



Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications

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Friday 23rd February 2024

Head Teacher Message:

There has been some wonderful learning this first week back, despite the soggy weather!

In other school news, we have launched our Spring 2 Personal Skill, To Persevere, by introducing Growth Mindset; the Shirley Job Agency is once again open for pupils to apply for a range of jobs, and it was lovely to see so many parents coming into school for the Geography Showcase yesterday.

Whole School Dates:

Wed 28/2/24 – SATS Parents Information Evening in school hall – 5.30pm
Fri 1/3/24 – School Disco -Lower school 4.30 – 5.30 and Upper school 6.00 – 7.15
Tues 5/3/24 – Virtual Parents Evening
Thu 7/3/24 – Virtual Parents Evening and **World Book Day (Uniform as normal)**
Mon 11/3/24 - INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Tues 19/3/24 - Share my learning 8.45 and 3.20.
Tues 26/3/24 – School Photo Day
Thu 28/3/24 – Last day of term

Messages:

Junior School Parents Evening March 2024
Parent evening in the Junior School will be by virtual appointments on 5th & 7th March 2024.
Tues 5/3/24 3:30pm - 6:30pm
Thurs 7/3/24 3:30pm - 6:30pm
Bookings will open on 26th February at 6:00pm and close on 4th March at 9am.

Instructions of how to book your appointment are attached to this week's weekly communication and will also be on the school website.

Messages Contd.....



Free This can be incredibly useful in helping to spot recurring patterns or triggers behind behaviours. Another great feature of the app is that it recognises keywords, such as bullying, friendships, anger, and automatically suggests links to key resources on the My Family Coach platform. Anything parents and carers write in the app is completely confidential, you can choose to print off a report to share with school, which can be particularly useful for parents' evenings, action plans and EHCP reviews, and other meetings.

It's free to download the My Family Journal app from Apple and Google Play stores. <https://www.myfamilycoach.com/journal/>. Don't forget, we also have free online classes coming up soon.

We also send out the recordings to watch on-demand if you can't make it on the night – you just need to book a space to receive the recording:

- [What Can I Do When My Child Feels Angry? Tuesday 4th June 2024, 8pm](#)

Coming up in your year group...

Year 3

Watch this space!

Year 4

Watch this space!

Year 5

29th Feb; 7th Mar, 14th, 21st, 28th - Walrus swimming lessons

Year 6

Mon 4th March – Year 6 Height and Weight Checks

Year 6 Leavers Book

As we did at the end of Year 2, we will be creating a Leavers Book which will be available to purchase. We need your help to make it an amazing memory of their time at SJS. This time we would also like to include a photo of every child and a couple of questions about their time at school.

Please could you send a photo of your child for us to include in the book by **31st March 2024** - please email this to sjsleavers2024@gmail.com with your child's first and surname so we know who it is! It doesn't need to be a photo in school uniform - choose whatever photo you/your child would like!

If you have any other photos from their time at SJS that we could include, please also email these to us. For example lock-down learning, PTFA and school events, sports, drama, music and art etc.

Please fill in the following form and ask your child to answer two of the questions about school. <https://forms.gle/36oasiXkmQ6gHHda7>

If you have any questions or do not want your child to be included in the Leavers Book, please email office@shirleyschools.co.uk to let us know by **Monday 26th February 2024**.

Coming up in your year group...

Year 6 Contd.....

The Online Shop is now ready for you to order a Year 6 Leavers Hoodie. If you wish to buy a hoodie, you can order and pay for your own hoodie online - and choose your own colour and size.

To order, click on this link to go to the login page:

<https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/>

Or alternatively go to:

<http://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/> and click on Login.

Login details are:

USERNAME: 3416

PASSWORD: kQgP7HcZ (Please be aware the password that went out last week was incorrect, this is the correct one).

Junior Hoodies are from £24.50 each and Adult Hoodies are from £28.60 each.

