



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 24th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

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

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

[Infant School Letters Link](#)

[Junior School Letters Link](#)

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

MARCH

Friday 3rd
Friday 3rd
Monday 6th

Tuesday 7th
Thursday 9th
Friday 10th
Friday 17th
Monday 20th
Thursday 23rd

Friday 24th
Saturday 25th
Monday 27th

Tuesday 28th
Wednesday 29th

Thursday 30th

Friday 31st
Friday 31st
Friday 31st

Special Menu World Book Day
World Book Day - Dress up
Parent Drop in with Karen Allen our
Family Support Worker 2.30 - 3.30pm
Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm on site
Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm on site
FOSIS Family Disco
Year 2 Home Learning due in
Year 1 Victorian Day-on site, Dress up
Year R Celebration Event 2.45pm in
Class
Year 1 Home Learning due in
FOSIS Colour Run
Year 2 Woodpecker Class Celebration
Event 2.45pm - Hall
Class Photos
Year 2 Fox Class Celebration Event
2.45pm - Hall
Year 2 Badger Class Celebration Event
2.45pm - Hall
FOSIS Non Uniform Day
FOSIS Cake Sale Year 1
School closes for Easter Holidays

APRIL

3rd—14th

Monday 17th
Monday 17th

Saturday 22nd

EASTER HOLIDAYS

School re-opens for SUMMER 1

Parent Drop in with Karen Allen our
Family Support Worker 2.30 - 3.30pm
FOSIS School tidy up day

Shirley Junior School

MARCH

Thursday 2nd
Friday 3rd
Friday 3rd
Monday 6th

Tuesday 7th
Thursday 9th
Thursday 9th
Thursday 9th
Friday 10th
Thursday 16th
Tuesday 21st

Thursday 23rd
Friday 24th
Saturday 25th
Tuesday 28th
Thursday 30th
Thursday 30th
Thursday 30th

Friday 31st

Year 5 Siberian Husky Swimming - off site
Special Menu World Book Day
World Book Day - Dress up
Parent Drop in with Karen Allen our
Family Support Worker 2.30 - 3.30pm
Parents Evening Face to face 3.30-6.30pm
Year 5 Siberian Husky Swimming - off site
NO CHOIR
Parents Evening Online 3.30-6.30pm
PTA Family Disco
Year 5 Siberian Husky Swimming - off site
Share my learning 8.45am & 3.20pm
****note change of day****
Year 5 Siberian Husky Swimming - off site
Careers Fair 1pm – 3pm
PTA Colour Run
Zones of Regulation Workshop 6pm - Hall
Class photos
Year 5 Siberian Husky Swimming - off site
Year 4 Project Outcome, Rags to Riches -
off site
PTA Non Uniform Day

APRIL

3rd—14th

Monday 17th
Monday 17th

Saturday 22nd

EASTER HOLIDAYS

School re-opens for SUMMER 1

Parent Drop in with Karen Allen our
Family Support Worker 2.30 - 3.30pm
PTFA School tidy up day

Share my learning—Juniors

We will be changing days from Spring 2 as follows:

Tuesday 21st March

Thursday 18th May

Tuesday 11th July

In light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an **additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8th May**. Settings that are normally closed on a bank holiday should close on this day. This will include schools and colleges.

Coming soon

Parents Evening Dates

Shirley Infant School

We will continue with face to face meetings in school.

Tuesday 7th March - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Thursday 9th March - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Mr Ball - Woodpecker Class will hold his parents evening on Thursday 9th and Tuesday 14th March.

Sign up sheets will be available from Monday 27th Feb, these will be **located in the playground** from 8.30am. The closing date will be Friday 3rd March at 10.30am

Please note a change of dates due to potential strikes

Shirley Junior School

Following parent feedback we are going to offer a hybrid model for parent teacher consultations with one day face to face in school and one day virtual online using School cloud.

Face to face - Tuesday 7th March - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Online School Cloud - Thursday 9th March - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Blue Tit and Fireflies class will be holding their parents evenings on a different date.

