



Weekly newsletter

Dates for your diary

World book day, book swap – Thursday 5th March – after school, all welcome

Silent disco – Friday 13th March Tickets on sale now – scroll down for more details

Bags2school - Friday 20th March – don't do a charity drop-off just yet

Colour run – Saturday 28th March. Tickets on sale now – scroll down for more details

World Book Day Swap - Thurs 5th March

Please bring unwanted books to join in a book swap after school (free but all donations welcome).

We'll also be selling **Mother's Day cards** for £1 each (RRP £2.80).

Silent Disco – Fri 13th March



Choose your own
disco time:

Disco 1: 4.30-6pm

Disco 2: 6.30-8pm

Disco 3: 8.30-10pm

Bring the family to one of our amazing silent discos. Everyone gets a headset which is easily switched 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 just to see what everyone else is dancing to. It's great fun for all the family. All children must be accompanied and supervised by a paying adult. There will be a cafe serving light food and refreshments.

Click here for tickets:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=25609#.XkW9kS2caRs>

Bags2School - Fri 20th March

If you have sorted through clothes over half term please hold onto them for a little longer. Good quality uniform can be dropped into the uniform shop (can't go in the donation bags). Any cardigans or jumpers that aren't quite good enough to sell on will be donated to a charity who will send them to a school in Africa where they would like all the children to wear green. Please message Nicola Howarth or email pta@shirleyschools.org to arrange drop off/collection.

School lottery

Congratulations to Russell Knight who won the school lottery this week after just buying his ticket! Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far. If you haven't bought your tickets yet, why not click on the link below and do it now. Tickets will be drawn at 8pm on Saturday night. Some people have registered but not bought tickets yet – please check if this is you.

For just £1 per week, someone from OUR school will win EVERY week and 40% of all ticket sales go towards the PTFA fundraising efforts. It's a great, easy way for you and us to raise money for the school. For no additional cost you are also entered into the national draw to win £25000! If you haven't signed up please do consider it, It's less than a cup of coffee and you might win big. Many thanks! <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/shirley-junior-school>

Shopping online?

Please use the links below first:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sjsptfa/?fbclid=IwAR1GZz2Oc_2PBKEGIP9wkjMcVbz92U1l6OXnP1aHEwmAChKk1gKcYGy2NBA

Uniform

Every Monday morning from 8.30am we run a uniform shop in the community room (top of the ramp outside Juniors). Come and replace those lost items for a bargain price! Any donations gratefully received, please bring to the community room on Monday mornings.

Match funding

This year we are looking to increase the money we raise by looking at match funding. Many companies will offer to match or add to money raised when you volunteer. If we had one parent do this for each event we could really get a boost on what we raise. Do you think you could help? Please look into whether your company does this and then contact us to arrange this. Image adding £250 to an event for one hour of your time.

Foreign coins

There is a collection bucket for foreign currency in the office area. Please donate all your unwanted coins

Colour Run – Sat 28th March

This year's colour run T-shirt is now available on the SIS & SJS Preloved selling page!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/588476984672628/>

New colours for 2020!

If you didn't manage to get one last year or your child has grown then get your new one now!!

£5 children and £6 adult.

Available in

3-4

5-6

7-8

9-10

11-13

And adult s, m, l, xl, and xxl

Join us on 28th March for the second Shirley Schools' Colour Run! After the amazing success of last years' run we are delighted to bring you this fantastic event and look forward to showering you with powdered paint as you race towards the finish line and your glorious medal. We have been inspired by the popularity of running in our local community and the success of other local colour runs. All proceeds will go directly to the school to be spent on the new junior playground equipment and the infant sensory garden.

Click here for tickets:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=25724>

Tickets are just £5 per person (a bargain compared to other colour runs) and include a medal and a reward for running at the end of the race. We are also offering the chance to purchase branded t-shirts and merchandise for the event. These will say Shirley Schools' Colour Run and will save you from colouring your own when running through the paint. You are welcome to bring your own but why not take the chance to bag a souvenir of the memorable day? These won't be sold online in advance but will be available through playground sales, the pre-loved site and on the day. The paint is harmless and water soluble but it is recommended that everyone wears sunglasses or goggles during the run to protect eyes from the paint. We would also advise a change of clothes before climbing into any cars.



Warm up sessions will be held by the juniors steps at 11am and 12am and 1pm to get you motivated and limbered up ready to run. Come and cheer on the teachers wave at 12:15 (why not buy some paint to throw at your favourite teacher)!

