



# Shirley Schools



## 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.

Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

Year R Curriculum Letter  
Year 1 Curriculum Letter  
Year 1 Home Learning  
Year 2 Curriculum Letter  
Year 2 Home Learning

### **MEDICINE REMINDER**

If you send your child to school with any medicine for headaches, coughs, colds, indigestion etc, please make sure it is signed in by the school office.

**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

### **NOV**

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
Monday 14th	Odd socks day - Anti-Bullying
Monday 14th	Year 2 Celebration Event 2.45pm
Thursday 17th	Flu Immunisations Yr,1 & 2
Friday 25th	Year 2 Titanic Dress up Day
Friday 25th	Year 1 Home Learning due
Friday 25th	Choir singing at St James Methodist Church Arrive at 3.45pm
Monday 28th	Family Photo Session 4.30 - 6.30pm
Wednesday 30th	Year R Teddy Bear Hospital - on site
Wednesday 30th	Year 1 Celebration Event 2.45pm

### **DEC**

Friday 2nd	FOSIS Wreath Making
Monday 5th	Dress rehearsal Christmas Play
Tuesday 6th	Christmas Play 1.45pm St James Church
Wednesday 7th	Christmas Play 9.45am St James Church
Wednesday 7th	Year R Teddy Bear Hospital - on site
Friday 9th	Year 2 Wizard of Oz - off site
Friday 9th	FOSIS Cake Sale Year 2
Saturday 10th	FOSIS / PTA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 13th	Year 1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 14th	Year R Teddy Bear Hospital - on site
Wednesday 14th	Year 2 Christmas Party
Thursday 15th	Year R Christmas Party

**Friday 16th School closes at 3.10pm for the Christmas Holidays**

## Shirley Junior School

### **NOV**

Monday 7th	Virtual Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
Tuesday 8th	Year 3 Blue Funnel Trip - off site
Tuesday 8th	Arctic Fox Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
Wednesday 9th	Virtual Parents Evening 3.30-5.50 pm
Thursday 10th	Year 5 Swimming Malamutes
Monday 14th	Odd socks day - Anti-Bullying
Wednesday 16th	Flu Immunisations Y3,4,5,& 6
Thursday 17th	Year 5 Swimming Malamutes
Tuesday 22nd	Year 6 Lush Visit - on site
Thursday 24th	Year 5 Swimming Malamutes
Friday 25th	PTA Disco
Monday 28th	Family Photo Session 4.30 - 6.30pm

### **DEC**

Thursday 1st	Year 5 Swimming Malamutes
Thursday 1st	Share my Learning 8.45am & 3.20pm
Friday 2nd	PTA Wreath Making
Monday 5th	Year 6 Bikeability Training on site
Thursday 8th	Year 5 Swimming Malamutes
Saturday 10th	FOSIS / PTA Christmas Fayre
Monday 12th	Year 4 Outcome Ticket to Ride 1.30pm, parents invited
Monday 12th	Year 3 outcome Southampton through Time 3.20pm, parents invited
Tuesday 13th	PTA Elfridges
Wednesday 14th	Year 3 Christmas Play 2pm & 5pm
Wednesday 14th	PTA Elfridges
Friday 16th	Christingle 1.30pm St James, Parents invited

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### **PLEASE NOTE**

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

## Coming soon

Year R Teddy Bear Hospital Information

Tickets for Year 3 Christmas Play

Tickets for Infants Christmas Performance

Arctic Fox Swimming starts 5th January 2023

Husky Swimming starts 23rd February 2023

### Flu Immunisation

Please check your emails and child's book bags as we have sent out the information regarding booking your child in for their Flu Immunisation at school.

**NHS**

**Protecting your  
child against flu**  
Flu immunisation in England

### Arriving at the school

Please may we remind you that ALL visitors/parents must report to the school reception area when entering the school site during the school day.

Any adult collecting children during the school day must also report directly to the reception area.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### Poppy Appeal

We have a box of poppy accessories, snap bands, bracelets etc in the school office. We currently do not have poppies but these should turn up at a later date.

Please feel free to come along and have a look.



## Family Photo Session - Infants and Juniors

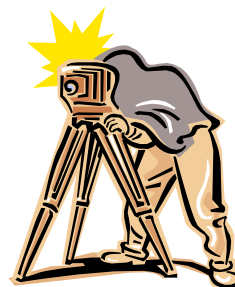
We are pleased to be able to offer the opportunity to have a family / group photograph taken.

These sessions will take place on Monday 28th November between 4.30pm and 6.00pm, you will be given a time slot of 10 mins.

