

To contact any member of staff, please email <u>office@shirleyschools.co.uk</u> marked for the attention of the member of staff and your email will be forwarded.

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

• Year 4 Parent Information Rain Forest Trip

## **MEDICINE REMINDER**

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

## 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**

#### **Shirley Junior School**

#### **JANUARY**

<u>JANUARY</u> Friday 27th	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
Monday 30th	INSET DAY - School closed to Pupils
Tuesday 31st	Parent workshops on behaviour and relationships in school - Virtual event 12:30-1:30pm
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**JANUARY** Monday 23rd Thursday 26th Thursday 26th Friday 27th Monday 30th

**FEBRUARY** 

Young Voices - off site Year 5 Swimming Arctic Foxes **NO CHOIR INSET DAY - School closed to pupils INSET DAY - School closed to pupils** 

#### **FEBRUARY**

#### Year 1 Celebration Event 2.45pm in Thursday 2nd classroom Friday 3rd Year 2 Home Learning due Tuesday 7th Year 1 Fire Visit - on site Thursday 9th Year R Celebration Event 2.45pm in classroom Friday 10th School closes for Half Term 13th-17th **HALF TERM**

Monday 20th	School re-opens for SPRING 2
Wednesday 22nd	Year 2 Great Fire of London - on site
Thursday 23rd	Year R Mill Cottage - on site
Thursday 23rd	Year 1 Manor Farm - off site

Thursday 2nd	Share my learning 8.45am & 3.20pm in classrooms
Thursday 2nd	Year 5 Swimming Arctic Foxes
Thursday 2nd	Year 4 Fishbourne Roman Palace - off site
Friday 3rd	PTA Quiz
Thursday 9th	Year 3 Sleep over and light party - on site
Thursday 9th	Year 5 Swimming Arctic Foxes
Friday 10th	PTA Cake Sale
Friday 10th	School closes for Half Term

#### 13th—17th HALF TERM

Monday 20th Thursday 23rd

School re-opens for SPRING 2 Year 5 Swimming Siberian Husky

#### Share my leaning—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 8 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 Spring 2
- Information on potential strikes

# Tips to limit screen time

Reducing screen time is one of the most common concerns we hear from parents. **The reality** is, a 'one-size fits all' tip or rule for screen time doesn't work for everyone.

This resource from Smart Social has 50+ tips to help families find ways to reduce screen time. Scroll through the tips and we're sure at least one will connect with your goals and what your child/children need help learning in their lives today.



Use this link:-

https://smartsocial.us3.list-manage.com/track/click? u=31eb4161cfb27071716e69a09&id=6ba11a054e&e=493e055c0a

# **SHIRLEY JUNIOR YEAR 4 PLEA**

If you have any clean unwanted bed linen (duvet covers, pillowcases, sheets), please consider donating it to Year 4 for their Rags to Riches project. Thanks.

These can be handed into the school office.



# Eagle and Barn House Pupils

On Thursday 26th January, children in Barn and Eagle House can come to school in non-uniform as they have won the most house points so far this year as well as best attendance.







# Safeguarding

# Online safety advice

Understanding online safety is tricky for all ages. Here is some advice to help you learn about staying safe online as a family

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/.

https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/stayingsafe-online



# **UPCOMING EVENTS...**

# JUNIOR QUIZ NIGHT (ADULTS) - FRIDAY 3 FEB @ ATHERLEY BOWLING CLUB



Our adult quiz night is back (**over 18s only**), so get your teams ready. This will be held at our new venue **Atherley Bowling Club**. 7.30pm – 11pm.

For just **£10 per person** you'll have entry to the quiz and a delicious curry from Sanjha. Drinks are available from the bar at very reasonable prices.

Teams can be a maximum of 8 people with no minimum. For smaller groups and individuals, just let us know if you'd like to be joined with others to make up a bigger team. Ticket price includes a buffet of chicken and vegetable curry with naan and poppadums.