Mrs Bell - Thursday 2nd March online and Tuesday 7th March Face to face

Miss Fearn & Mrs Mcquay - Thursday 2nd March online

Miss Fearn & Mrs Mcquay - Tuesday 7th March face to face

The booking system will go live on 24th February at 10.30am and the closing date is Thursday 2nd March at 10.30am. This will be via your school cloud account.

Both Schools Special Menu—DAY CHANGE

This has now moved to Friday 3rd March

Please amend your child's food on school grid if you have already ordered

Please order your child's World Book Day Special Menu on School grid or your child can order in their class.



PRIME DRINKS

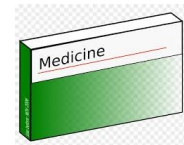
We know its the new craze, but can we ask that you do not send your child into school with prime or even a prime bottle filled with water or juice.



IMPORTANT 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 at the school office.

Could we also remind you that all medication needs to be handed in, in its original packaging, bringing in just a tablet will not be accepted.

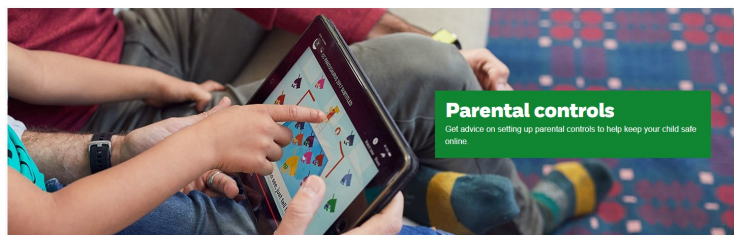


Infant School Year 2

Year 2 are in need of toys with a winding mechanism as part of their DT topic, this is only if you are having a clear out. Please don't buy anything new.

Safeguarding

Parental controls



The online world gives us access to a huge amount of information and services, but the scale of information available also means that there is content that is inappropriate for children. What is or isn't appropriate is up to individual parents and carers to decide, and could be based on things like age, ability, beliefs and family values.

What are parental controls?

Parental controls allow you to block and filter upsetting or inappropriate content. They work across your WiFi, phone network, individual apps and devices.

Parental controls can help you to:

- plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for
- create content filters to block apps that may have [inappropriate content](#)
- manage the content different family members can see.

Setting up parental controls on:

- Home broadband and WiFi
- Games consoles
- Mobiles, tablets and computers
- Apps and online services
- Search engines
- Wifi and being away from home

Have a look at this website for more information

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Keep yourself safe online

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Cyber Crime Unit have collaborated with [The Blue Lamp Trust](#) to prepare a 10-step guide to help you protect yourself online.



Simple changes such as using strong passwords, backing up your data and most importantly turning on Two-Step Verification (sometimes called 2SV, 2FA or MFA) can really help you and your online accounts remain safe.

To download the free guide, [click here](#).

FOSIS/PTFA

UPCOMING EVENTS...



FAMILY DISCO – FRIDAY 10 MARCH – TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Bring the family to our fun-filled disco and dance the night away to tunes by DJ Tash!

Date: Friday 10 March 2023

Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm (come anytime you like!)

Price: £3 per child / adults FREE

Tickets: available here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm?event=shop#.Y-QxeC2l0Us>

All children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times and each adult can supervise up to 5 children. The cafe will be serving light food and refreshments.

We can't wait to see your moves on the dancefloor!

COLOUR RUN SAT 25 MARCH – TICKETS ON SALE NOW !



What better way to spend a Saturday than taking on our obstacle course and getting splatted with paint at the same time!

Date: Saturday 25 March 2023

Time: 11am – 2pm

Price: £5 per person and includes an exclusive medal.

Tickets: available here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosis/index.cfm?event=events&eventUpdated=true>

As well as paint, we'll have a BBQ, face painting, candy floss and much more, so come and join us!