We do request that the timings are adhered to in order to accommodate as many people as possible.

Whilst you can have a photograph of any group you wish, we do ask that you do not bring any pets with you as we are unable to accommodate pets in the school hall.

If you would like to sign up for a photo session please telephone the school office 02380 775057. These will be booked on a first come first served basis.



## Change of Uniform Shop day.

Uniform shop is now open on Tuesday Mornings Not Wednesdays as previously.

It will also be open on the first Monday of each month at 2:30-3:30pm during Parent Coffee drop in.



## Just a reminder



If you are bringing in treats to hand out at the end of the day because its your child's birthday, can we please remind you not to bring anything containing nuts. We have noticed tubs of celebrations coming in which contain Snickers.

## Southampton MHST Newsletter – Primary

Use this link - [shorturl.at/hsyIS](http://shorturl.at/hsyIS)

# Parent/Carer Drop-in

Do you have any worries, concerns or questions about your child?  
Do you need advice or support about family life worries?

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 & Vicky

2:30-3:30pm

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month Monday

Starting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Community Room

(entrance via Junior School Gate) Please  
come in for

Tea, Coffee and a chat

Vicky Crawford - Shirley Branch Salvation  
Army

and Karen Allen

Family Support Worker



## Christmas Present Appeal

We are collecting for the Christmas Present Appeal

There are 3 different ways you can support:

1. Buy a gift and drop it into the box in the office
2. Click on the link to our Amazon wishlist here - [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/26Y26W0S8TQJ1?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/26Y26W0S8TQJ1?ref=wl_share)
3. Scan the QR code to donate to our just giving page.



Be a STAR and donate a gift to our  
**Christmas Present Appeal**

Could you help us make Christmas special for those who may have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning?

All donations needed by  
**Wednesday 7th December 2022**

We would love to receive your donations of new, unwrapped toys or gifts for children aged 0-17 years or a gift for an adult.

Please drop off any donations to  
**The Salvation Army, Victor Street, Shirley, Southampton, SO15 5LH**  
between 9.30am- 2.30pm Monday -Friday  
from the 1st November to the 7th December 2022

If you would like to browse our Amazon Wish List and order a gift for delivery directly to us, then please follow this link  
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/26Y26W0S8TQJ1?type=wishlist>

However, if you wish to make a financial donation instead, please use our QR code



You can also contact us through our **Facebook Page at Shirley Salvation Army** or call us on **023 8077 1655** for more information

 **Christmas Appeal 2022**

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The Salvation Army is a Christian Church & registered Charity No.21479 and in Scotland SC099099; Social Trust Registered Charity No. 215174 and in Scotland SC037691; The Salvation Army Trustee Company, registered number 00299322 (England and Wales).



## **Shirley Schools Anti-Bullying**

Anti-Bullying nationally takes place from 14th until 22nd November. The theme this year is 'Reach Out' (let's come together and reach out to stop bullying).

The schools will be promoting this national campaign which will enhance our already embedded PSHE curriculum.

It is important to acknowledge that bullying is very different to children falling out or accidentally hurting each other. We use our restorative conversations and our behaviours and relationships policy to teach children how to solve this together.

The NSPCC have a very useful website that clarifies the definition of Bullying please use this link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

On Monday 14th, the school will be starting the week with Odd Socks Day where adults and children can wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique and different. It reminds us to respect each other's individuality and reminds us to be kind to each other.

Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless, but it does not have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. This starts by reaching out.

### **Shirley Junior School**

At SJS children enjoy many rights. These include the right to be safe, enjoy and achieve and make a positive contribution to school life. SJS maintain a caring approach to children and any form of bullying physical, verbal, racial, cyber, homophobic, sexist or any other types of harassment will not be tolerated.

During the week, the children will be part of various assemblies and complete activities highlighting what bullying is, what they can do if they feel they are being bullied and how they can reach out to help stop bullying.

### **Shirley Infant School**

As part of our PSHE programme across the year groups we teach the children about being a kind and respectful friend. This is revisited throughout the terms and built on progressively for their ages through each year group. The focus on asking for help if the children feel unsafe is prompted weekly in a circle time and the system of telling an adult or asking for bubble time is continuing to strengthen across the school.

We support the alliance's national campaign every year and use their tools to have an extra spotlight of recognising bullying. We use this particular week as a stepping stone to our commitment to long term measures; to continue to prevent and deal with bullying. At Shirley Infant School we teach children that bullying is very different to falling out with our friends, upsetting a friend or if children have hurt each other intentionally or unintentionally. We teach them that bullying is an act that is planned, repetitive (happens everyday) and there is an imbalance of power. We teach the children it is ok to say 'No I don't want to' if a game does not feel fun and safe anymore. We will be focussing on this particularly this week with our children to support the new zones for lunchtimes due to the previous rough play within the playground.