## Tickets here – SJS PTFA (pta-events.co.uk)

Please could each team bring a raffle prize (suggested value £5-£10)



# JUNIOR QUIZ (KIDS) – FRIDAY 3 FEB @ JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL

Our annual Junior quiz will also run on Friday 3 Feb in the **Junior School Hall** - £3.50 per child (years 3-6 only) including a hotdog or slice of pizza, and free water and squash.

We'll also have a tuck shop selling hotdogs, pizza, sweets and snacks.

Teams will have up to 8 children each. We'll allocate children to teams to ensure that all teams have a mixture of ages. You can let us know who your child wants to be in a team with or just en-

ter them as an individual and we will do our best to match them with other children they know.

Parents should drop off and collect their children via the doors in the playground. Parents do not have to stay but if you would like to come and help then please sign up to volunteer. Younger siblings are welcome to join in if their parent is help-ing.

Tickets here – <u>SJS PTFA (pta-events.co.uk)</u>

# **COLOUR RUN SAT 25 MARCH - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



We need lots of volunteers for our colour run event on Saturday 25th March held at the school - we need marshalls, bbq'ers, entrance, shop and more!

**Calling All Volunteers!** We'll be setting up from 9am with the event running between 11 & 2pm and then clear up after. We will also need help with some final tidy up on Sunday morning.

Many hands make light work right?

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!

# **DIARY DATES**

There's been a couple of changes to the dates – Infant quiz now on **Friday 21 April**, and our Summer Fair on **Saturday 8 July** 



# THANK YOU

A big **thank you** to every that donated to our Bag2School collection – we raised **£252** for our schools



# DON'T FORGET ...



school/shirley-junior-school

**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: <u>https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/</u>



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: <u>Infants – Friends of Shirley Infants – Southampton</u> <u>Juniors – Shirley Junior School PTFA – Southampton</u>

# STAY CONNECTED AND GET INVOLVED...

Our website pages:

FOSIS – <u>Friends of Shirley Infant School - Shirley Infant School</u> PTFA – <u>PTFA - Shirley Junior School</u>

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 - <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/849370902208557</u> Year 1 Facebook group - <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/774368666506974</u> Year R Facebook group - https://www.facebook.com/groups/1150736922357432

#### Juniors

Parents of Year 6 Face book group - <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/1716707195249069</u> Parents of Year 5 Face book group - <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/649407131910961</u> Parents of Year 4 Face book group - <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/137311320449399</u> Parents of Year 3 Face book group - <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/172919936937823</u>

# **Community Information**



Southampton Music Hub and the Friends of Southampton Youth Orchestras will be holding their annual Pyramid Orchestra Concert which will feature children from many schools across the city as members of our Acorn, Elgar and Southampton Youth Strings groups plus our orchestras; SYCS and SYO. This will be taking place at Central Hall on Saturday 28 January (7-9.15pm).

This concert really showcases the amazing talent of our young musicians ranging in age from year 1 in our Acorn group right through to young adult players in our top orchestra, Southampton Youth Orchestra, where the younger members will hopefully end up player in a few years' time. The ensembles are made up of 182 players from across Southampton.

# LIGHT UP

With the Inset Days approaching on 27/1, we wanted to get in touch with an invitation to the parents at both schools for an out of school Light UP Inset Day. The event will be held at St. James Memorial in their main hall, it will be open to Shirley Infant and Junior children, as well as children from Wordsworth.

# This is a letter describing the event

You can book their child's spot here:

https://www.lightupdrama.org.uk/events/drama-inset-day-27-1

After booking you will receive a confirmation with further information about the event.



# Light UP's Shirley Company performance of

## The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

We have 6 students from the Juniors in the cast so it would be lovely to get the support of the school community.

Performances are taking place the weekend of 11/2-12/2 at Royal Victoria Country Park.





