



Junior Weekly Communication

Please reply to juniorinfo@shirleyschools.co.uk

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- Anxiety & Conflict Training Flyer

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

YEAR 3 HOOK DAY

On Monday 5th October Year 3 will be having an afternoon of Wellness, on this day we will be energising our bodies and calming our minds. Please wear comfy sportswear.

WELLBEING

There is now a Wellbeing section on the parent's page on the School Website with a range of resources for you to use.

WAGTAIL CLASS

On 12th October, Wagtails class in Y4 will be joined in the mornings for 6 weeks by Mr Brenan, who is a partially-sighted volunteer TA, and his guide dog Ulan. This has been carefully risk-assessed however if you have any concerns or would like to make us aware of any dog-related allergies or phobias your child suffers from, please email the junior office.



PARENTS EVENING

The junior school would like to survey parents to find out if they would prefer a phone call, or information sent home on paper, with an optional phone call if needed. Please could Junior parents complete our survey here:

<https://forms.gle/obtDL7rivmFDc5hx9>

Once we have the results in, we will let you know what has been decided and when you can expect to hear from the teachers.

WALKING HOME YEAR 5 & 6

Please may we ask parents of any year 5&6 children that walk home independently after school to act in a responsible and safe way as they are still in school uniform and representing the school.

PARKING

Please could you respect local resident driveways and the double yellow lines in the area, when dropping your children to school. Officers are patrolling the area and will issue tickets.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

As part of the harvest celebrations the school have organised a collection of food for those in need. Children are welcome to bring in tinned or long life food items such as tinned fruit, tinned meats, jams and spreads, rice pudding etc. There will be a crate by the gate **each morning for the week from Monday 12th October or on the morning of Friday 9th October**, where the children go into school, for them to put the food in. St James' by the park church will then take the food down to the Southampton city mission basics bank where it will be given out to families and people who have fallen through the gaps in the benefits system or are struggling with one of life's crises. If you want to know more about the basics bank, or see what food they are running short of you can look on their web page <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/basics-banks/donate-food>."



Kind regards

Amanda Hunt
Administration Officer

Please remember to be considerate of others when lining up in the que

Please remember to wear a mask where possible unless you have a medical condition which exempts you.

PTFA

Bag2School

A massive thank you to everyone who donated to this collection. You gathered nearly a tonne of clothing, curtains, shoes and bags, and raised over £275. Not bad for a bit of recycling! The clothes you donated will go on to be reused. Thank you!!

Parent Forum

Please give any feedback to be discussed in the parent forum (both negative and positive) to your class reps or email pta@shirleyschools.co.uk by the end of Fri 2nd Oct.

Shirley Juniors Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) will be having a zoom AGM on Wed 14th Oct at 7pm. All welcome! If anyone is interested in joining the committee, please just contact Nicola Howarth or Jen Bleck for an informal chat, or email any expressions of interest to pta@shirleyschools.co.uk.

