



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 21st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- Infant Newsletter
- Infant Dates for your Diary
- Junior Newsletter
- Junior Dates for your Diary
- Year 4 Fishbourne Roman Palace Trip Information

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

OCT

Friday 21st

School closes at 3.10pm for the October Half Term

24th - 28th

HALF TERM 1 week

Monday 31st

School re-opens at 8.40am for Autumn 2

NOV

Tuesday 1st

Year 2 Curriculum Evening 6pm School Hall

Friday 4th

FOSIS Fireworks 5-7pm

Tuesday 8th

Face to Face Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm

Thursday 10th

Year 1 Zoolab - on site

Thursday 10th

Face to Face Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm

Friday 11th

Year 2 Seacity Trip - off site

Monday 14th

Year 2 Celebration Event 2.45pm

Thursday 17th

Flu Immunisations Yr,1 & 2

Friday 18th

FOSIS Quiz

Friday 25th

Year 1 Home Learning due

Friday 25th

Choir singing at St James Methodist Church
Arrive at 3.45pm

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 1pm St James Church

Wednesday 7th

Christmas Play 9.30am St James Church

Wednesday 7th

Year R Teddy Bear Hospital - on site

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

OCT

Friday 21st

School closes at 3.20pm for the October Half Term

24th - 28th

HALF TERM 1 week

Monday 31st

School re-opens at 8.45am for Autumn 2

NOV

Thursday 3rd

Year 5 Swimming Malamutes

Friday 4th

PTA Fireworks 5-7pm

Monday 7th

Virtual Parents Evening 3.30-7pm

Tuesday 8th

Year 3 Blue Funnel Trip - off site

Tuesday 8th

Arctic Fox Parents Evening 3.30-7pm

Wednesday 9th

Virtual Parents Evening 3.30-5.50 pm

Thursday 10th

Year 5 Swimming Malamutes

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

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

PLEASE NOTE

Arctic Fox Virtual Parents Evening will be on a different date - Tuesday 8th Nov 3.30-7pm

Coming soon

Year R Teddy Bear Hospital Information

Tickets for Year 3 Christmas Play.

My child says they are too ill to go to school. What should I do?

At Shirley Infant and Junior schools we expect children to attend school regularly. We know that children are ill and it is sometimes necessary for them to stay off school. It can be hard to know when to send your child to school and when they need to stay at home.

It is fine to send your child into school if they are a little under the weather, or had calpol in the morning. When deciding if your child is well enough to come into school you should ask yourself:-

- Would you take the day off work if you felt the same as your child?
- Is your child well enough to do the activities in school?
- Could your child manage to be in school for part of the day?

If your child comes to school and is then too unwell to stay we will phone you.

To help with this the NHS has published some advice on the website

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> .

Sometimes your child may say that they are too ill to come to school when really there is something else going on which is making them not want to come to school. Please take time to listen to them about how they are feeling and offer them reassurance if they are worried or upset. Some common reasons for not wanting to come to school are:-

- My friend is off today
- I don't want to walk to school
- Another child is being horrible to me
- I don't like what we are doing at school today
- I am worried that I am going to get told off
- The work is too hard or easy
- My normal teacher is not in my class today

If you have any concerns please talk to your child's teacher, the teacher who is on the gate in the morning, or a member of staff in the office. We also have a family support worker, Karen Allen, who can support families in lots of different ways.

Information regarding some common illnesses

Coughs and colds



It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough, common cold or runny nose. But, if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school for 2 days after their symptoms have gone.

High temperature (above 38°C)

If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.



Coronavirus (COVID-19)



Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

have a high temperature (38°C or higher)

do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities.

If they have tested positive we ask that they stay at home for 3 days and return to school when they feel well enough.

If they have mild symptoms and they feel well enough, they can still go to school.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But, if they also have a high temperature above 38°C, they should stay at home until it goes away.

A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.

Headlice

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.



Family Photo Session - Infants and Juniors

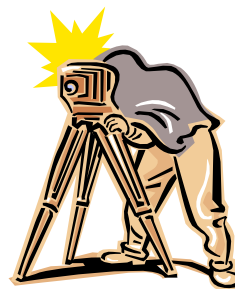
We are pleased to be able to offer the opportunity to have a family / group photograph taken.

These sessions will take place on Monday 28th November between 4.30pm and 6.30pm, 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.



Change of Uniform Shop day.

Uniform shop is now open on Tuesday Mornings Not Wednesdays as previously.

It will also be open on the first Monday of each month at 2:30-3:30pm during Parent Coffee drop in.



