



Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications

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Friday 29th November 2024

Headteacher Message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been doing some testing with the children this week in all year groups, to find out what learning has really stuck and what might need revisiting.

Children have approached these tests very sensibly and should be very proud of themselves and their attitudes!

The whole school assembly this week focused on kindness, please ask your child to tell you more!

As we finalize Christmas arrangements, please be aware that children are very welcome to bring in Christmas cards for friends in their year group, on **Monday 9th and Monday 16th December**. Please could we ask that no cards are brought in outside of these dates, as they can become a big distraction to learning.

Whole School Dates:

Monday 2nd December – Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 5th December – Last day to order Christmas dinner

Thursday 5th December – Share My Learning at 3.20pm.

Friday 13th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 20th December – **Last Day of Term**

Messages:

Introducing the Shirley Schools Astro Appeal

Help us fundraise £10,000 to support the replacement of the shared astro pitch. In return for a £10 donation, you can 'own' a square metre of the new astro, [click here](#) to find out more and sign up. You'll be taken to the Infant School website but the opportunity is open to families of both schools. A letter with a paper version of the sign up form will be coming out in book bags soon, so please keep an eye out. Any questions, please email fosis@shirleyschools.co.uk We're also working on advertising opportunities for local businesses, so watch this space for more info!

Scooters and Bikes

Recently there has been an increase in adults and children riding bikes and scooters on school grounds. Please ensure that you and any children with you dismount your bike or scooter at the school gate and wheel them across the playground. Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of the school community.

We are excited to share our Winter Clearance Sale with your school community! Families can save up to 40% on essential plain school uniform items – a perfect opportunity to stock up on quality, affordable winter wear.

Access the sale

here: myclothing.com/collections/clearance-collection

This week at Re:Minds... 2nd-6th December 2024

Shirley Evening Support Group
Monday 2nd December 6.30pm

A chance to talk to other parents/carers with neurodiverse children and/or mental health issues. Get advice & support from our team - it doesn't matter where you live, you can attend any group!

You can also access the book & sensory library on request
"Please email info@reminds.org.uk to book a slot, or follow the link on the event"

Christmas CRAFT AND CAKE MORNING
Tuesday and Wednesday 2024
10am till 12pm
Room 11 (opposite 11) James Hill Methodist Church
Please email Shirley, our night

SEND Legal Advice Clinic
Wednesday 4th December 12.30pm

We are linking with Shenton's Solicitors to offer free SEND legal advice clinics to our Re:Minds Families who require advice around education, tribunals, appeals etc.

Please email info@reminds.org.uk to book a slot, or follow the link on the event

Shirley Support Group
Friday 6th December 10am

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You do not need to book to attend the support group or craft morning - Just turn up!
Please email info@reminds.org.uk to book an appointment for the clinic

Uniform Discount

Code = UNIFORM10 10% discount

Expires 20/12/2024

Christmas Dinner Orders

If your child would like a Christmas lunch on Friday 13th December, please order/pay using your Schoolgrid account by **Thursday 5th**

December. Please be aware if your child is not having a Christmas dinner then please send them in with a packed lunch as there will be no other meal options.

Messages...

My child is having a problem in school. What should I do?

Everyone in our school wants to make sure that the children are happy and learning. Please follow these steps to get problems resolved.

Step 1: Ask your child to talk with their class teacher. Their teacher will want to help and most things are very simple to sort out.

I have done this and there is still a problem...

Step 2: Speak with your child's class teacher yourself and explain the problem so they can help to resolve it. You can do this by:

- finding them on the playground at the end of each day
- sending an email, marked for the attention of the class teacher, to the school's email address (office@shirleyschools.co.uk)
- phoning or coming into reception to book a meeting with the teacher - you will need to mention what it is about. We regret that teachers cannot talk to parents from 8:30am as they are preparing their classrooms and greeting the children.

Talking to your child's teacher, then giving them a bit of time to do the things that will help, normally resolves most problems.

