



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 7th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- Shirley Infants Walktober Parent Information
- Shirley Infants Walktober Letter
- Shirley Infants Walktober Challenge Card
- Shirley Infants Walktober Sample Challenge Card
- Year 1 Hillier's Trip Parent information
- Year 1 Zoolab Trip Parent Information
- Infant School Behaviour Letter
- Junior School Behaviour Letter
- Shirley Schools Behaviour Policy
- Shirley Schools Halloween Letter

Please find the links to the letter pages on our websites:

[Infant School Letter link](#)

[Junior School Letter link](#)

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

OCT

Monday 10th	Open Day Year R 23/24 intake 9.30am-10.30am & 1.30pm-2.30pm
Tuesday 11th	Open Day Year R 23/24 intake 9.30am-10.30am & 1.30pm-2.30pm (SEND Focused)
Wednesday 12th	Open Day Year R 23/24 intake 1.30pm-2.30pm
Thursday 13th	Open Day Year R 23/24 intake 9.30am-10.30am & 1.30pm-2.30pm & 5pm - 6pm
Friday 14th	Open Day Year R 23/24 intake 9.45am-10.45am & 1.15pm-2.15pm
Monday 17th	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
Tuesday 18th	Year R Health Checks
Thursday 20th	Year R Celebration Event 2.45pm
Friday 21st	FOSIS Crazy Hair Day
Monday 24th	HALF TERM 1 week
Monday 31st	School re-opens at 8.40am for Spring 1

NOV

Friday 4th	FOSIS Fireworks 5-7pm
Tuesday 8th	Face to face Parents Evening 3.30 - 6.30pm
Thursday 10th	Year 1 Zoolab - on site
Thursday 10th	Face to face Parents Evening 3.30 - 6.30pm
Friday 11th	Year 2 Seacity Trip - off site

Shirley Junior School

OCT

Monday 17th	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
Friday 21st	Year 6 Health Checks
Friday 21st	PTA Crazy Hair Day
Friday 21st	PTA Cake Sale after school
Monday 24th	HALF TERM 1 week
Monday 31st	School re-opens at 8.45am for Spring 1

NOV

Thursday 3rd	Year 5 Swimming Malamutes
Friday 4th	PTA Fireworks 5-7pm
Monday 7th	Virtual Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
Tuesday 8th	Year 3 Blue Funnell Trip - off site
Wednesday 9th	Virtual Parents Evening 3.30-5.50 pm
Thursday 10th	Year 6 Lush Visit - on site

PLEASE NOTE

Arctic Fox Virtual Parents Evening will be on a different date Tuesday 8th Nov 3.30-7pm

Coming soon

Infants Christmas Performance Tuesday 6th December (PM performance)

Infants Christmas Performance Wednesday 7th December (AM performance)

Year 2 Curriculum Evening - new date

Year 3 Xmas Play Wednesday 14th December (AM & PM performance)

ROAD SAFETY—Both Schools

Road works are currently underway on the corner of Bellemoor and Wilton Road to improve pedestrian safety around the school.

Balfour Beatty have asked that we remind all families to be careful when walking in and around the intersection and to remain on the footpath whenever possible.

Balfour Beatty will be assisting us by supporting our school street volunteers during morning and afternoon road closures.

We appreciate your patience and co-operation during this time.



Parents Evening Booking

Infants - Face to Face Parents Evening Tuesday 8th November and Thursday 10th November

You will be able to book from Tuesday 18th October after 10am - Please call the school office

Juniors - Virtual Parents Evening Monday 7th November and Wednesday 9th November

You will be able to book from Tuesday 18th October via School Cloud - You will receive an email

PLEASE NOTE

Arctic Fox Class Virtual Parents Evening will be on a different date Tuesday 8th Nov 3.30-7pm

Harvest Festival Donations

Thank you to everyone for your donations for Harvest Festival

These will be going to Southampton City Mission Basic's bank



Natural Objects



Miss Howard is after acorns, conkers, fir cones and big leafs for her activities if Year R would like to collect on autumn walk.