INFANT & JUNIOR LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you spare a couple of hours a week to help out in the infant and Junior library? We're looking for some volunteers (parents/caregivers) to come into the library each week to help us keep it neat and tidy for our children.

Our children are enthusiastic users of the library space but they aren't always the tidiest so we need your help in returning books to the shelves, adding new ones into the library system and general housekeeping.

Full training will be provided and some level of commitment is preferred as you will need to be DBS checked which is a cost to the school.

If you think you might be able to help or want to know more then please email the school office via office@shirleyschools.co.uk



Please come and check lost property **before the end of Friday 21st October**, as this will all be removed.

Many children remove their tops when outside and leave them outside, most of these items are unnamed. Please could you name your child's clothing and remind your child to take their items back in with them.

Christmas Present Appeal

We are collecting for the Christmas Present Appeal

There are 3 different ways you can support:

1. Buy a gift and drop it into the box in the office
2. Click on the link to our Amazon wishlist here - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/26Y26W0S8TQJ1?ref=wl_share
3. Scan the QR code to donate to our just giving page.

A festive poster for the Christmas Present Appeal. The background is dark blue with white stars and a bright starburst at the top. The main title 'Be a STAR and donate a gift to our Christmas Present Appeal' is in white serif font. Below it, a question asks for help to make Christmas special for those with little or nothing under the tree. A photo of a family is shown in a starburst shape. A white box contains donation details: 'All donations needed by Wednesday 7th December 2022', 'We would love to receive your donations of new, unwrapped toys or gifts for children aged 0-17 years or a gift for an adult.', 'Please drop off any donations to The Salvation Army, Victor Street, Shirley, Southampton, SO15 5LH between 9.30am- 2.30pm Monday -Friday from the 1st November to the 7th December 2022', and 'If you would like to browse our Amazon Wish List and order a gift for delivery directly to us, then please follow this link https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/26Y26W0S8TQJ1?type=wishlist'. A separate box says 'However, if you wish to make a financial donation instead, please use our QR code' next to a QR code. At the bottom, it says 'You can also contact us through our Facebook Page at Shirley Salvation Army or call us on 023 8077 1655 for more information'. The bottom left has the Salvation Army logo and 'Christmas Appeal 2022'. The bottom right has the FR logo and registration details.

Be a STAR and donate a gift to our
**Christmas
Present Appeal**

Could you help us make
Christmas special for those who
may have little or nothing under
the tree on Christmas morning?

All donations needed by
Wednesday 7th December 2022

We would love to receive your donations of new, unwrapped toys or
gifts for children aged 0-17 years or a gift for an adult.

Please drop off any donations to
The Salvation Army, Victor Street, Shirley, Southampton, SO15 5LH
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from the 1st November to the 7th December 2022

If you would like to browse our Amazon Wish List
and order a gift for delivery directly to us, then please follow this link
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/26Y26W0S8TQJ1?type=wishlist>

However, if you wish to make a financial
donation instead, please use our QR code



You can also contact us through our **Facebook Page at Shirley Salvation Army**
or call us on **023 8077 1655** for more information

 **Christmas
Appeal 2022**

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The Salvation Army is a Christian Church & registered Charity No.21479 and in Scotland
SC099099; Social Trust Registered Charity No. 215174 and in Scotland SC037691; The
Salvation Army Trustee Company, registered number 00299322 (England and Wales).

Infant & Junior School Flu Immunisations

An e-consent form will be sent 2 weeks before the intended visit for you to complete. If you are unable to use the e-consent form please contact the Immunisation Team.

School Aged Immunisation Team - Southampton

Tel: 0300 123 5074

Infant School Christmas Nativity Performance

We are once again busy preparing and looking forward to presenting our Christmas Nativity Performance which will be at St James Church opposite the park.

There will be two performances as follows;

TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER at 1:00pm
WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER at 9:30am

We will allocate 2 tickets per family, which you can choose to use **either** at the Tuesday **or** Wednesday performance. Unfortunately, due to restricted space and fire regulations we do have to limit tickets.

Year R Conkers, Peddles, Shells

Miss Howard would like a collection of conkers, pebbles, shells (if anyone goes on a walk over half term) and old wallpaper for activities outside in Year R. Please hand into Hedgehog Class or the school office.



Junior School Christingle

Christingle will be held on Friday 16th December at St James Church at 1:30pm
Parents are invited.



Safeguarding

Keeping our children safe online at Shirley Infant & Junior School



The school uses 2 layers of protection.

Firstly, Smoothwall is our content filter. This is highly effective at removing the vast majority of unpleasant or inappropriate sites.