For help with sizing see the sizing help and size guide:

<https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/leavers-hoodies>

You can view the design when you log on and select the hoody you would like. I have put a couple of pictures in the comments but remember you can choose from a variety of colours and can add a nickname to the front.

Please note the shop will close on the 29th March 2024. You must place your order by then. Delivery should be approximately 4 weeks. To keep costs down, hoodies will be delivered to me and I will then distribute.

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Photocopying Volunteer – Juniors

We are currently looking for a parent volunteer to assist with some photocopying. If you are interested in helping please email office@shirleyschools.co.uk for further information. When emailing the office please title the subject line, Photocopying Volunteer. We would be so grateful for any assistance, even if you manage to photocopy the wrong thing; all array of photocopying skills welcome!!

Free classes with Itchen College

If you would like help to support your child's learning and development please see the attached flyer.

Testwood Lakes Visit

Testwood Lakes have said that it was lovely to have the children from Shirley Junior School come visit. They have asked if parents could kindly fill in this online evaluation when you get a chance: <https://forms.office.com/e/9aXvk2QnZB>
Please see the following links to their Events and Team Wilder pages on their website [Events | Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust \(hiwwt.org.uk\)](https://www.hiwwt.org.uk)
[Team Wilder | Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust \(hiwwt.org.uk\)](https://www.hiwwt.org.uk)

World Book Day 2024

Reading with your child

This year for World Book Day we will be showcasing our enjoyment of reading in school by inviting our adults to experience one of our class book reading sessions. Parents and carers are invited to join their children in their classrooms on Thursday 7th March.

Year 5 and 6 between 9:00-9:30.

Year 3 and 4 between 2:30 and 3:00.

During our class book reading sessions, adults will have the opportunity to watch and listen to our skilled teachers reading aloud whilst modelling the skills of being a fluent reader.

In these sessions, parents and carers will also discover how teachers use echo reading to support reading fluency, a reading tool which could easily be used at home to encourage and develop a love of reading.

The Great Book Swap

Throughout World Book Day, all children will have the opportunity to be part of the Great Book Swap.

To get involved in the book swap, all children need to do is bring a book from home, which they no longer wish to read, on **Thursday 7th March**. Throughout the day every class will have an opportunity to hand over their book and swap it for a different book of their choice.

Books to be swapped need to be in a good condition so others can enjoy them. [If you have any extra children's books which you would like to donate please bring these to the School office on Wednesday 6th March.](#)

Uniform

This year we will be asking the children to wear their normal uniform on World Book Day.

We have made this decision for many reasons including:

- Cost of dress-up costumes are often expensive for adults to buy.
- Wearing different clothes can distract children from concentrating fully in lessons. Lessons will continue as normal throughout World Book Day.

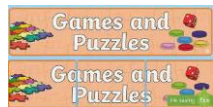
Shirley Job Agency

On Monday, we will be re-opening the Shirley Job Agency! Children are welcome to apply, if they would like, for the various jobs that will be advertised. Job adverts are displayed in the Junior school hall, and can also be found on the website: [Shirley Job Agency Application Form](#)

Application forms can be collected from the Senior Leadership Office, which is also where they can be handed in when complete. The deadline for completed applications is **Friday 15th March** Application forms can also be downloaded from the website.

Children have been given all the information in assemblies and are very excited!

Puzzles/Games Donations



We are currently in need of some puzzles or games for the quiet hut. If you have any that you would like to donate they would need to be in good condition and for ages 8-11 years. All donations would be greatly appreciated.

Donations of Sweets for School Disco

(Nothing containing nuts)



We are also looking for donations of sweets for the children for the school disco. If you feel that you would be able to donate any that would be great. All donations would need to be dropped into the school office by **Thursday 29th February**.

Personal Skill focus for Spring 2: To Persevere

This half term we will be having a focus on Perseverance, and through this we will be teaching the children about Growth Mindset, how their brains learn new information, and how effort leads to improvement .



To Persevere

More information to follow!

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