



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 10th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 17th
Thursday 23rd
Thursday 23rd

Friday 24th
Saturday 25th
Monday 27th

Tuesday 28th
Wednesday 29th

Thursday 30th

Friday 31st
Friday 31st

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Friday 31st

APRIL

3rd—14th
Monday 17th
Monday 17th

Saturday 22nd

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
School Choir Y1&2 Performing school
playground at 2.45pm
FOSIS Cake Sale Year 1
School closes for Easter Holidays

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 16th
Tuesday 21st

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

Friday 31st

APRIL

3rd—14th
Monday 17th
Monday 17th

Saturday 22nd

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
Class photos
Year 5 Siberian Husky Swimming - off site
Year 4 Project Outcome, Rags to Riches -
off site
PTA Non Uniform Day

EASTER HOLIDAYS

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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

Infants Sports Day - 25th May Morning only - Further information of organisation to follow

Junior Sports Day - 13th July - Further information to follow

Recording and slides from Junior 'Zones of Regulation' information session

Feedback form for Infants & Junior School:

Did you know we have a form for praise or suggestions? Head to the 'Contact Us' page and scroll down to find the link beneath the table.



Take a look

Have a look at Shirley Infants Foundation Curriculum on the school website under Curriculum / Curriculum at Shirley Infant School



Shirley Infants Year 1 Victorian Day

Please note Victorian Dress up day has now changed to Thursday 23rd March

Children can take part in some extended role-play and have an opportunity to further their understanding. The Year 1 Team would be grateful if the children could come to school on this day wearing **some part** of a Victorian costume.

Suggestions are:

Girls: Dark plain dress, white apron or mop cap

Boys: Knee length trousers, waistcoat, neckerchief or flat cap



We will be sharing a video with you on google classroom to share their experiences of the day.

Shirley Infants Choir - Year 1 & 2

On Friday 31st March at 2.45pm in the playground, those children who sing in the choir will be performing some of their songs for parents to come along and listen to.

There will soon be teaching videos of the songs on our school website in the "choir section" for children to practice at home. This is under parents / choir.



Calling all adults of the Shirley community - we need you!

Would you, or someone you know, be willing to come and talk about your job at the junior school Careers Fair on Friday 24th March (1pm - 3pm).

Our annual Careers Fair is a highlight for the children and an opportunity for them to widen their horizons and learn about what jobs are, what skills are needed and generally learn about what work is. If you are able to gift us your time please email office@shirleyschools.co.uk FAO Mrs Booth - Careers Fair.

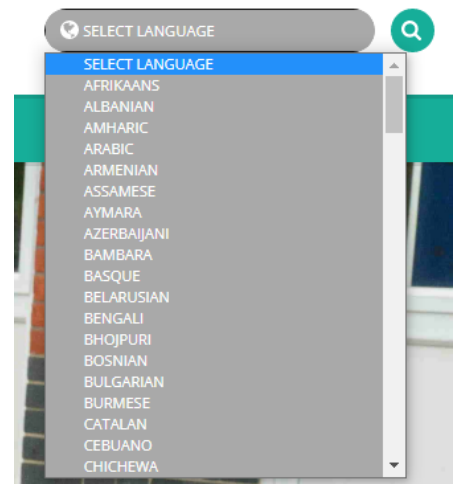
Link to letter:

https://www.shirleyjuniorschool.org/_site/data/files/documents/280A25725B502B1814A607A0C45421B5.pdf



Shirley Infant and Junior School websites

These are now available to read in a number of different languages. You can access them on the top right-hand corner of the homepage by clicking "Translate" and selecting your language of choice from the list.



Supporting children's emotional wellbeing: does your child experience meltdowns after school?



'After School Restraint Collapse' is the psychological term that describes the state some children can experience when, coming out of school, they suddenly seem to feel intense emotions out of nowhere.

We hope that using Zones of Regulation and allowing children to be aware of their emotional state during the day, as well as teaching them strategies to help them regulate, means that children are able to experience their emotions so that they do not end up bottling so much up. Even with this approach though, there are definitely some children with more intense feelings who are going to show you these feelings as soon as they see you, because you are their safe person.

Here are some links to websites that explain this more, and suggest some strategies:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z863cxs#:~:text=This%20type%20of%20behaviour%20is,to%20let%20it%20all%20out!>

<https://calmfamily.org/survive-after-school-restraint-collapse/>

Items not allowed in school



Prime Drinks
or even a Prime bottle filled
with water or juice.

Chewing gum

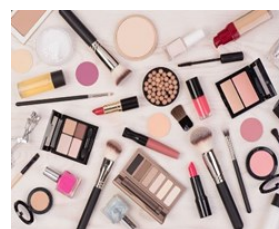


Nail polish/
fake nails



We would like to remind parents that children **should not** be wearing nail polish or make up in school, or bringing in any possessions from home. If children are found to have brought items in from home, staff will put them somewhere safe and hand them back to you at the end of the day. On this page are some examples of the things the children should not be wearing /bringing in; please ask if you are unsure.

Make up



Jewellery



Toys or balls, soft toys or fidget toys unless the parent (not the child!) has agreed this with the teacher

Safeguarding

1,000 per cent increase in sexual abuse imagery of 7-10s since lockdown

Primary school children aged 7-10 years old are increasingly being groomed to perform sexually online by predators, warns the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF).

The IWF, the UK hotline to report and remove child sexual abuse imagery online, have warned that since the beginning of the pandemic, they have witnessed an increase of 1,058 per cent in the number of webpages depicting sexual abuse imagery of children aged 7-10. This content was recorded by predators via internet connected devices and shared online.