Secondly, we use Senso to log keywords and allow live monitoring of student use across the classroom. There is no perfect system (although ours is very good) as the internet is evolving minute by minute and over blocking can lead to

false positives that prevent and disrupt learning.

We encourage the children to reflect on how they behave online and encourage responsibility in E-safety lessons and through whole school assemblies..

Infants E-safety Superheroes



Star is Internet SMART. She knows that it is not right to share personal information with people online because they could be strangers!



Sonic is Internet ALERT. When researching online, he is quick to check the information with a grown-up to see the information is reliable.



Kitty is Internet KIND. She knows that being kind is always the best choice. Her motto is: "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all."



Captain Brave is Internet BRAVE. The internet can be a scary place. He knows that it is always a good choice to share what you are doing with your grown-ups

Activities we access online:

- Rising stars online reading programme
- Research as part of topic work
kiddle.co
*We also use **Google** as a search engine. Please note that as stated above, we use 2 layers of protection to protect children from viewing anything inappropriate. This site will need to be monitored if using at home.*
- Coding as part of our computing curriculum on the Discovery Espresso Coding app
- Creating and submitting computing work via Google Classroom

Deciding what's appropriate for children to see online

The online world gives us access to a huge amount of information and services, but the scale of information available also means that there is content that is inappropriate for children. What is or isn't appropriate is up to individual parents and carers to decide, and could be based on things like age, ability, beliefs and family values.

What are parental controls?

Parental controls allow you to block and filter upsetting or inappropriate content. They work across your WiFi, phone network, individual apps and devices. Parental controls can help you to:

- plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for
- create content filters to block apps that may have *inappropriate content*
- manage the content different family members can see.



Useful information

Set up parental controls on Google Play:

1. Open the Google Play app .
2. At the top right, tap the profile icon.
3. Tap Settings Family. ...
4. Turn on Parental controls.
5. To protect parental controls, create a PIN that your child doesn't know.
6. Select the type of content that you want to filter.
7. Choose how to filter or restrict access.

Setting up parental controls on a iPhone, iPad and iPad touch:

<https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>

Setting up parental controls on smartphones, broadband and mobile networks, entertainment and search engines, range of social media and gaming consoles;

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

A parents guide to technology including phones, laptops, smart speakers, games consoles, tablets, smart TVs and social media:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

FOSIS/PTFA

UPCOMING EVENTS...



  **SHIRLEY SCHOOLS HALLOWEEN TRAIL – TICKETS ON SALE NOW**  

The Shirley Schools Halloween trail is back!!

Search and find all the clues in Upper Shirley to make a scary spell. When you know the spell you can visit a witch or a ghost to collect your goodie bag.

For just £3, you'll get a Google map with two different trails to choose from, a longer one marked out with pumpkins and a shorter one marked out with witches!

For each trail you complete you get an entry into the draw for a Spooktacular treats hamper! One goodie bag per ticket.

Tickets on sale here - [Shirley Infants School \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://Shirley Infants School (pta-events.co.uk))



FIREWORKS NIGHT – FRIDAY 4 NOV 5PM – 7PM

Tickets will go on general sale at **9am Sunday 23 October**, be quick, we're expecting a sell out!

PRELOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP OPEN EVERY TUESDAY MORNING



We're delighted to share that our preloved school uniform shop will now be open every Tuesday **ONLY** during term time, between 8.30am – 8.55am (once the gates are shut).

Located in the Community Room, just up the ramp on your right as you go through the first gate of the junior school. Payments can be made in cash or via PayPal. All proceeds go back into the school through the work of the PTFA / FOSIS, so why not buy preloved, help the environment and support the school, we call that a win, win, win!

Donations of uniform in good/wearable condition can be dropped off on Tuesdays too or via the school office (all week), please no grey items over 8yrs.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you can spare half an hour on a Tuesday to help, please email pta@shirleyschools.co.uk no handling of cash, just sorting through donated uniform and directing parents to what is available.

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 October....



This October, one lucky family will win an amazing Harry Potter double prize – a family ticket for the Warner Brothers Studio Tour, AND a theatre voucher for Harry Potter and the Cursed Child!

This will be a dream trip for any fans of the Wizarding World, so is the perfect incentive for your new school families to sign up and support the school through the lottery!



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



TEAM SPIRIT TUMBLERS

GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

Learn a range of recreational gymnastics including tumbling, acrobatics, floor skills, beam, rhythmic, strength and conditioning.

