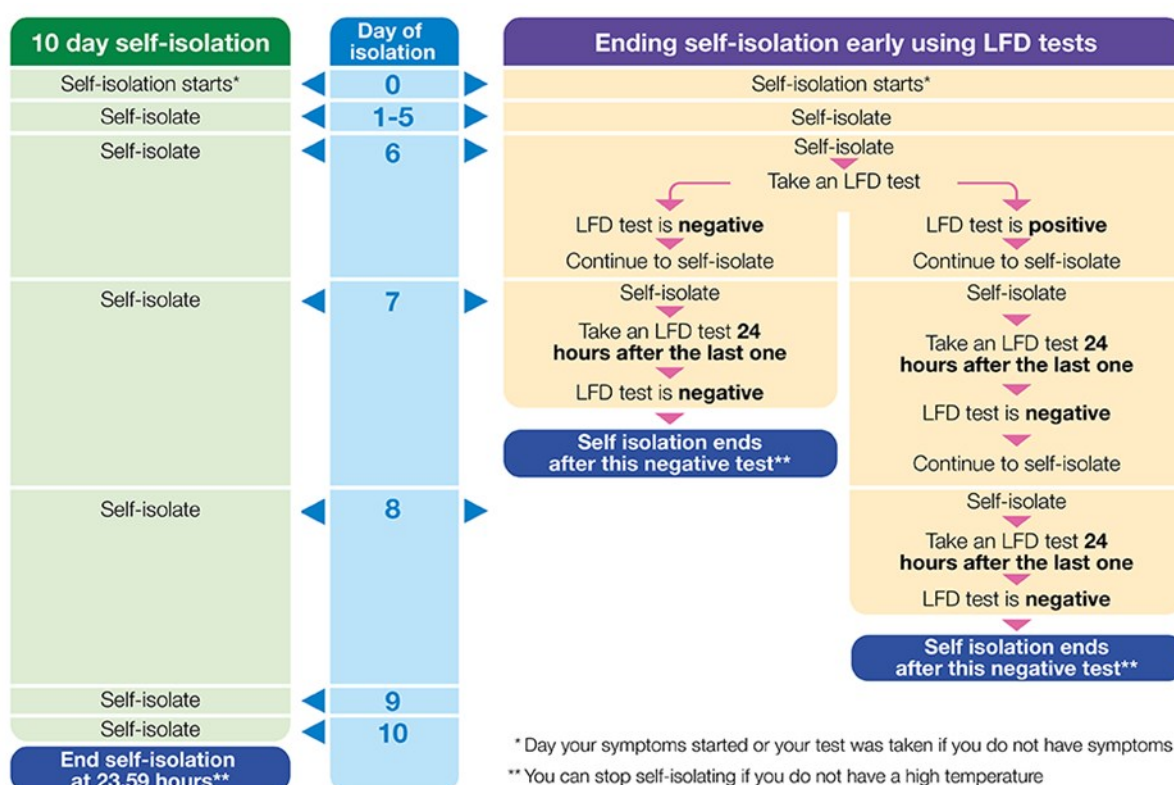
INFANTS & JUNIORS COVID UPDATE

Parent COVID Guidance – March 2022

We recognise the Government guidance has change but we would like to ask our parents and staff to continue to follow the recommended guidance in order to protect our community.

Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms it is recommended that they stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They self-isolate if they get a positive test result for a minimum of 6 days, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test

Examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result



Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms.

If you choose to continue to use LF tests and your child tests positive, we recommend they isolate for at least 6 days

Other measures: The schools will continue to have a focus on hygiene and cleaning. It is no longer required that staff wear masks but they may do if they wish.

Sending emails

When sending in an email to the school office, can you please make sure you always put your child's name and class in the subject area. This makes it a lot quicker for the office staff to make sure the correct person gets the details of the email.

Thank you

ALL IN IT TOGETHER - Parent Workshop for Year R

FOCUS: Moving on to Year 1



Come and join us on **Thursday 24th March at 1:30pm till 3:00pm on site** with children. This will be a practical session. We will also be holding a **Virtual Zoom Session at 6:00pm till 7:00pm.**

Mrs Gregory and the Early Years Advisor from HAMWIC, Michelle Williams will be running this workshop. Unfortunately we have limited spaces for the day session however, a virtual session will also be offered.

The session will discuss the end of year expectations, the impact of the pandemic and the stages of development your child is progressing through.

NOTE: We are very sorry but we will not be able to have siblings at the day event. We will ask you take a lateral flow an hour before you attend the event too.

Please come and sign up in the school office for the session being held on site.

Year 1 Phonics workshop & Celebration Event



Come along to the school hall on Thursday 31st March at 9am to see what your child has learnt about the Victorians and also talk through the Phonic Screening Check in June 2022



Year 2 SAT's Evening

Year 2 parents are invited to our Virtual Parents Information Evening to find out more about the end of key stage 1 examinations.

Thursday 31st March @ 6pm.

This is for parents only; link to follow nearer the time.



BE ACTIVE

We know active, healthy children achieve more. At Shirley Infant School, we have created an enabling environment where EVERY child feels included, valued, challenged, and supported to achieve their maximum potential in PE, school and life. Your child participates in Real PE lessons to develop their fundamental movement skills and important life skills: personal, social, cognitive, and creative. Our school also has home learning support through real PE at home where children can continue to be active through fun games and activities on their own and with a sibling, parent, guardian, or other family member. A letter with your child's login details has already been sent out to you. If you need another copy of this, please let your Class Teacher know. Please login and enjoy this extra resource at home.