Read more here :-

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/1000-per-cent-increase-in-sexual-abuse-imagery-of-7-10s-since-lockdown>



Parents' Guide for Talking to children about online sexual harassment

We may think this won't happen to our children, but research back in 2017 found that 2 in 5 young people aged 13 and over have witnessed people their age circulating nude or nearly nude images of someone they know, and research has also found that very few children report these incidents because they do not believe that reporting makes any difference. It is clearly vital for parents to be having conversations about these things with their children as soon as, if not before, children have access to smart phones and social media, so that they know how to stay safe.

You can download this excellent guide from <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/>

It includes advice from 16-21 year olds about how they would have liked their parents to handle discussions about sensitive topics such as peer pressure and sharing nude images, along with links for more information on each topic.



FOSIS/PTFA

UPCOMING EVENTS...

FAMILY DISCO TONIGHT (10 March)



Get your dancing shoes ready for the family disco tonight in the junior school hall. **Tickets will be available on the door.**

Date: Friday 10 March 2023

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

Price: £3 per child / adults FREE

The cafe will be serving light food and refreshments so bring some pennies (card payments also accepted).

All children **must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times** and each adult can supervise up to 5 children.

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: [Shirley Infants School \(pta-events.co.uk\)](https://www.shirley-infants-school.co.uk/pta-events.co.uk)

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!

INFANT CAKE SALE – FRIDAY 31 MARCH



Cake cakes and more cakes! Bring your pennies to buy lots of fabulous cakes and raise money for our infant school – 50p a cake. We'll be selling in the Infant playground after school on Friday 31st March.

Year 1 will be organising this one - cake donations (bought or baked, no nuts please) very gratefully received and can be brought to the office on the morning of the sale or straight to the stall after school. Please bring your own containers to take cakes home. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE – INFANTS’ ADULT QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 21 APRIL



After the success of our Junior School Quiz night at Atherley Bowling Club, we’ve booked it again for our annual Infant Quiz, so get your teams ready!

Teams can be a maximum of 8 people with no minimum (over 18s only).

More details coming soon!

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>



easyfundraising

Online shopping from bread to bathrooms, use Easyfundraising, 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



DISCOVER THE AMAZING

**SOUTHAMPTON
SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING FESTIVAL**
10th - 19th March 2023

**SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING DAY**
Saturday 18th March 2023



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Southampton Sporterium:

There are still spaces to sign up for the two ride lengths in the [Southampton Sporterium](#), taking place on the 1st April!

The exciting event will also include Spin City from 10am to 5pm, taking place in Guildhall Square and Watts Park. With closed roads surrounding the square available for anyone to ride, come along to try out a wide range of electric and cargo bikes from [The Hub Cycleworks](#), or give a [Beryl Bike](#) a free spin!

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 the Eventbrite link:

[PEDALL @ Southampton Sporterium Tickets, Sat 1 Apr 2023 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

[Stall holders, bike agility course and games area will be available in Watts Park for when you need to take break – explore stalls from local businesses, bike clubs and community groups, with stalls announced on the Facebook page: Southampton Sporterium 2023 | Facebook](#)

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

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





£25 per day
10% discount
for weekly rates



Mountbatten School Activity Camp

3rd - 6th & 11th - 14th April



Free for young people eligible for benefits-related free school meals - hot lunch included

8:30am - 4:30pm | Year 1s - Year 7s | Childcare vouchers accepted



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01794 510225 or enquiries@personalbesteducation.com



Please see below the latest newsletter from the MHST (Mental Health in Schools Team).

Primary (5 Ways to Wellbeing)

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/242927375/>

School Crossing Patrol Officer Recruitment

Southampton City Council is looking to recruit to our School Crossing Patrol Service to a few locations across the city. We are looking for an individual that is within the community that can help with this very important role. The successful applicant will be trained and equipped by Southampton City Council and will be a member of a very much loved and valued team.

If you are interested in this role or know anyone who would be suitable for this position and would like more information then please email schoolcrossing.patrolservice@southampton.gov.uk or apply by clicking [here](#).



School Street volunteers wanted

We are encouraging active travel as part of our Schools Street's programme. In order to make this programme a success, we NEED YOU!

School Streets are where the road outside a school temporarily becomes a pedestrian and cycle zone during drop-off and pick-up times. It is a tried and tested way of creating a safe space by removing traffic and parents' cars from the road outside a school, so that it can be used safely by families to travel on foot, by bike or by scooter to school.

School Streets can only happen thanks to our amazing volunteers! We are currently looking for volunteers to assist at a number of School Streets around Southampton. Details of all our School Streets can be found [here](#). Townhill Junior and Mansbridge Primary School are running short of volunteers, so if you could spare 30-45 minutes once, twice, or even more times a week, please contact

school.streets@southampton.gov.uk





Coming soon.....



@vibe_classes

Street Dance Classes

River Studios, 32 Winsor Road, Totton, SO40 9HQ

EVERY WEDNESDAY 5:30PM - 6:45PM

Term Time Only

A new **EXCITING** class starting up! Everyone is new, all the dances will be new, everyone is in the same boat starting together! It will be **FUN, ENERGETIC**, and a nice way to socialise.

Each session lasting 75 minutes incl breaks, making our classes a fantastic way to exercise.

Starting **WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL**, with your first session **FREE!**

Contact Crystal for further details or to book

07887 482 783

**Ages
8 - 15**

other ages welcome, but
please let us know beforehand!