THURSDAY EVENINGS 5:30PM - 6:30PM
REGENTS PARK SCHOOL (KING EDWARD
AVENUE, SO16 4GW)

Visit our website

www.teamspirit4sport.co.uk and head
to our gymnastics page (under course info)
for full details and to book



Help finding work from T.E.E.M

Do you live in a Southampton council property? If you're looking for a new job, want to change career, or need some more hours, our T.E.E.M service is on hand to help.

We offer 1 to 1 support for council tenants which includes advice around CVs, help with job applications and support to prepare for interviews. Your Employment Officer will be with you every step of the way on your journey to work and will also be able to offer support and advice once you're in work.

If you'd prefer to drop in for a one-off session, you can visit one of our Work Clubs which take place across the city every week.

- Bitterne Library - every Monday, 10am-12pm
- Weston Library - every Monday, 1pm-3pm
- Northam Community Centre - every Wednesday 10am-12pm
- Shirley Baptist Church - every Thursday 10am-12pm
- Central Library - every Thursday 3pm-5pm

The service is completely free and you can access as much or as little support as you need.

[Find out more and refer yourself through our website](#), or if you'd prefer to have a chat, you can call Francesca on 07811 165129.

Trainline

A guide to booking family train tickets to help people find out how to get to places, ways you can save money on train tickets and child fare information.



Our page <https://www.thetrainline.com/trains/great-britain/family-train-tickets>



Public Health Nursing 5-19 Southampton
Newsletter
Autumn 2022

Public Health Nursing Team's Termly Newsletter. Click on the link below

[Public Health Nursing Team \(5-19\) Newsletter \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

Employability Workshops



CVs



Interviews



Confidence

Mon 24th, Tue 25th & Wed 26th October 2022, 10am-3pm
Seminar Room, Central Library, Southampton, SO14 7LW

- Learn new ways of job searching
- Find out how to stand out from the crowd
- Develop your skills around applying for jobs and interviews

Find out more

Call 07811 165534

Email: daniel.stickland@southampton.gov.uk



Upcoming Employability Course

Are you looking for a job? Our upcoming Employability Workshops for adult learners aged 19 and over will help you build skills and confidence to help you find work.

Whether you've been out of work for a while, are looking for your first job, or have recently lost your job, this course can help.

When: Monday 24, Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 October 2022, 10am-3pm

Where: Seminar Room, 1st Floor, Central Library, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LW

[Find out more and book a place on our website.](#)

Halloween Pit Stop

St James Road Methodist Church in Shirley (SO15 5HE) is offering 500 **FREE** hotdogs, drinks and craft activities on Monday 31st October 5-30pm till 7-30pm outside the front of Make and Brew. The aim is to provide a fun and safe place to stop by whilst trick or treating. All are welcome to come and stay for as long or short a time as you like. Hope to see you there!

Cost of Living Support

We're all worried about rising prices and the pressure that puts on household budgets.

The UK Government is providing a range of extra support which will be paid to eligible individuals automatically:

- Households in the UK will receive a £400 discount to help with the cost of their energy bill from October onwards.
- Also from October the Energy Price Guarantee will reduce the unit cost of electricity and gas so that a typical household in Great Britain pays, on average, around £2,500 a year on their energy bill, for the next 2 years.
- £650 Cost of Living payment for most people on means-tested benefits, the first (£326) has been paid and the second (£324) will be received in November.
- £300 Pensioner Cost of Living payment that will be paid with Winter Fuel Payments to all pensioner households across the UK.
- £150 Disability Cost of Living payment for those on an eligible UK disability benefit, paid from September.

Depending on where you live in the UK, there are different schemes that could help support your household finances:

- Help with your bills: such as low-cost home internet and phone packages available from providers, hardship schemes from water companies, and the UK Government funded Household Support Fund available from local councils to help with essential costs.
- Help with childcare: £2,000 a year of tax free childcare is available to eligible families to help with the cost of childcare.
- Help with housing: council tax support available from local councils and housing benefits are available from the UK Government.
- Help with your income: personalised job support is available through Job Help, tax relief and work-related expenses can be claimed from HMRC

Help with managing finances: [MoneyHelper.org.uk](https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk) offers impartial guidance and a range of tools to help make your money and pension choices clearer.

You can find out what other support is available at gov.uk/helpforhouseholds.

UK Government

Help for Households

Help is available now for every household

There's support with energy bills, childcare costs and more.

See what you're eligible for at:
gov.uk/helpforhouseholds





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Oasis Academy Lordshill, Romsey Road, Southampton, SO16 8FA	Sunday 23rd October 2022

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info@inflataplanet.co.uk

