

Shirley Juniors

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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Dates for your Diary

December

Friday 11th

Christmas Jumper & Lunch Day

Friday 18th

School closes at 3.20pm for the Christmas Holiday

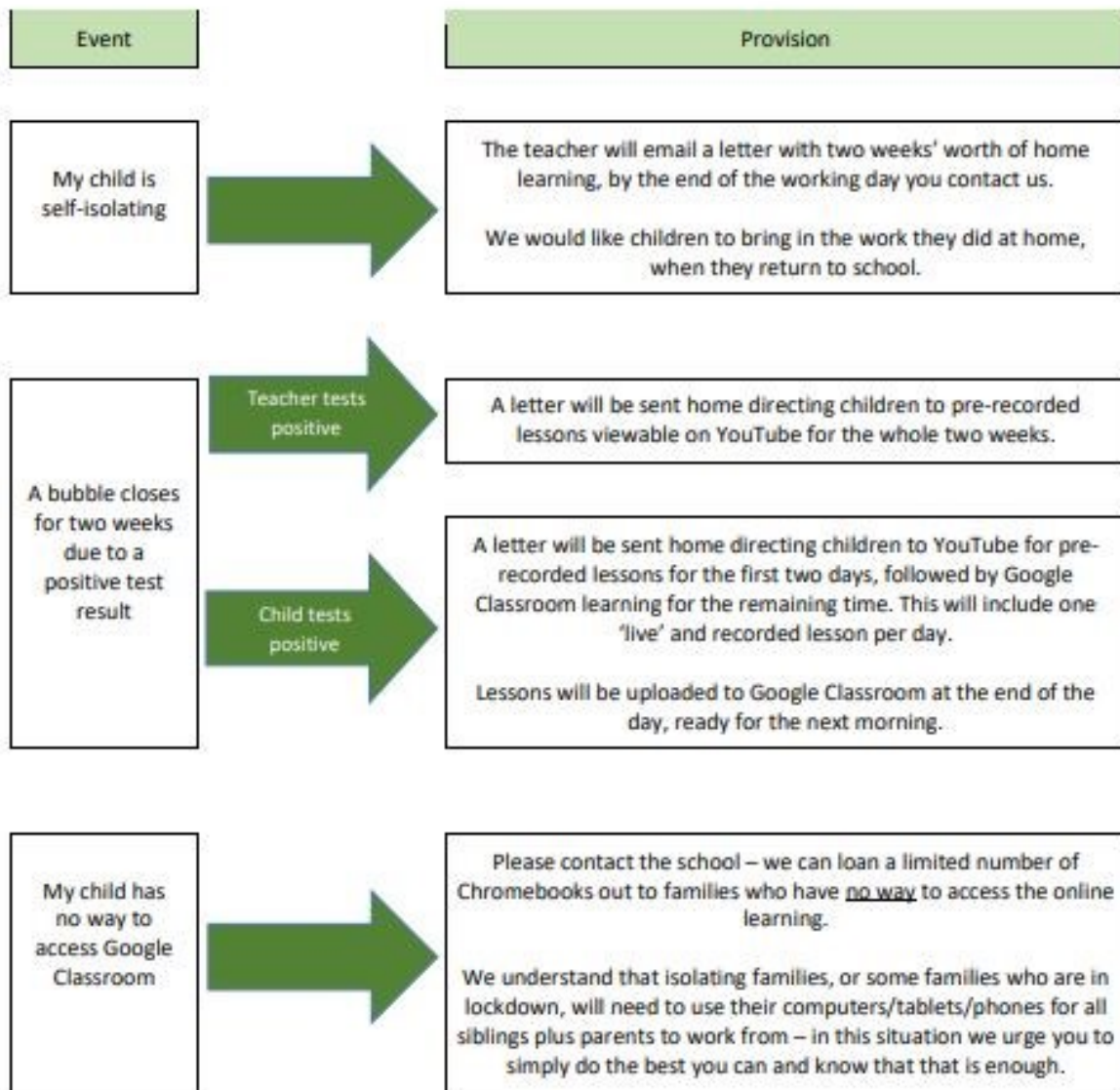
Monday 1st February 2021 - Extra INSET DAY

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.



Isolation Home Learning at Shirley Junior School



Google Classroom can be accessed on a computer or laptop, or as an app on Android or Apple tablet devices (not currently on Windows tablets). It can also be accessed via the browser on an Xbox or PlayStation. While accessible via the app on a mobile phone, it would not be easy to use many of the features on such a small screen size.

E-Safety Alert for parents

Please be aware if you are not already that there has been some recent bad press of a potentially harmful video game *Cunch-Line Chronicles*. The game is about County Lines and there are obvious concerns about its potential influence on vulnerable young people, it also contains themes of CSE and grooming.

The police would like to make parents aware that there have been incidents in the Southampton area recently where children have been approached and encouraged to get into a car. No child has gotten into the car and they are all safe. Please talk to your child about keeping safe and Clever Never Goes. Reminders of this are being reinforced in school also.