We still need lots of volunteers to help run this event so please contact fosis@shirleyschools.co.uk if you can help at all, even if for an hour, every little helps. All are welcome so why not rope in a grandparent too!

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>



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

Libraries Plus returns



The Libraries Plus programme run by Southampton Hub, University of Southampton volunteers, returns on Wednesday 22 February 2023. A home-work help and tutoring session that is completely free but [signing up online is essential](#).

Pupils are matched up with volunteer tutors for 1-to-1 sessions each week either online or in libraries. It is designed to help pupils from Key Stages 1 to 4 who may find school subjects challenging or confusing. Tutoring is offered for English, Maths and Science.

Online / Wednesdays / 4pm to 6pm
Bitterne Library / Wednesdays / 4pm to 6pm
Portwood Library / Saturdays / 11am to 1pm
Central Library / Saturdays / 1pm to 3pm



Join us at SeaCity Museum **Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 April**, as we celebrate all things made of LEGO® bricks.

Hunt the brick mini-eggs, marvel at the eggstraordinary LEGO displays in the main hall and enjoy our free build room for creative builders. Book your tickets to the museum on Saturday 1 April, or Sunday 2 April to join in the fun!

[Book your museum tickets here](#)

*Some parts of this event are subject to additional cost on the day. LEGO® is a trademark of the LEGO Group of companies, which does not sponsor, authorise or endorse this event.

Titanic activities and Clock Tower tours

Also, on both days at the museum there will be Titanic costumed tours, Titanic family workshops and Clock Tower tours to enjoy!

To book onto one of these activities, please follow the links below:

[Saturday 1 April Activities](#)

[Sunday 2 April Activities](#)

Monthly kids Saturday art classes

[The Young Ones: Art Club \(7-13yrs\)](#) | Next one is 18 February | 10.30am | Southampton City Art Gallery | £12

Experiment with different art materials, processes and ideas; inspired by the Gallery's collection and the exhibitions on show. You are welcome to drop your child off for this session, or to stay and enjoy it with them.

Dates for Spring 2023 are: **18 Feb, 18 March, 15 April, 20 May, 17 June.**

[Book here](#)

[Mini Monets: Art Club \(Under 7s\)](#) | Next one is 25 February | 10.30am | Southampton City Art Gallery | £7.50

Join artist Debra Marsh at our monthly art club to experiment with different art styles, techniques and materials in a fun and accessible way; a great way to encourage your child's creativity without making a mess at home!

Dates for Spring 2023 are: **25 Feb, 25 March, 22 April, 27 May, 24 June.**

[Book here](#)

Strengthening Families



A FREE course for families
Online via ZOOM

Mums, dads and carers participate together with **one** of their children who must be **aged 10–14 years**

Get some helpful tips to strengthen your relationship with your child!



Explore subjects together such as:

- Setting loving limits
- Making house rules
- Encouraging positive behaviour
- Using consequences
- Building bridges
- Communicating when you don't agree

Course materials and snacks will be sent to your home!

An 8 week course starting on 26th April 2023

Wednesdays 6.30 – 8.30pm on Zoom

26th April; 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th May and 7th, 14th and 21st June 2023

Book a place on the course by emailing us on info@sftrust.org.uk



How to protect yourself and others from Norovirus

The [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) has released data](#) that shows a sharp increase in confirmed cases of norovirus, so it's important to take actions to help protect yourself and others.

Norovirus is highly infectious and the most common infectious cause of diarrhoea and vomiting. It is easily spread through contact with someone with the infection or with contaminated surfaces. One of the best ways to prevent the spread of norovirus is by practising good hand hygiene. Handwashing with soap and warm water is the most effective way to kill the virus and it is important to note that alcohol hand gels are not effective against it.

Most people will make a full recovery within two to three days but it is important to drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration, especially for the very young, elderly or those with weakened immune systems who are more at risk.

[Visit the NHS website](#) for more information on the signs and symptoms of norovirus and how you can treat yourself or your child at home.