Please bring them into class or the school office please.

Thank you

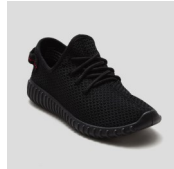
Shirley Infants One way system

Please may we remind you we are still operating on a one way system when entering and leaving the school playgroup during drop off and pick up times.

We are grateful for you all following the one way system, we appreciate that you may feel this is unnecessary however, to ensure the children are safeguarded off the premises, this is the best and safest way.

Shirley Infants Shoes /Trainers

If you are purchasing your child's school shoes / trainers during October half term, just a polite reminder these need to be black



Parent/Carer Drop-in

'Is there something worrying you but you 'can't put your finger on it!'

Come and have an informal chat;
we can signpost you onto relevant agencies.

We look forward to seeing you,
We'll have the kettle on!

Karen Allen, Family Support Worker

Please come in for
Tea, Coffee and a chat
Vicky Crawford - Shirley Branch Salvation
Army
and Karen Allen
Family Support Worker

2:30-3:30pm

1st Monday of every month Monday

Starting Monday 4th October 2022

Community Room

(entrance via Junior School Gate)



Safeguarding

The Keeping Children Safe in Education Policy is on our website.

Please use the link below:-

[KCSIE](#)

FOSIS/PTFA

UPCOMING EVENTS...

PTFA / FOSIS AGM Meetings



FOSIS - Tuesday 11 October @ 7.30pm in the Infant School Hall
PTFA – Wednesday 12 October @ 7.30pm in the Junior School Hall

Come and join us, meet fellow parents and find out more about Friends of Shirley Infants School (FOSIS) and the Junior PTFA. We'll share all the good stuff we did last year to raise much needed funds for the schools and what we have planned for this year.

There is no commitment to sign up, just come and find out a bit more! Oh did we mention coffee / tea and sweet baked treats will be available....if you needed a little extra persuasion!

UNIFORM SALE – WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER AFTER SCHOOL



Come to our preloved school uniform shop outside the community room (just inside the junior school gate) this **Wednesday after school**.

All proceeds go back into the school through the work of the PTFA / FOSIS, so why not buy preloved, help the environment and support the school, we call that a win, win, win! Payments via cash or PayPal.

🎃 🧛 TICKETS ON SALE SOON FOR OUR SPOOKY HALLOWEEN TRAIL 🎃 🧛

Sweet donations needed for Halloween Trail goody bags

Please drop off to the school office by no later than Friday 21 October

Back by popular demand, PTFA and FOSIS will be putting on the spookiest of all trails for Halloween (**28 – 30 October**). Tickets will go on sale soon so watch out for the details.

Sweet donations (**No nuts please**) for the trail goody bags very gratefully received – please drop to the school office by **Friday 21 October**.

PTFA/ FOSIS MONTHLY EVENTS

2022/2023

SAVE
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OCTOBER

- 11 Infant AGM
- 12 Junior AGM
- 21 Crazy Hair Day
- 21 Junior Cake Sale
- 28 - 30 Halloween Trail

NOVEMBER

- 4 Fireworks
- 14 Online Xmas Market opens
- 18 Infant Quiz
- 25 Junior Disco

DECEMBER

- 2 Xmas Wreath Making
- 9 Infant (Yr2) Cake Sale
- 10 Xmas Fair
- 13 & 14 Elfridges (Junior)

JANUARY

- 17 Bag2School

FEBRUARY

- 3 Junior Quiz
- 10 Junior Cake Sale

MARCH

- 3 World Book Day
- 10 Family Disco
- 25 Colour Run
- 31 Non-Uniform Day
- 31 Infant (Yr1) Cake Sale

APRIL

- 22 Tidy Up Day 1

MAY

- 13 Tidy Up Day 2
- 19 Family Bingo
- 26 Break the Rules Day
- 26 Junior Cake Sale

JUNE

- 13 Bag2School
- 17 Summer Fair

JULY

- 14 Infant (YrR) Cake Sale
- 14 Volunteers Picnic

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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>

Extra special prize this October....