Within this week we have a focus assembly and all our circle times for the week focus on supporting strategies to ask for help, to promote who to go to for help with our helping hands activity.

Our Circle times where we will discuss: -

What is a friend? / Being a good friend / Quarrels / Making up / How can we tell how people are feeling? / Feeling afraid – what can we do? / Good persuasion and Saying no to bad persuasion.

- Philosophy sessions.
- Drama session related to key books.
- The School Council will meet to discuss play within the playground.
- Promoting Bubble Time - where children can ask to speak to an adult about their worries

# Safeguarding

## Top anti-bullying tips

### Tips for children and young people



Are you a young person who's suffering at the hands of bullies? Or maybe you're witnessing others being bullied? Either way there are ways around it. Here's our anti-bullying tips for you.

**If you're worried about bullying speak to someone you trust or you can call ChildLine on 0800 11 11**

- It doesn't matter what colour hair you have; what trainers you are wearing; how you speak; how you walk; how you talk – **it is not your fault if you get bullied**. We are all different in some way and that's what makes us amazing.
- Whether you are a boy or a girl, old or young, big or small – bullying makes you feel rubbish and it's okay to be upset about it. **The important thing is that you tell someone about it.**
- If you feel you can, talk to a teacher you trust or your parents, brother or sister. If you don't want to do that **you can always call Childline** 0800 11 11 or visit [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk).
- Keep a record of what happened, when it happened, and who was involved. If the bullying is online, **keep the evidence** – save or copy any photos, videos, texts, emails or posts.
- It can be tempting if you are being bullied to retaliate – for example to send a horrible message back to someone; to try and embarrass and hurt the other person, or to fight back. **This is not a good idea– you might end up being seen as the trouble maker or get yourself even more hurt.**
- Think about other ways you can respond to bullying.** For example, practice saying: "I don't like it when you say that/do that – please stop." Think about other people who can help you if you are being bullied – this could be other classmates, or a teacher.
- Only hang out with people who make you feel good about yourself.** If someone constantly puts you down they are not a real friend and not worth your time.
- Be kind to yourself**, and do things that make you feel good, relax and make new friends. You might play an instrument; write lyrics; draw cartoons; dance; act or join a sports club. This is your life so make sure it's the best life possible – don't let anyone bring you down.
- Remember to be kind to other people!** Just because someone is different to you and your friends – that doesn't mean you are better than them or have a right to make them feel bad. If you mess up, say sorry. You don't have to be friends with everyone – but you should always show respect, make it clear that you don't like it when people bully others, and stick up for people who are having a hard time.



[www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)



### Cyberbullying/online bullying:

- excluding a child from online games, activities or friendship groups
- sending threatening, upsetting or abusive messages
- creating and sharing embarrassing or malicious images or videos
- 'trolling' - sending menacing or upsetting messages on social networks, chat rooms or online games
- voting for or against someone in an abusive poll
- setting up hate sites or groups about a particular child
- creating fake accounts, hijacking or stealing online identities to embarrass a young person or cause trouble using their name.

Bullying can be a form of discrimination, particularly if it is based on a child's disability, race, religion or belief, gender identity or sexuality.



# FOSIS/PTFA

## 🔥 FIREWORKS EVENT INFO – TONIGHT! 🔥

Gates open at 5pm (last entry 6.30pm), fireworks to start at 6:45pm. **No tickets available on the door.**



There will be a BBQ, hotdogs, candy floss and the cafe open for dinner, snacks, and hot and cold drinks.

Lots of fun to be had with the glow stall, glow hut, crafts (in the hall), face painting, and doughnuts on a string!

### A few extra points:

- Link to event map - [here](#)
- Please bring your own travel mug if you have one - keep your drink warm and help the environment!
- Bring a torch if you have one
- Consider bringing ear defenders if your little ones don't like the bangs – don't worry if you don't have any - we'll have some for sale too!
- Wear white or neon for maximum impact in the glow zone!

### A reminder of the rules:

- Don't forget your ticket (printed or on phone) - no entry without one and no tickets for sale on the door
- Please walk to school if you can. If not please park considerately and definitely avoiding the school entrances and emergency access yellow gates on Wilton Road
- No Alcohol
- No smoking or vaping
- Do not bring fireworks or sparklers
- You are responsible for your own children at all times
- Follow the Marshalls (in h-vis vests) if there is an emergency

## THANK YOU...



**A big thank you** to everyone who helped organised and took part in the Halloween Trail. You've all helped raise over £324.09 to be shared across both schools.

