



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.

Dear Parents and Carers,



- * Infant and Junior after school clubs
- * Infants Newsletter
- * Juniors Newsletter

POSITIVE CASES

If your child tests positive for COVID on a PCR test over the Christmas holidays can you please send a copy of the notification email to office@shirleyschools.co.uk

This is needed due to the schools reporting requirements not track and trace

COVID 19 GUIDANCE January 2022

In January when we return to school we will be following the latest guidance as advised by the Hamwic Trust and Public Health England.

The school has regular controlled measures in place along with observing guidelines such as cleaning, ventilation and distancing.

We will also promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

December

Friday 17th Last day of Autumn 2—School closes at 3.10pm for Christmas Break

January

Tuesday 4th School re-opens at 8.45am

Tuesday 11th FOSIS Bags2School

Wednesday 12th Year 1 Fire Visit—No donations required

Shirley Junior School

December

Friday 17th Last day of Autumn 2—School closes at 3.20pm for Christmas Break

January

Tuesday 4th School re-opens at 8.45am

Thursday 6th Year 5 Minstead Parents Evening 5pm virtual

Tuesday 11th PTA Bags2School

Wednesday 12th Year 5 Tundra Wolf Swimming Lessons

Wednesday 19th Year 5 Tundra Wolf Swimming Lessons

**You will be pleased to know we raised
£367 for Christmas Jumper Day**

**This will be split between both schools who have chosen
different charities**

**Infants Charity - Murray Parish Trust to advance paediatrics
emergency medicine at Southampton Children's Hospital and School
Funds for Christmas DVD's**

Juniors Charity - Student Hub <https://www.southamptonhub.org/>



What is Discord?

Launched in 2015, Discord is a platform for people with similar interests to share and communicate. It is popular among the gaming community as it offers a way for video game players to communicate with each other and develop a community outside of the games themselves. However, since then, it has grown into a full social network with a wide range of ways to interact with over **140 million*** active monthly users. It is no longer just popular among gamers.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-discord-on-how-your-kids-can-use-it-safely/>



Morning Drop Off

If you are choosing to allow your child/children to walk into school on their own in the mornings, please ensure they arrive on time before the gates are closed; 8.55am for Junior school, 9am for Infant school. It is a parents responsibility to ensure their children arrive in school safely.

Infant School Road Safety

Unfortunately, we are now unable to supervise the road closure on Wilton Road at the end of the school day due to volunteers other commitments. The road closure signs will still be in place but please be aware there will be no adult supervision.

Year 5 Virtual Minstead Parents Information Evening

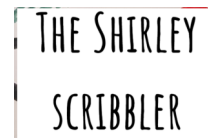
This will take place virtually Thursday 6th January at 5pm, please use this link below to join the meeting

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/dbj-cbvj-euh>

The Shirley Junior Scribbler's first issue is now out!

This is our new school magazine written by the children for the children and their adults! There will be an issue every half term. There will be Little Canada photo's on here also.



This will be available on the school website too.

<https://sites.google.com/shirleyschools.co.uk/theshirleyscribbler>

In this issue you will find:

Learning zone

Southampton Through Time
Better Than Stone
A Kingdom United?
A Fair Winter for All

Fun Zone

Quiz
Word search
Colouring
Gallery
Little Canada
Anti-bullying week

What to do this half term

Scavenger Hunt
Recipes
Craft

Articles

The magic World of a Boy Wizard!
What is climate change?
Spotlight Interview – Mrs Hixon
Dealing with Anxiety at School
What's in your lunchbox?

Sports

Saints Commentary
School Football
How to do a Knuckleball kick

Review Corner

Book Reviews
Film Reviews

All articles have been written by pupils from Yr3 to Yr6 in their own time, well done!

A large, bright yellow five-pointed star is centered on the page. It has a slightly irregular, hand-drawn appearance.

*May we wish you a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year*

FOSIS/PTFA



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BUY YOUR SCHOOL A PRESENT THIS CHRISTMAS!



At this seasonal time of year it's always nice to give something back. As we all know schools are chronically underfunded so aren't able to spend on some of the resources that would really add value to our children's education. If you feel able to help then please have a look at the school's Amazon wish lists and see if you could gift them something useful this year. Remember if you shop through AmazonSmile, the school will receive a percentage from your purchase! Thank you!