This October, one lucky family will win an amazing Harry Potter double prize – a family ticket for the Warner Brothers Studio Tour, AND a theatre voucher for Harry Potter and the Cursed Child!

This will be a dream trip for any fans of the Wizarding World, so is the perfect incentive for your new school families to sign up and support the school through the lottery!



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 Easyfundraising, 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/849370902208557>
- Year 1 Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/774368666506974>
- Year R Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1150736922357432>

Juniors

- Parents of Year 6 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1716707195249069>
- Parents of Year 5 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/649407131910961>
- Parents of Year 4 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/137311320449399>
- Parents of Year 3 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/172919936937823>

Community Information

[Halloween Family Fun Day](#) | Sat 29 Oct | Tudor House |

FREE admission* | Ghost tours £3 each

Creep down to Tudor House...if you dare! Meet the friendly spirits in the Banqueting Hall and take part in loads of spooky, fun activities throughout the day! There'll be creepy crafts, gruesome games, face painting and a haunting trail! Join one of our famous spooky ghost tours to discover the stories hidden in the house. *Charges apply for some drop-in activities on the day.



[Pre book ghost tours here](#)

[Spooky October half-term activities](#)

Our creative and messy October half-term activities are now online and ready to book. Don't miss out on some fun and spooky family time at our venues.

Find our activities below or on wegottickets.com/southamptonCulture

Mon 24 Oct

Spooky Lanterns (5yrs+) / 10.10am, 11.40am or 1.25pm / Art Gallery / £6 / [Book here](#)

Southampton Culture Club: Scary & Spooky Southampton (6-12yrs) / Drop off 8.45am - all day / Art Gallery / £35 or £60 for both days / [Book here](#)

Tues 25 Oct

Tie Dye Trick or Treat Bags (4yrs+) / 10am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm / Art Gallery / £9 / [Book here](#)

Southampton Culture Club: Autumn Festival (6-12yrs) / Drop off 8.45am - all day / Art Gallery / £35 or £60 for both days / [Book here](#)

Family Friendly Witchfinder Experience / Time slots throughout day / Tudor House / £3 / [Book here](#)

Wed 26 Oct

Monster Masks (5yrs+) 10.10am, 11.40am or 1.25pm City Art Gallery / £6 per child / [Book here](#)

Mummy Mayhem (7yrs+) 10.30am or 1.30pm / SeaCity / £8 / [Book here](#)

Family Friendly Witchfinder Experience / Time slots throughout day / Tudor House / £3 / [Book here](#)

Thurs 27 Oct

Play with Clay: Clay Pumpkins (4yrs+) / 10am, 12.30 / or 2.30pm / City Art Gallery / £7.50 / [Book here](#)

Haunted House Luminaries (6yrs+) 10.10am, 11.40am / or 1.25pm / Tudor House / £7.50 / [Book here](#)

Fri 28 Oct

Play with Clay: Clay Pumpkins (4yrs+) / 10am, 12.30 / or 2.30pm / City Art Gallery / £7.50 / [Book here](#)

Energy Bills

The government has set out decisive action to support people and businesses with their energy bills and tackle the root causes of the issues in the UK energy market through increased supply – ensuring the country is not left in the same position again.

Support for households

The government has announced the following immediate, short-term action to support households. For the most part, this will operate in the same way for households across the whole of the UK, but there are a few differences for those in Northern Ireland because of the different way the energy market operates. Where there are differences, the overall support provided will be equivalent across the UK, and the differences in how the schemes will work are explained towards the end of this note in the section

[‘How the Energy Price Guarantee \(EPG\) and Energy Bills Support Scheme will be applied to energy bills in Northern Ireland’](#).