<http://clevernevergoes.org>

SCHOOL STREET

The school and Southampton City Council are seeking the views of parents, staff, residents and the wider community on the School Street in order to feed into future opportunities for Bellmoor Road and other school sites across the city.

Please complete the survey at:

Adult survey <https://sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/southampton-school-streets-adult-survey>

Pupil survey <https://sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/southampton-school-streets-pupil-survey>

CHRISTMAS PLANS

We are excited to share with you one of our plans for Christmas. The children will be learning a Christmas song which will be videoed outside by our Christmas tree on 11th December. We will record this to a DVD for you all. To cover the cost of this we would ask for a small donation which the PTFA will organise for us. We hope this will bring some cheer for you to share with your children over the Christmas period. We would ask that children bring hats and scarves into school on this day if the weather is cold whilst we film outside.

A blue 'drop box' is situated outside the main Office Wilton Road that any letters, Christmas lunch slips and payments can be placed in.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Sadly we are not able to allow Christmas Cards to be brought in this year.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH SLIPS

Can you please make the Christmas Lunch Slips are returned to school by Monday 30th November, thanks

READING PLANETS

Some people are finding that the end-of-book tests are not working on a phone or tablet - please see this link for the minimum requirements of the device in order for the tests to work:

VOLUNTEERS

A huge Thank you to the Volunteers who have helped for Road Duty, we couldn't have done it without you.



CHALLENGING TIMES

We know that these times are bringing very challenging times. Please remember we are here for you and we have options of further support that we can access for you. If you need support emotionally or financially please get in touch with us. You can email our family support worker directly. This is confidential and private and your concerns will be dealt with very sensitively. Karen's email is: Karen.allen@shirleyschoolc.co.uk

Please take care everyone and keep supporting each other.

Reminder

Curriculum evenings zoom calls- can be found on the curriculum page of the website under your year group

Coming Soon

Children's Surprise—Panto Event

New Parent Communication System will be launched in January 2021, Thank you for your patience

PTFA

Christmas is coming and the PTFA have been busy!

We are delighted to tell you that planning permission for the new school playground has been approved! We still need to raise enough to cover the final payment so please do get involved with all the fund-raising activities we run - every little helps and hopefully you'll have some fun doing them too! We hope that work will start on this in the next few months.



Because things are so different this year, we thought the school could do with a treat to help fuel the festive spirit. A big Christmas tree will be going up in the juniors playground this weekend. If you have any spare tree decorations you no longer need, please just let us know (email pta@shirleyschools.co.uk).

We've also arranged access to a screening of a Panto.... Jack and the Beanstalk! Children will watch this in their bubbles. We've put together some interval packs (popcorn and haribo) for every child. There is no charge for this but if you'd like to make a voluntary £1 contribution, please send it to Paypal pta@shirleyschools.co.uk (using the 'pay friends and family' option) and type 'Panto' in the comments box.

The Christmas Shop

Please join our SJS/SIS business page. We welcome any local business who wants to share their products or tell us about their company.

The PTFA are using it at the moment to sell things we would normally sell at the Christmas fair. For example, crafts, reindeer food, stocking fillers etc.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/346079616377363>

Online shopping?

If you're doing your Christmas shopping online this year (who isn't?) don't forget to click on the Amazon Smile and EasyFundraising links first - we'll get a donation AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU!

Amazon = <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> (choose Shirley Junior School PTA to support)

Easyfundraising = <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sjsptfa/>

If you'd like to buy a gift for the school while you're shopping, please choose from their wishlist: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/36E4O9UQ05QD5>

The Shirley Schools Christmas Elf Trail

Can you find all the elves in upper Shirley??

Buy a ticket for the Christmas trail to get a reward for finding the elves.

Also help us light up Upper Shirley by entering our best dressed house competition.

Tickets available from

<https://www.ptaevents.co.uk/fosis/index.cfm?event=Shop#.X76D6M37Q2w>



SJS Lottery

Don't forget we have a weekly lottery! Someone from our school wins a cash prize every week and 40% of all funds raised come back to the PTFA to be spent on the children. Sign up at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Shirley Junior School.

PTFA Logo Competition ****DEADLINE EXTENDED to Mon 7th Dec****

Shirley Junior School PTFA needs a logo - will your design be the one?

We've never had our own logo and we'd love you to design one for us! Please draw your design in the circle on the entry form (available on all of the year Facebook groups or email pta@shirleyschools.co.uk if you'd like one to be printed or emailed to you. Feel free to cut and glue one of the owls in if you like and make it as colourful as you want!

PTFA stands for Parents, Teachers and Friends Association. You can either write this out in full or just use the letters.

The winning design will be chosen by a panel of school VIPs and there will be a prize awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Remember to write your name and class on the back of the design and drop into the basket outside 1 Branksome Avenue.

Good luck!!

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