[Juniors Wish List](#) – remember to choose Shirley Junior School PTA through AmazonSmile

[Infants Wish List](#) – remember to choose Friends of Shirley Infant School through AmazonSmile

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2022...

BAG2SCHOOL – 11 January 2022



What better way to start the new year than with a good clear out of your wardrobe and help raise money for the schools. Simply bag up your old clothes and drop off to **1 Branksome Ave** anytime on **10 January** and **no later than 9am on 11 January 2022**.

THANK YOU...



A huge thank you to everyone who came and had breakfast with Santa last week, it was such a great festive event and we managed to raise around **£400** to be shared across both schools.

A big thank you to our parent volunteers both on the day and behind the scenes making it all possible.

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](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/shirley-junior-school)



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...

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/172919936937823>

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

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

Juniors

Parents of Year 6 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1601794303401012>

Parents of Year 5 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1716707195249069>

Parents of Year 4 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/649407131910961>

Parents of Year 3 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/137311320449399>

A complete list of class reps for Juniors can be on the school website

Through your class reps (see list below) and WhatsApp groups:

Infants

Woodpeckers - Gayle Doulton and Jo James
Badgers - Tracey Ward and Natalie Formstone
Foxes - Katy Durston and Colette Thorp
Owls - Lisa Witt and Lisa Longhurst
Rabbits - Gemma Gore and Kerrie Read
Moles - Maria Dimech and Tabytha Greenhalgh
Hedgehogs - Sarah Willcocks and Gill McCann
Squirrels - Sarah Scott and Hilary Rebecca
Otters – Zoe Konn and Sarah Whicher

Juniors

A complete list of class reps for Juniors can be found on school website.

Community Information

New Covid-19 rules - what you need to know:

The Prime Minister has announced a move to Plan B measures, as outlined in the [Covid-19 Autumn/Winter Plan](#). Plan B measures will come into force while more data on vaccine efficacy is assessed. Moving to Plan B will help to slow the spread of the Omicron variant and reduce the chances of the NHS coming under unsustainable pressure, while allowing extra time to deliver more boosters.

Under the new rules:

- From Friday 10 December, face masks will be required in more public settings - including theatres and cinemas
- From Monday 13 December, people will be asked to work from home where possible
- From Wednesday 15 December, the NHS Covid Pass will also be required for visitors to nightclubs, indoor unseated venues with more than 500 people, unseated outdoor venues with more than 4,000 people and any event with more than 10,000 people

We can all play our part in helping to limit the spread of the virus and reduce the need for further restrictions. We can do this by:

- continuing to test;
- having our vaccinations and booster shots when eligible;
- working from home where possible and wearing masks in line with the government guidance;
- self-isolating when required to do so.

More information can be found here shorturl.at/sINXY

Looking after your mental health this festive season

We know that the festive season can be tough for some people. Whether you're going through a difficult period, feel lonely, or the stresses and strains of the festive period are getting on top of you, there are things you can do to look after and manage your mental health – and support services are there if you need them.

The [NHS Every Mind Matters website](#) lists 10 things you can do to help deal with change and look after your mental wellbeing in the face of uncertainty, as well as places you can go to get further free advice and support. It also has advice for parents, young people and ways to boost your mental health through exercise.

If you or someone you know needs further help with mental health, do speak to your GP or get in touch with local support service [Steps 2 Wellbeing](#).

You can also find more information about looking after your mental health and wellbeing on our website. shorturl.at/gxT16



Do you want to improve your **English?**



Join a family learning ESOL class once a week while your children are at school

Our mixed level family learning ESOL classes are free for parents of school aged children and will help you gain confidence in speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Spaces available from January:

- Monday afternoons in Shirley (St James Road)
- Thursday mornings in Upper Shirley (Winchester Road)

For more information and to check eligibility please contact:
Jo Dixon, Teaching Coordinator for Family & Community Learning
07825 854359 • jo.dixon@southampton-city.ac.uk

www.southampton-city.ac.uk



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music**

Saturday 22nd January 2022

Performances at 11.00am & 2.00pm

Central Hall, Southampton

City of Southampton Orchestra Presents:

Under the Sea



With the
New Forest School of Dance
and Hampshire and Isle of Wight
Wildlife Trust - Secrets of the Solent.



Conductor: John Traill
Narrator: Phil Cheesman

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ships, mermaids, and much more!**

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£25 Family (2 Adults 2 Children)

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