I have done this and there is still a problem...

Step 3: Speak to your child's Year or Phase Leader. You can do this by:

- finding them on the playground at the end of each day
- sending an email, marked for the attention of the Year or Phase Leader, to the school's email address (office@shirleyschools.co.uk)
- phoning or coming into reception to book a meeting with the Year or Phase Leader - you will need to mention what it is about. We regret that teachers cannot talk to parents from 8:30am as they are preparing their classrooms and greeting the children.

Your child's Year or Phase Leader will need time to investigate the issue and talk to the other people concerned, and then they will get back to you and let you know what action they plan to take in order to help.

I have done this and there is still a problem...

Step 4: Speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team. You can do this by:

- finding one of them on the gate at the start of most days
- sending an email to raisingaconcern@shirleyschools.co.uk marked for the attention of the SLT
- phoning or coming into reception to book a meeting with a member of the SLT - you will need to mention what it is about.

You are invited to take part in our Autism in Schools Project



Bevois Town Primary School
Fairisle Infant & Nursery School
Freemantle Academy
Ludlow Infant Academy
Ludlow Junior School
Mansbridge Primary School
Mason Moor Primary School
Maytree Nursery & Infant and Mount Pleasant Junior School
Oasis Academy Sholing

Portswood Primary School
Redbridge Primary School
Shirley Junior School
Shirley Warren Primary & Nursery
St Marys CE Primary School
Swaythling Primary School
Thornhill Primary School
Townhill Junior School
Valentine Primary School
Vermont School

Are your children attending any of these schools?

If so, please complete our quick survey about your schools autism provision

The information you give will be kept anonymous and fed back to the school in hope of helping to shape the provision they have



Either scan the QR code or visit <http://tinyurl.com/remindsais>

Our part in this project is to gather the views of parents/carers about the schools autism provision and to offer support to parents/carers about any issues around autism and education.



Safeguarding Newsletter

Please see the attached information.



Shirley Junior School

You are invited to take part in our Autism in Schools Project

Tuesday 10th December 2024
9.15am-10.15am

We want to know your views about the autism provision in your school

For this project, we are the link between parents/carers and schools and this is a chance to give your views. We will anonymously feed back all the views we gather to the school.

Please come along and share - it doesn't matter if your child has a diagnosis or not!



Any questions?

Please email info@reminds.org.uk

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Messages...



TEAM SPIRIT
SPORTS COACHING

JOIN US FOR OUR
**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL
COURSE**
**23rd
DECEMBER**

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A RANGE OF DIFFERENT
ACTIVITIES ALL WITH A
CHRISTMAS THEME.
SNOWBALL FIGHTS,
GINGERBREAD DECORATING,
ELF OLYMPICS, REINDEER
RACES AND LOTS MORE
FESTIVE FUN. A SPECIAL GIFT
FOR ALL CHILDREN WHO
ATTEND. HO HO HOPE TO SEE
YOU ALL THERE!

TEAM SPIRIT
PROUD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

PTFA AND FOSIS CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING NIGHT



Friday 6th December from 7.30pm
Shirley Junior School Hall

Join us for a relaxed evening of craft to make a gorgeous wreath to
take home. All materials, a drink and a homemade sweet treat
included for just £20 per person.



£20

Book tickets now
using the QR code



Coming up in your year group...

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

4th and 11th December – Orangutan class swimming lessons.

Year 6

Tuesday 3rd December - As a part of year 6 local historical enquiry, they will be following The Shirley Spitfire Trail to discover the role their local area played in the Second World War. Children will be leaving after lunch and will be back in school for normal home time at 3:20pm. The children will need to wear school uniform with warm clothing should it be cold and waterproof clothing should it be wet.

Thursday 5th December – Height and Weight Checks

The children in Year 6 have been given individual targeted arithmetic booklets to practise at home. We thank you for your support with this.