



# Shirley Juniors

## Weekly Communication

To contact any member of staff, please email [office@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:office@shirleyschools.co.uk) 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;**

- New Online Payment system Letter
- Parent Lockdown Survey Leaflet
- Returning to school Letter
- Returning to School Booklet
- Southampton City Council Bus Letter

### **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.

## Dates for your Diary

### **MARCH**

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| 4th March        | World Book Day - Masked reader                      |
| Friday 12th      | <b>INSET DAY CANCELLED</b> (rescheduled date below) |
| Wednesday 31st   | Bags2School   |
| Friday 1st April | <b>INSET DAY—School closed to pupils</b>            |

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

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



## **INSET DAY**

**As all children will now return to school on Monday 8th March as per government guidance, the INSET day on Friday 12th March will now move to Thursday 1st April 2021. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.**

## **The BIG Lockdown-Learning Parent Survey.**

Please find attached to our website a leaflet for more information and should you wish to take part you just need to download the Parent Ping app.

[https://parentping.co.uk/biglockdown\\_resources/](https://parentping.co.uk/biglockdown_resources/)

## **WORLD BOOK DAY**

We will be having WBD activities during our home room sessions throughout next week. The theme is 'best-loved books' and the children will have opportunities to share and complete activities based upon their favourite book. They are invited to dress up on WBD on Thursday 4th March if they would like to.

Also we have prepared a 'Masked Reader' competition where children will be invited to guess the reader from our school staff. We are asking for a £1 or £2 donation to buy more books for our school library in conjunction with Usborne books and during the week the children will be able to look at some of these books in a slide show and vote for the ones they would like to have in their library.

## **LAPTOPS / IPADS/ DONGLES BORROWED FOR HOME LEARNING**

If your child borrow a school laptop/ipad/dongle for online learning during lockdown, these **MUST** be returned to a member of the school office team so they can be signed as received no later than **Monday 8th March 2021**.

## **Weekly Communication—IMPORTANT NEWS**

As of the week beginning the 8th March when all children return to school we will be sending out our weekly communication via parents email addresses, this will be sent as an attachment and also available on the schools website. Please ensure we hold a current email address in order for you to receive this.

## **MARVELLOUS ME**

Techers will continue to use Marvellous Me for communications / rewards / updates etc

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

<http://www.shirleyinfantschool.org.uk/page/default.asp?pid=82>

## Community News

As part of a collaborative approach involving schools, Southampton City Council and Hampshire Constabulary, we have been asked to highlight to parents the recent spate of vandalism to buses. Please see the attached letter on the school website.

The new Southampton Mental Health Support Team (MHST) is producing a regular newsletter, which can be found here: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/378838/>

They hope that the newsletters will be a useful resource for children, young people and their families.



The poster is titled 'Virtual Fostering Information Event' and is set for Saturday 6th March 2021, from 10.30am to 12 noon. It features the 'Fostering Southampton' logo with the tagline 'Making a difference' and a graphic of a map of Southampton. The text provides contact information for those interested in fostering, including a recruitment line on 0800 5 191810 and the website southampton.gov.uk/fostering. It also mentions that the event is part of 'New Family Social's LGBT+ Fostering & Adoption Week'. The bottom of the poster features the 'New Family Social' logo, which includes the text 'MEMBER' and 'New Family Social'.

**Fostering Southampton**  
Making a difference

Interested in fostering? Call our recruitment line on **0800 5 191810**  
[southampton.gov.uk/fostering](http://southampton.gov.uk/fostering)

**Virtual Fostering Information Event**  
**Saturday 6th March 2021, 10.30am - 12 noon**

From 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Southampton City Council is proud to be supporting New Family Social's 'LGBT+ Fostering & Adoption Week'. New Family Social is a UK charity, led by LGBT+ adopters and foster carers, whose aim is to help LGBT+ people decide if adoption or fostering is right for them, and then support them on their journey to becoming parents and carers.

We are looking to grow our team of foster carers in order to ensure a diverse choice and match of placements is available for children and young people who have come into the care of the Local Authority.

To find out more, join our Virtual Fostering Information Event on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 10.30am-12, via TEAMS. Meet the Fostering Team, hear from a foster carer, find out about the assessment process, and have all your questions answered! All are welcome. Make a difference to a child's life - find out more and register by calling 0800 5 191818 or email [fostering@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@southampton.gov.uk)

In order to improve outcomes for the children in our care, please help us to promote this event by sharing with your networks so we may increase the numbers of foster carers in our fostering community, and ensure successful placement matching based on skills and experience.

MEMBER  
New Family Social

### [Return to school toolkit](https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/coronavirus-returning-to-school-toolkit-8/)

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This toolkit, aimed at primary schools, is a combination of resources for parents and carers, featuring activities and tips for how to prepare their child for re-starting, and resources for schools to use when planning the return.

## SoCo Music Project and NMDU present Under 16s Talent Development Programme

SoCo Music Project has launched a new programme of talent development for young people aged 16 and under in Southampton.

The Under 16 Talent Development Programme (U16TDP) will build on the success of the recent Sounds of Southampton album project that supported 24 emerging artists in the city. U16TDP will support the next generation of young aspiring Rap, Hip-Hop, Trap and R&B artists to get the support they need to reach the next level.

Young people signed up to the programme will be able to access a range of activities to support their musical progression, including masterclasses, mentoring and recording opportunities.

<http://www.nmdu.uk/>

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