**LEFT OVER HALLOWEEN SWEETS...** If you have any sweets left over from Halloween that you don't think you will eat, please consider donating them to be sold in the tuck shop at the junior disco 🧑🏻 🧑🏻 🧑🏻 . Please bring them to the office - Thank you!!! 🍬 🍬 🍬

## COMING SOON

### JUNIOR DISCO FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER – TICKETS ON SALE SOON



Dress to impress, treat yourself to a hotdog and something from the tuck shop and show off your moves on the dance floor!

**Year 3 & 4 disco – 4.45pm until 6pm**

**Year 5 & 6 discos – 6.30pm until 7.45pm**

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

### Infant and Junior Christmas Cards

Over recent weeks your children have been busy designing and creating their festive artwork in school. These masterpieces can now be reproduced in full colour onto Christmas cards that are available in packs of 12.



Additional items are also available including gift tags, wrapping paper, mugs and tote bags.

To order, simply visit <https://www.apfsorders.co.uk>, and input the unique artwork code (found on the label on the back of the artwork that your child has brought home this week) - and your child's first name and surname.

Orders must be placed by midnight on **10 November**. Any orders placed after this date will be subject to a handling and postage fee and may be delayed.

Benefits to ordering online include being able to personalise your cards with your child's name and/or school, create your own custom greetings, and pay securely by debit or credit card. You can also share the link and artwork codes with family and friends and fundraise even more for our schools

All the orders received by **10 November** will be dispatched back to the school around **24 November**.

Once the goods have been received back at school we'll provide further information on how to collect your order. The more you order the more funds will be raised for FOSIS and the PTFA.

## Market Stalls for Christmas Fair



We're holding a Christmas Fair on **Sat 10th December 11-2pm** at Shirley Junior School to raise funds for FOSIS/PTFA.

If you or someone you know would like to have a stall on the playground, please complete this booking form - <https://forms.gle/ehWYmmUgazywpFNbA>

## 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 December....



We're thrilled to be able to announce our big prize for the December draw – a MASSIVE PS5 bundle! This incredible prize includes a PS5 (disc edition), extra controller, 3 amazing games, an official PlayStation Pulse headset, and loads more goodies – as well as a 43" 4k Ultra HD Smart TV to play it on!



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 Easyfundrasing, sign up here:

[Infants – Friends of Shirley Infants – Southampton](#)

[Juniors – Shirley Junior School PTFA – Southampton](#)

## STAY CONNECTED AND GET INVOLVED...

Our website pages:

**FOSIS** – [Friends of Shirley Infant School - Shirley Infant School](#)

**PTFA** – [PTFA - Shirley Junior School](#)

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



Sure Start are looking for Parent/Carers of families with children in Southampton views on our Services.

They have compiled a questionnaire which can be completed via the link below.

It will be used by Sure Start Family Hubs to assess the views of parents & carers of the services available for children, young people and their families to inform our future plans.

[Customer satisfaction survey \(office.com\)](https://office.com)

### Free parent webinar

Topic: **How to Build a Resilient Family**

When: **29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 @ 07:30 PM**

A 45-minute webinar followed by Q&A, exploring how to build a resilient family in the modern world. Ideas shared are relevant for parents of children of all ages.

*What you'll learn:*

- Why resilience is such an important skill to foster in your family in 2022.
- What it means to be resilient.
- Ways to develop resilience.
- How embedding resilience can support your family.

**Register in advance for this 45-minute webinar:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/3616668757278/WN\\_dSrpL6NvTKGwjhP967eQqg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/3616668757278/WN_dSrpL6NvTKGwjhP967eQqg)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the webinar.





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COMMUNITIES

## Opportunity for volunteers to facilitate parenting Programmes within the local community

**Parent Group Leader Training, 9 Jan – 27 March 2023**

Location **Ashby Centre, Stratton Road, S015 5QZ**

Time **9.30am - 2.30pm**

- This course is offering parents the opportunity to participate in an 11 week training programme.
- Successful parents will receive Certification from the EPEC national team, and an AQA accreditation, to be able to deliver the Being a Parent And Living with Teenagers programmes.
- Support and supervision will be maintained throughout. (Being a Parent) Programme.

If you are interested and would like more information contact: **Amy Reid**  
Tel: **023 8083 4277** Mobile: **07920 088 499** Email: [amy.reid@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:amy.reid@southampton.gov.uk)

[southampton.gov.uk](http://southampton.gov.uk)



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