You will run through the new and improved paint tunnel, the mist zone, zig-zag through the bubbles and brave the gauntlet of spectators with their own paint pods (available to purchase either in advance or on the day). The course will start and finish in the juniors playground. Runners will set off in waves every 15 minutes and will run onto the field, around the astroturf, onto the infant playground where there will be a marked turning point. Then back onto the field, across the astroturf and into the juniors playground where you can either cross the finish line or go back round for another lap. Each lap is roughly 0.25miles so 4 laps = 1 mile. How many will you do? Sponsorship forms will be available from school.

The fun doesn't stop there! Before you run, check out our stalls to get your neon accessories and face paint so you really look the part. Your spectators can buy paint pods so that you really get splattered and they have fun too! Why not get a photo of you and your friends against our paint wall before and after you get covered in paint and treat yourself to a post-run lunch and drink.

If you would like to get involved, please either sign up here or contact us through pta@shirleyschools.co.uk.

Please note that all runners and spectators enter this event at their own risk. All children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. Children can run around the course alone as this will be supervised by volunteers. Adults remain responsible for their children at all times. Shirley Junior School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) and Friends of Shirley Infant School (FOSIS) are organising this event. They will not be held responsible or liable for any injury caused by running or paint. Shirley Infant School and Shirley Junior School are kindly allowing us to use the premises but are in no way responsible for the event. By booking a ticket you accept these terms and conditions.



Winter 2020

Playground

This is our main project for the year, we have committed to around £10k for a new playground to be installed. More details to follow.

Friday 7th Feb
Parent forum
Wednesday 12th Feb
'Locked in a Box': 8pm

Thursday 27th Feb
Cake sale

Thursday 5th March
World book day, book swap

Friday 13th March
Silent Disco

Friday 20th March
Bags2school

Saturday 28th March
Colour run

Saturday 20th June
Summer Fair



How Can You Help?

There are many ways you can help, we cannot run the events without your help on the day and baking cakes for us to sell.

If you are shopping on Amazon please use: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and choose Shirley Junior School Pta to support.

Also if shopping online please use Easyfundraising, sign up here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sjsptfa/>

Both are free to use, and the money raised does add up

Quiz

Thanks to all those who came to the quizzes, we made over £800!

Shirley Junior School PTFA



New ChromeBooks

Over the past 3 years, we have raised around £17k through our events and spent around £15k for the school.

This has included £1500 on books for the library, £900 on camera for each class and £3500 on Smart Sacks for each child.

The PTFA has committed to providing each incoming year 3 with new Smart Sacks, which is around £1000.

Other monies have gone on various things including supporting Rock Choir, providing an end of year celebration (generally a bouncy castle) and the new website.

This year we have already provided the school with 12 Chrome books

Pond Area



Volunteers since September have been working to make the pond area an usable space for the children. This month a fence is being placed around the pond itself and the outer fence will be coming down.

New trees have been planted and more are to come making the area inviting for the children.

If you are able to help, please get in contact with Jen Bleeck. They are there most Wednesday's mornings depending on the weather. Thanks to both Jen and Michelle who have been leading this.

The new area hopes to be open after the Easter holiday

Penny Wars

After half term we will be asking each class to bring in small change to fill a bottle up. Each class will be able to spend the money they raise on items for their classrooms, so get saving those pennies!

School Lottery

We have also just set up a school lottery, which raised money for the school. As well as a guaranteed prize for someone at the school.

This prize money goes up the more tickets we sell. You are automatically entered into the national draw where you could win £25000!

The tickets cost £1 each:

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





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Community news and events



500 Days to Go!

Sunday 23 February marked '500 Days to Go' until Southampton welcomes the UEFA Women's EURO 2021 Football tournament and we can't wait!

To celebrate, UEFA released the full match schedule – which includes confirmation that Southampton FC's St Mary's Stadium will host three matches including England's final group game on Friday 16 July 2021 – in what promises to be a record-breaking edition of the European tournament next summer. Other Southampton group stage fixture dates are Thursday 8 July and Monday 12 July 2021.

You can [watch a film here](#), which shows just how excited the Southampton FC Women's team, Bitterne Park School Girls Football Team and the OTARS Learning Disability Sports team (amongst others) are that the tournament is coming to Southampton!

To register for tickets, as well as tournament news, competitions and volunteering opportunities [visit TheFA.com/WEURO2021](https://www.thefa.com/WEURO2021).