Energy Bills Support Scheme

The Energy Bills Support Scheme provides a £400 non-repayable discount to eligible households to help with their energy bills over winter 2022 to 2023.

[Find out more about the Energy Bills Support Scheme.](#)

A new Energy Price Guarantee

The Energy Price Guarantee will reduce the unit cost of electricity and gas so that a typical household in Great Britain pays, on average, around £2,500 a year on their energy bill, for the next 2 years, from 1 October 2022.

The consumer saving will be based on usage, but on average usage a household will save £1,000 a year (based on current prices from October). Energy suppliers will be fully compensated by the government for the savings delivered to households.

£150 of this £1,000 a year saving will be delivered by temporarily suspending environmental and social costs (including green levies) from being passed onto consumer bills. These costs will be transferred to the government, while customers still benefit from the low-carbon electricity generation. Payment of the Warm Home Discount will be unaffected.

This is in addition to the £400 Energy Bills Support Scheme, which will be paid, in Great Britain, in 6 monthly instalments from October. Households in Northern Ireland will also receive a £400 discount on bills through the Energy Bills Support Scheme.

The most vulnerable UK households will also continue to receive £1,200 of support provided in instalments over the year, through discounts to Council Tax and Cost of Living payments for those in receipt of certain benefits.

Households who are unable to benefit from the full extent of the Energy Bills Support Scheme and/or Energy Price Guarantee scheme (for example, households not on standard gas / electricity contracts) will receive equivalent support. Further detail on this is below.

How the new Energy Price Guarantee will be applied to energy bills in Great Britain

The Energy Price Guarantee limits the amount you can be charged per unit of gas or electricity, so your exact bill amount will continue to be influenced by how much energy you use.

You do not need to apply, and there's no need to contact your energy supplier.

The discount is automatic. If you get a message telling you that you need to apply, or asking for your bank or credit card details, this could be a scam. You can [report messages you think are suspicious](#).

For consumers in England, Scotland and Wales who pay for their energy through a monthly, quarterly or other regular bill, the Energy Price Guarantee will be applied when your bill is calculated.

Example savings based on your type of home

For households in Great Britain, under the new Energy Price Guarantee, the average home will save an average of £1,000 and the average flat will save £700.

Typical Bills - 2019 median consumption (Dual fuel, annual basis)

Property type	Under October price cap	Under government Energy Price Guarantee	Difference
All dwellings	£3,550	£2,500	£1,050
Houses	£3,800	£2,650	£1,150
Detached	£4,700	£3,300	£1,400
Semi Detached	£3,800	£2,650	£1,150
End Terraced	£3,500	£2,450	£1,050
Mid Terraced	£3,300	£2,350	£950
Bungalow	£3,500	£2,450	£1,050
Flats	£2,450	£1,750	£700
Converted flat	£2,750	£1,950	£800
Purpose built flat	£2,400	£1,750	£650

Trainline

We've put together a guide to booking family train tickets to help people find out how to get to your place as we've included ways they can save money on train tickets and child fare information.

Link to our page <https://www.thetrainline.com/trains/great-britain/family-train-tickets>

LIBRARIES PLUS FREE TUTORING PROGRAMME

The Libraries Plus programme matches up students with volunteer tutors for 1-on-1 sessions weekly in local libraries. It is designed to help pupils from Key Stages 1-4 who may find school subjects challenging or confusing. Tutoring is offered for English, Maths and Science. If your child is having a tough time, this may be the programme for you!

The sessions available are:

- Online, Wednesdays 4-6pm
- Shirley Library, Wednesdays 4-6pm
- Portswood Library, Saturdays 11-1pm
- Central Library, Saturdays 1-3pm

To sign up, please visit

<https://tinyurl.com/librariesplus2022> (or
use the QR code below)