# Need support and advice during the cost of living crisis?

SO:Linked and Southampton City Council are holding a series of drop-in community events across Southampton which offer advice and guidance for people alongside a community market place of local organisations which can offer support.

# Come and meet us

**Monday 16th Jan from 11am - 2pm** Central Library, Civic Centre, Southampton SO14 7LW

**Monday 23rd Jan from 11am - 2pm** Woolston Library, Centenary Quay, Victoria Rd, Woolston, SO19 9EF

Monday 30th Jan from 11am - 2pm Shirley Library, Shirley Precinct, Shirley, Southampton SO15 5LL

For more infomation about our community drop-in events visit www.solinked.org.uk, call us on 023 8021 6050 or email soccg.solinked@nhs.net





# Cost of living

Many people are being affected by the rising cost of living and it can be very hard when you don't feel in control of your money. The crisis is affecting everyone, but some are struggling much more than others.

Please use this link for more information - Cost of living information



#### Southampton Sporterium: Sportive and Free Family Ride

We are excited to welcome back the Southampton Sporterium, which includes the Sportive, free family ride and Spin City events, on Saturday 1 April 2023.

The Sportive is a non-competitive cycling event made up of two distances: 60k, which takes you from the city through the surrounding countryside of Fair Oak, Shawford, Braishfield and Romsey, and 100k, and goes as far as New Alresford and Stockbridge. You can ride alone, with a team or ride for charity. There are plenty of options available, so please <u>book your</u> <u>place</u> here.

Alongside the main Sportive event, you'll also find free family ride and Spin City. Bring your own bike or try out a new set of wheels; we will have a variety of bikes suitable for all ages and abilities to try out on the traffic-free loop, so if you and your family want to get into cycling, this is the perfect place to try it out.

#### Visit the Bike Doctor in Southampton

Come along to the regular Bike Doctor services in Bitterne Precinct and Guildhall Square, taking place on the first Wednesday and first Thursday of the month, respectively.

Minor alterations, adjustments and replacement work are all free, and users just pay for parts e.g., replacement inner tube or brake pads. The Bike Doctor can also give advice on maintenance and if more extensive work is needed.

#### Upcoming dates:

- Bitterne Precinct Bike Doctor: 1<sup>st</sup> Feb and 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 10am to 2pm
- Guildhall Bike Doctor: 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb and 2nd March 2023, 10am-2pm

All dates are on our My Journey events page so keep an eye on the website and Facebook page for all updates, including upcoming Bike Doctor dates in other community settings!

#### **Cycle Confidence sessions in Southampton**

Always wanted to take up cycling but don't have the confidence to hit the road? We are offering 5 hours' worth of free cycle training to Southampton residents with our partners Monty's Bike Hub.

Please go to the <u>My Journey website</u> for details of how to register. If you don't currently have a bike, no problem – make sure to let Monty's know when you are applying, and they can try to arrange a bike for you.

# Easy Southampton 'Breeze through winter' 2023 ride

It's winter, and we know you're ready to get back on the bike.

The Southampton Breeze group wants to help you do just that—with a leisurely 2023 ride through some of the quieter roads and greener areas of Southampton.

We'll be meeting at the Common and heading out from there for a short ride along some quiet Southampton roads and cycle paths into town before returning to our start point to finish up. Perfect for those looking to get back into cycling, or have cycled a little bit before but want to do this with a supportive group of other women! Maybe you're able to confidently handle a bike, but haven't tried cycling on roads before; then this ride is for you!

This is one of a series of rides that may become longer or shorter dependent on the conditions. To attend the ride, please ensure you register your profile on <u>Let's Ride website</u> and confirm your attendance.

# Southampton Dial-a-ride

Have you used our Dial-a-ride service in Southampton?

Dial-a-ride is a door-to-door service using fully accessible vehicles that can carry both wheelchair and seated passengers. Dial-a-ride is available to anyone who lives in Southampton who cannot use mainstream public transport due to a disability and don't have their own transport.