Employability Training with Guaranteed Interviews

Are you aged 19+ and looking for a job in the Health and Social Care sector? Our upcoming Employability Workshops will equip you with the skills and confidence you need to find work.

The workshops are fully funded and suitable for anyone looking for employment, whether you've been out of work for a while, are looking for your first job, or have recently lost your job.

We're working with several local care companies to offer a bespoke employability course for people who want to work in health and social care but need support with the application process. **Anyone who completes all 3 sessions will get a guaranteed job interview with a local care company.**

When: Monday 6, Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 March 2023, 10am-3pm

Where: Seminar Room, 1st Floor, Central Library, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LW

What do we cover?

- Setting goals and improving confidence around looking for work
- By the end of the training, all learners will have written/updated a CV and Covering Letter
- How to write a strong application for health and social care specific roles
- Preparing for care sector interviews, including virtual/online/telephone interviews
- Pre-employment checks, and how to make sure this doesn't become a barrier

For more information or to book a place, [visit our website](#) or contact us by [email](#).

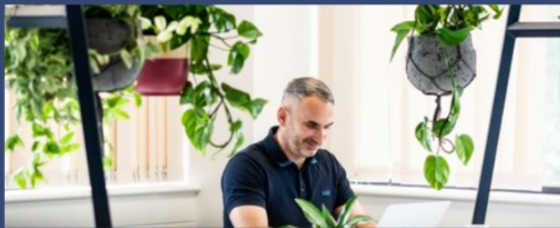
Abri Careers Information Session



Friday 24 February 2023, 10am-1pm
Southampton Young Adults Employment Hub, Central
Library, SO14 7LW

Would you like working as part of a team as passionate as you are about creating homes and communities where people can thrive?

Find out about current vacancies with Abri, from jobs in the trades, to customer services to administration and beyond



access-southampton.co.uk/young-adults-employment-hub



Abri Careers Information Drop In

Would you like a career where you make a significant and lasting difference to the lives of thousands of families?

Would you like working as part of a team as passionate as you are about creating homes and communities where people can thrive?

Yes? Then read on.

Abri are a housing provider based in the south of England and have 35,000 homes and 80,000 residents living in them. On Friday 24 February 2023, Abri's recruitment team will be joining us at our Young Adults Employment Hub between 10am and 1pm to talk to local jobseekers about their current opportunities. From jobs in the trades, to customer services to administration and beyond, there's something for everyone so drop in and find out more.

For information about other careers events hosted at the Young Adults Employment Hub, keep an eye on our [events and opportunities calendar](#).

Searching for social care support?

If you're searching for information on adult or children's social care support, visit our new-look [directory of support services](#) webpage. It lists organisations and groups that can provide help with:

- Childcare
- Respite care
- Employment and training
- Parenting/carers
- SEND
- Wellbeing

These are just some of the topics that you'll find. Search by keyword, postcode or organisation. Help is just a click away.

Southampton Sporterium: Free family fun ride

Have you ever fancied a 60km or 100km bike ride through Hampshire? [Southampton Sporterium](#), could be just what you're looking for!

Taking place on 1 April, the rides (not races) are an opportunity to see Southampton and the surrounding countryside on two wheels. There are mechanics and feed stations along the route too, so you can go at your own pace with your own space.

In Guildhall Square and Watts Park, there will be lots to do, with stall holders, bike agility and local businesses including [The Hub Cycleworks](#), where you can try out cargo and electric bikes or maybe even give a [Beryl Bike](#) a free spin.

Find out more here: [Southampton Sporterium 2023 | Facebook](#). With roads closed surrounding the square you and your spectators can make a day of it!

If you're interested in having a stall or helping with volunteer marshalling on the day, please email volunteer@reesleisure.co.uk.

PEDALL, New Forest Inclusive Cycling will be offering free, specialist bike try-out session on the Spin City loop to make cycling accessible to all. To book, [please go to Eventbrite.](#)

If you have any other questions or queries, please contact activetravel@myjourneysouthampton.com or call 02380 83 4765.



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*From Sept 2023

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