Shirley Halloween Hunt

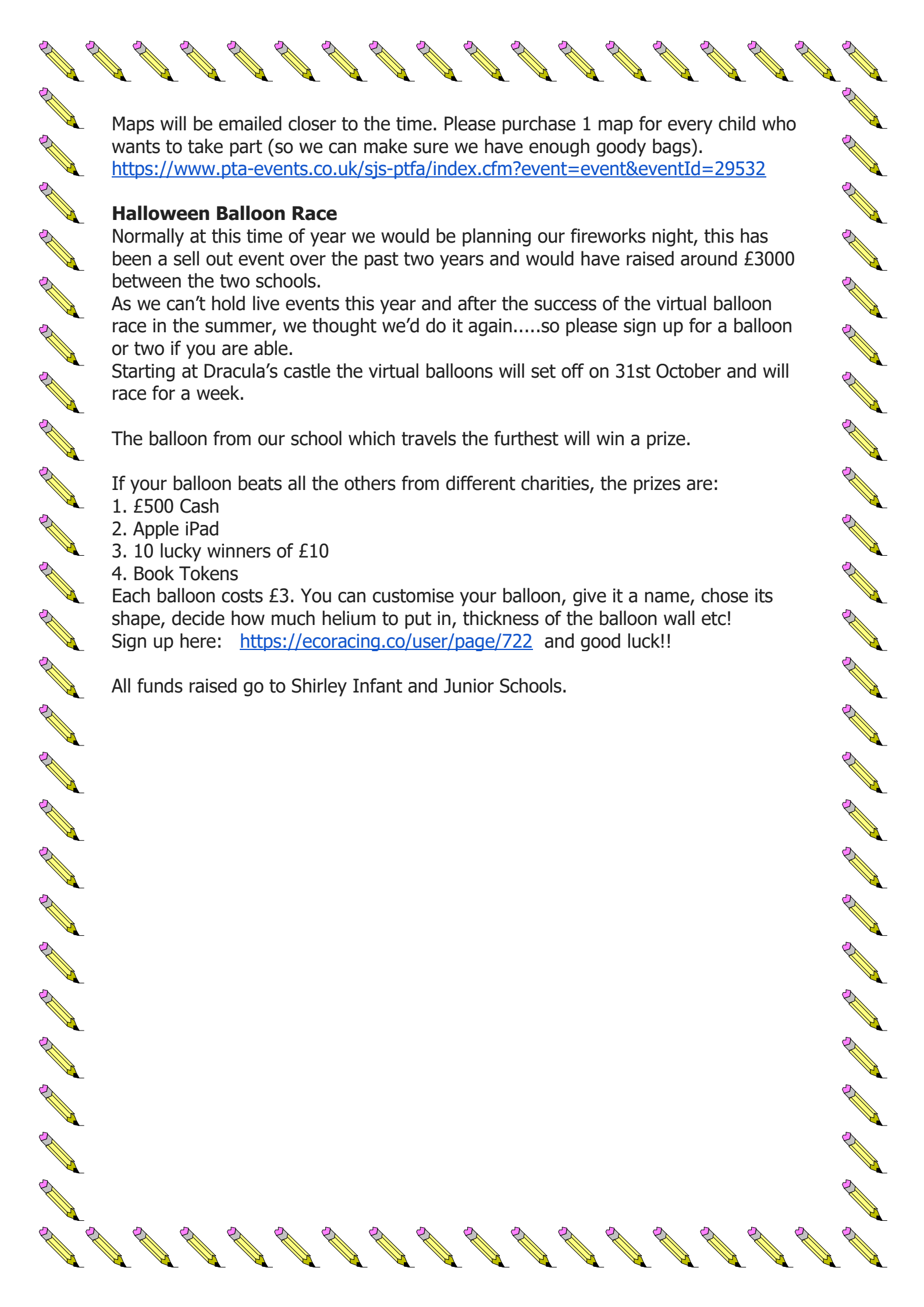
Join us for the biggest Halloween Hunt in Shirley!

All day Friday 30th Oct, Saturday 31st Oct and Sunday 1st Nov.

Can you find all of the pumpkin letters to solve the puzzle and win a goody bag?

Tick off as many houses on the map as you can, and vote for your favourite! The 3 houses with the most votes will win a prize.

Only £2.50 per child to enter the treasure hunt and £2 to list your house on the map (and enter the best decorated house competition).



Maps will be emailed closer to the time. Please purchase 1 map for every child who wants to take part (so we can make sure we have enough goody bags).

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=29532>

Halloween Balloon Race

Normally at this time of year we would be planning our fireworks night, this has been a sell out event over the past two years and would have raised around £3000 between the two schools.

As we can't hold live events this year and after the success of the virtual balloon race in the summer, we thought we'd do it again.....so please sign up for a balloon or two if you are able.

Starting at Dracula's castle the virtual balloons will set off on 31st October and will race for a week.

The balloon from our school which travels the furthest will win a prize.

If your balloon beats all the others from different charities, the prizes are:

1. £500 Cash
2. Apple iPad
3. 10 lucky winners of £10
4. Book Tokens

Each balloon costs £3. You can customise your balloon, give it a name, chose its shape, decide how much helium to put in, thickness of the balloon wall etc!

Sign up here: <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/722> and good luck!!

All funds raised go to Shirley Infant and Junior Schools.