The service can go anywhere within the city of Southampton excluding hospital appointments, day centres or the GP.

Membership is free, passengers pay-per-trip. Call 023 8022 2289 to ask for a membership application form or go to the <u>website</u>.

## Southampton bus travel offers

There's still time to take advantage of some brilliant bus travel offers in and around Southampton. Plan your day or evening out and choose greener travel options with one of the discounts below:

## £1 Bus Travel after 6pm

There's never been an easier or more affordable time for you to get back on board with £1 travel after 6pm on <u>Bluestar</u> and <u>City Red</u> buses.

The incredible offer is available on all routes and all fare zones, so is perfect for getting around Southampton or visiting nearby towns and cities. The new 'tap on tap off' system works with this limited time offer. If travelling after 6pm, a fare of just £1 will be automatically recognised for any single journey.

## 5 for £5 travel offer

Local bus operators and Southampton City Council are continuing the 5 for £5 offer on weekends. Groups of up to five people can continue to travel at weekends on <u>Bluestar/Unilink</u> services and <u>City Red</u> buses and pay just £5 for the whole day. There are no time restrictions either!

The offer makes travelling around the city much more affordable for families and groups exploring the city's museums, parks, shops and restaurants.

# Southampton City Council starts roadworks in Bedford Place



Following the public consultation and engagement with local businesses Southampton City Council are undertaking work to improve Bedford Place and Carlton Place. The works will help elevate the character of the area as a place to socialise and shop, whilst reducing traffic speeds and increasing safety in the area.

Works include the creation of an accessible, pedestrianised, piazza-style public area to encourage outside dining on Carlton Place, as well as a widened pavement area at its junction with Bedford Place. The improvements will also support the newly established 20mph speed limit within the Polygon area of the city.

Works have started and aim to finish by April 14, 2023. For more information about the changes and for full details of the phases of works, visit the <u>webpage</u>. You can also stay up to date with roadworks in Southampton by following <u>@scchighways</u> on Twitter or visiting the <u>website</u>.



Webinar Registration - Zoom

Letting go of Perfection Webinar Letting go of Perfectionism - YouTube

Growth Mindset Animated Program for Kids & Teens - GoMindset! (gozen.com)

# Southampton Central Library is hosting FREE Lunar New Year crafting events as part of their #WarmWelcome

**Thursday 19 Jan**: 2pm - 3:30pm. Knit your own rabbit. All skill levels welcome, materials provided.

#### Saturday 21 Jan: 10:30am -12:30pm.

Join in the fun at the children's library for some paper lantern, dragon and mobile crafting for the whole family.

No need to book, simply show up and get creative!

At council and community libraries <u>warm welcomes</u>, there are programmes of <u>free activities</u> (with free refreshments), plus access to books, newspapers and magazines, computer facilities and wi-fi.

#### Enjoy events organised by local community groups

#### Saturday 21 Jan: Chinese New Year celebration event

Organised by the UK Shaolin Temple. MAST Mayflower Studios from 10am | Guildhall Square from 12noon Find out more about all the activities taking place at this event here.

#### Sunday 22 Jan: Chinese New Year celebration event

Organised by the Southampton Chinese Association. Guildhall Square at 10:30am and parade to Westquay Shopping Centre at 11:15am | Westquay Shopping Centre from 11:30am.

Find out more about all the activities taking place at this event here.

#### Saturday 4 Feb: Lantern Festival

Organised by the UK Shaolin Temple. Guildhall Square from 3:30pm | UK Shaolin Temple from 6pm. Find out more abut all the activities taking place at this event here.

#### Sunday 5 Feb: Lantern Festival

Organised by the Southampton Chinese Association. Guildhall Square and John Hansard Gallery 2pm - 4pm <u>Find out more about all the activities taking place at this event.</u>

# ACES Recovery Toolkít for Adults, Chíldren and young People



- A 10 week programme for Mothers/carers who have experienced unhealthy relationships.
- Covering impact of trauma, building resilience, attachment and parenting, support networks, managing stress, child development, emotions and healthy relationships.
- A separate 8 week programme for their children (10-16 years) delivered by a trained practitioner.
- Covering keeping safe, managing stress and emotions, support networks, coping strategies, self-esteem, self-care and setting goals.

