



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 11th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- Infants Christmas Nativity Letter
- Arctic Fox Swimming Letter

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

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 - Letter has been sent out
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	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
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 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
Friday 9th	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
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
Friday 16th	School closes at 3.20pm for the Christmas Holidays

Coming soon

Year R Teddy Bear Hospital Information

Update on costumes for Christmas Nativity

Arctic Fox Swimming starts 5th January 2023

Husky Swimming starts 23rd February 2023

Plea for paper

If any parents who work for a company that has any useable paper they may be getting rid off we would kindly accept this. Please bring to the school office.

High Vis Jackets—Travel Plan

We have lots of high-vis jackets for young children (aged 1-5 years) for sale in the school office. Please come and have a look.



FLU IMMUNISATION

Shirley Juniors - Wednesday 16th November

Shirley Infants - Thursday 17th November

You should have received an email with the information on how to give / or not give consent for the Flu Immunisation. **You need to complete either way.**

Creative Writing competition

If you are at a loose end one rainy Saturday, there is a wonderful opportunity for children ages 5-11 to engage in some creative writing. There are two themes available to inspire the children:

A Twist in the Tale and The Magic Door.



If you click on the link below, you will find all the information you need as well as lots of supporting resources. You can then enter your child's writing piece too. If you as a parent wish to enter click on the parent tab on this link. We would love to see any entries you make in school too.



<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions>

Christmas Photo opportunity

Infants and Juniors

We are pleased to be able to offer the opportunity to have a family / group photograph taken. These could be a good Christmas present for the family.

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.



Shirley Infants Choir

We now have videos of Mrs Clark singing our songs on our school website, under Parents / choir.

This is so children can practice at home in preparation for our concerts.

Thank you for returning your reply slips for the Christmas Tree Festival on Friday 25th November.

We have a slight amendment to the singing at John Lewis West Quay Southampton.

This date has been changed to Saturday 10th December at 3.30pm, sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Please look out for a letter coming home about the singing at John Lewis as numbers will be strictly limited.



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

Gaming platforms

Source: BBC

Date: 25 October 2022

The BBC has released a new 'File on Four' radio episode discussing the gaming platform Roblox. The episode investigates the online platform's measures to ensure children are protected and explores concerns around financial exploitation, grooming and access to inappropriate content.

Listen to the episode: [Roblox: a dangerous game?](#)

Read the NSPCC news story: [Is Roblox safe for my child?](#)

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.
- 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.



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

UPCOMING EVENTS...

JUNIOR DISCO FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER – TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!



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

Purchase your tickets in advance here: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm?fbclid=IwAR2AG0T9dEERAXcgFCzfhjWXc_wA9s-CYs86MAF7TGy_PXX2LXA5iHChqdA#.Y2vI3bP3IU

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>

🌲 SAVE THE DATE: FOSIS/PTFA WREATH MAKING EVENT – FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 🌲

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas....." And what better way to start the festive season off right with a bit of wreath making courtesy of FOSIS/PTFA:

- Green foliage: Check ✓
- Christmas spirit: Check ✓
- Adults only: double check ✓ ✓

More details to follow shortly.....

THANK YOU...



Thank you so much to everyone that helped make our firework event a success last Friday. We couldn't have done it without all our amazing volunteers.

Particular thanks to Pearsons Estate Agents for sponsoring the event, Make it Magic for supplying the fireworks, Biglands Bakery for supplying the rolls, and Rob Davis and Paul Webb for setting off the fireworks!

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

Southampton City Council



Please see below a link to the annual satisfaction survey. It would be great to get some honest feedback regarding the service we currently offer and how we can develop the Sure Start centres in the future.

Thanks in advance for your help with this.

[Customer Satisfaction Survey 2022](#)

Odd Socks Day

MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

This year we are holding **Odd Socks Day** with the support of Andy Day, CBeebies and CBBC star and front man of Andy and the Odd Socks. Odd Socks Day is a chance for schools to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking pupils and staff to wear odd socks to school. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks, it could not be simpler!

Odd Socks Day will take place on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week, **Monday 14th November** to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week.

It comes with a school pack of lesson plans and activity ideas, which you can find [here](#).



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Sunday 20 November 2022 is World Children's Day and we want you to take over our social media!

If you are under 18 we want to hear your views. Share a 30 second video clip letting us know what you think about Southampton.

We are working with UNICEF UK to become a Child Friendly City and your views can help us Shape what we do in the future to make Southampton a great place for you.

Follow our Social media @childfriendlysouthampton to see your views being shared and take part in voting on our Child Friendly topics in the coming weeks.



WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY NOVEMBER 20
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Children and young people of Southampton

We want to hear from you

Sunday 20th November is World Children's Day. We want you to take over our social media. Share your views on one of these topics in a 30 second video clip!

- Safety
- Health
- Young People's rights
- Child Friendly Services
- Having a say
- Things to do
- Your future



How to take part:

- Record your 30 second clip on your mobile phone
- Ensure it is in Portrait mode
- Complete the photo/ filming consent and upload form here (scan QR code)
- Follow our social media @childfriendlysouthampton

If you have any questions please get in touch with us here
Child.friendly@southampton.gov.uk



southampton.gov.uk/childfriendly

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Winter Coat Giveaway

Southampton Vineyard Church are hosting a big Winter Coat Giveaway at The Old Chemist, Bitterne Park Triangle, on Saturday 12th November 10.00 to 4.00pm so anyone in need can come and get a pre-loved coat to help keep warm this winter. There will be adult's and children's coats available, although subject to availability on the day.

We know how much of a pinch everything is this winter, so anyone who needs this is welcome. If you know of anyone else who would benefit please do let them know and share this webpage with them. <https://www.svc.church/event/winter-coat-giveaway/>

There'll be hot drinks and cake on the day, we look forward to seeing you then.

Best Wishes

Southampton Vineyard Church



Ignite their passion for swimming

Otters Learn to Swim is run by the City of Southampton Swimming Club.

Claim your FREE session now at southamptonotters.org

Our teachers are qualified and have a passion for swimming. They have all competed in the sport they love and experienced the freedom and joy swimming can bring.

We follow the Swim England Learn to Swim pathway but go the extra mile to ensure that our students have the opportunity to not only gain a life skill but also ignite their passion for swimming.

The benefits of learning to swim with the Otters include:

- Small class sizes
- Learn with a qualified team who have all competed in the sport they love
- Swimmers reach their potential at their pace
- We support the community by reinvesting into swimming at all levels

The Otters runs lessons at Regents Park Community College. There is free parking on-site, parents are welcome to stay and watch the lessons.

southamptonotters.org

Swimming lessons from the City of Southampton Swimming Club





PERSONAL BEST EDUCATION

£25 per day

Orchard Junior Activity Camp

19th - 22nd December

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

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

Book Today 

www.personalbesteducation.com/juniors/holiday-camps/
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PERSONAL BEST EDUCATION

£25 per day

Mountbatten Activity Camp

19th - 22nd December

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

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PERSONAL BEST EDUCATION

£25 per day

Knights Enham Junior Activity Camp

19th - 22nd December

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

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

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PERSONAL BEST EDUCATION

£25 per day

Barton Peveril College Activity Camp

19th - 22nd December

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

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

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