Visit real.jasmineactive.com/login

YEAR 6 SAT's REVIEWS GUIDES

We have extended the deadline date for these orders it is now Wednesday 16th March by 9am.

Uniform Donations

We are currently unable to accept any further donations with the exception of Junior School Hoodies and PE Tops , as the Uniform Store is currently fully stocked.

I will let you know when we are ready to accept uniform items again.

To update you, due to the change in Junior Uniform we no longer keep grey skirts or trousers over 8yrs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated items so far, your support is greatly appreciated.

We will continue to open the Uniform Shop on Wednesday mornings 8.30am-9am whilst Mrs Allen is on duty at Juniors Gate.

If you need uniform and are unable to get there on a Wednesday, you can email Karen with your request and she will put your items for collection in the main office.



Safeguarding

Please be aware there is a new craze called Huggy Wuggy on You Tube and also a game that the children are talking about. We are aware some children have watched it and are singing the song.

FOSIS/PTFA

UPCOMING EVENTS...

SILENT DISCO TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE – FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY – 18 MARCH 2022

FAMILY SILENT DISCO!

What is a Silent Disco?!

Each person gets a headset which can easily be changed to one of 3 channels, each playing a different playlist. You can switch channels as many times as you want to select your favourite song at the time, or to see what everyone else is dancing to. It's great fun for all the family!



EARLY BIRDS: 5PM – 6.15PM
NIGHT OWLS: 6.45PM – 8PM

Tickets £3.50 adult/child

All children must be accompanied and supervised by a paying adult.
The cafe will be open selling light refreshments and non-alcoholic drinks
Link below to book

Tickets are **£3.50 per person** and **all** children must be accompanied and supervised by a **paying adult**:
https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm?event=Shop&fbclid=IwAR3OO8rTzj2Kx96VFblzslhkFFFK5_L5Zsx6GNJ5r0qbRbOJBxjClKvAlS#.Yh_s79HP2Un

EVERYONE (inc. adults) gets a headset, so dust off those dancing shoes and come for some fun and a boogie as a family!

ESCAPE ROOM IN A BOX NIGHT - 1 APRIL 2022

Will your team be the first to solve the puzzle?



Join us for an evening (**8pm start**) of sleuthing and games.

Bring your friends (**max 5 per team, adults only**) to race against others to be the first to solve the 'Locked in the Box'.

This is a table-top escape room where you need to solve clues to open the padlocks and combination locks.

Please bring your own drinks, glasses and snacks (no alcohol please). Cheese boards will be available to order per table. Tea and coffee will be available and there will be other games to play on the night. **THANK YOU!**

Book tickets here (£30 per table/team)

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosis/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=45876&fbclid=IwAR3xJ-W5ZevgrgNz2Wijy_JF0f6zbmLdK_PgXPRh2Txu7YL6IDtTkk-u5MM#.Yh_tr9HP2U

To everyone who took part in our Story Spoons competition, we had some amazing creations and raised nearly £100 to share between the two schools.

Online payments can still be made via the PayPal fundraiser here: [https://](https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8H6kr6kND4)

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All proceeds will be shared between FOSIS and PTFA.

PTFA/FOSIS
Events

COMING UP THIS HALF TERM
more details to follow

Family silent disco	18 March
Non-uniform day	1 April
Escape room in a box night	1 April
Tidy-up day	2 April
Junior cake sale	8 April

DON'T FORGET ...



Our school lottery raises money directly for the **Junior School**. Every week there is a guaranteed cash prize for someone from the school. This prize money goes up the more tickets we sell. You are also automatically entered into the national draw where you could win £25,000! The tickets cost just £1 each week. Sign up here: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/shirley-junior-school>



If you are **shopping online**, please click on these links first. They then donate to the school at **NO EXTRA COST TO YOU**. Amazon = <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>
Infants – choose Friends of Shirley Infant School
Juniors - choose Shirley Junior School PTA

Online shopping from bread to bathrooms, use Easyfundrasing, sign up here:
Infants – [Friends of Shirley Infants – Southampton](#)
Juniors – [Shirley Junior School PTFA – Southampton](#)

STAY CONNECTED AND GET INVOLVED...

On Facebook through the private year groups – please remember that these groups are managed by parents and not run by the school:

Infants

- Year 2 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/172919936937823>
- Year 1 Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/849370902208557>
- Year R Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/774368666506974>

Juniors

- Parents of Year 6 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1601794303401012>
- Parents of Year 5 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1716707195249069>
- Parents of Year 4 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/649407131910961>
- Parents of Year 3 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/137311320449399>

Through your class reps (see list below) and WhatsApp groups:

Infants

- Woodpeckers - Gayle Doulton and Jo James
- Badgers - Tracey Ward and Natalie Formstone
- Foxes - Katy Durston and Colette Thorp
- Owls - Lisa Witt and Lisa Longhurst
- Rabbits - Gemma Gore and Kerrie Read
- Moles - Maria Dimech and Tabytha Greenhalgh
- Hedgehogs - Sarah Willcocks and Gill McCann
- Squirrels - Sarah Scott and Hilary Rebecca
- Otters – Zoe Konn and Sarah Whicher

Juniors

A complete list of class reps for Juniors can be [found here](#)