We are now taking referrals for our next programme:

Venue: 30 Brookvale Road, SO17 1QR

Date: January 2023

Time: 10am-12pm every Thursday

Please refer via our website www.yellowdoor.org.uk or on, 02380 636312





To book a place on any of the courses on this page of the leaflet, please contact Yellow Door on 02380 636312 or send referrals via their website: www.yellowdoor.org.uk Gender Dysphoria Therapeutic Service

Service aiming to provide a safe and supported thinking space for Children, Young People and Families where a child or young person is experiencing confusion, distress or interpersonal difficulties related to gender.

For Southampton & Hampshire children aged 4-11 (School years R-6) Parents, carers and schools frequently and understandably struggle with how best to respond to a child presenting with gender distress. We provide between 1-6 therapeutic sessions (depending on need) where those involved can come together to consider how best the child can be supported with these difficulties.

For Southampton & Hampshire children aged 12-18 (School years 7 and up) We run a therapy group that meets on a Thursday 5.15-6.45pm during term time. Using our combined training in Art Therapy and talking therapies the two facilitators aim to engage young people in: -

- exploring gender identity / dysphoria what it means and how it impacts
- exchanging ideas, opinions & experiences alongside others facing both similar and different challenges
- building communication skills & social confidence through getting support from and being helpful to others

considering the many different ways of understanding & managing their difficulties - recognising unknowns, uncertainties and the potential for thoughts and feelings to change over time

identifying, celebrating and building on their individual strengths

#### Steps to Work Rota

#### 17/01/2023 to 04/04/2023

	<u>17/01/2023 to 04/04/2023</u>						
Date	Time	Mark	Times	Jannette			
17/01/2023	9.30 – 12pm	Townhill Family Hub	9.30 – 12pm	Weston Family Hub			
24/01/2023	9.30 – 12pm	Clovelly Family Hub	2.30 – 5pm	Ashby Family Hub			
31/01/2023	9.30 – 12pm	Swaythling Family Hub	9.30- 12pm	Pickle Coppice Family Hub			
07/02/2023	9.30 – 12pm	Townhill Family Hub	9.30 – 12pm	Weston Family Hub			
14/02/2023	9.30 – 12pm	Clovelly Family Hub	2.30 – 5pm	Ashby Family Hub			
21/02/2023	9.30 – 12pm	Swaythling Family Hub	9.30- 12pm	Pickle Coppice Family Hub			
28/02/2023	9.30 – 12pm	Townhill Family Hub	9.30 – 12pm	Weston Family Hub			
07/03/2023	9.30 – 12pm	Clovelly Family Hub	2.30 – 5pm	Ashby Family Hub			
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04/04/2023	9.30 – 12pm	Swaythling Family Hub	9.30- 12pm	Pickle Coppice Family Hub			





Sure Start

Where: In our City Wide Family Hubs When: Every Tuesday Starting on the 17th January What time: 9.30 - 12 noon or 2.30 - 5pm



For more information & to book your place: Email: <u>familyhub@southampton.gov.uk</u> Or call Caroline Hallett: 07818 588 480

## Cooking on a Budget

4 week workshop to help with budgeting and will help support you with your child's learning. You will use a range of skills;

budgeting, estimating & measuring.



Please bring a baking tray with you !





To book your place https://www.southampton.gov.uk/familyhubs



Ashby Sure Start Family Hub

On Thursday's

19th Jan to 2nd Feb

10-12pm

For more information please contact:

familyhub@southampton.gov.uk Or Call Caroline Hallett on 07818 588 480





Are you dealing with child to parent violence? Get <u>help</u> at

**Building Respectful Families** 







