



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 18th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- ◆ Covid 19 Vaccination - A guide for parents of children aged 5 - 11
- ◆ Year 3 Light Party & Sleepover Parent Info
- ◆ Infant School World Book Day Token
- ◆ Little Canada Residential September 2022

Please find the links to the letter pages on our websites

<https://www.shirleyinfantschool.org.uk/page/?title=Letters&pid=72>

<https://www.shirleyjuniorschool.org/page/?title=School+Letters&pid=39>

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

Shirley Junior School

March

Thursday 24th Year R All in it together Workshop
1.30pm - 3pm On site
6pm - 7pm Virtual

Thursday 31st Year 2 SAT's Parents Information
Evening 6pm - Virtual

Thursday 31st Year 1 Phonic Workshop &
Celebration Event 9am - School Hall

March

Wednesday 23rd Arctic Lynx Swimming
Wednesday 30th Arctic Lynx Swimming

April

Friday 1st FOSIS Non Uniform Day

Friday 1st FOSIS Escape room in a box night

Saturday 2nd FOSIS Tidy up Day

Friday 8th Pyjama Day - No donation

Friday 8th **School closes for Easter Holidays**

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 25th School re-opens for SUMMER 1

April

Friday 1st PTA Non Uniform Day

Friday 1st Careers Fair

Friday 1st PTA Escape room in a box night

Saturday 2nd PTA Tidy up Day

Wednesday 6th Arctic Lynx Swimming

Thursday 7th Year 3 Sleepover

Friday 8th PTA Cake Sale

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EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 25th School re-opens for SUMMER 1

Coming soon

New Spring / Summer Menu - Starting 25th April 2022

Extra Inset day Tuesday 3rd May 2022—School closed to Pupils

Class Photo Day Thursday 5th May 2022

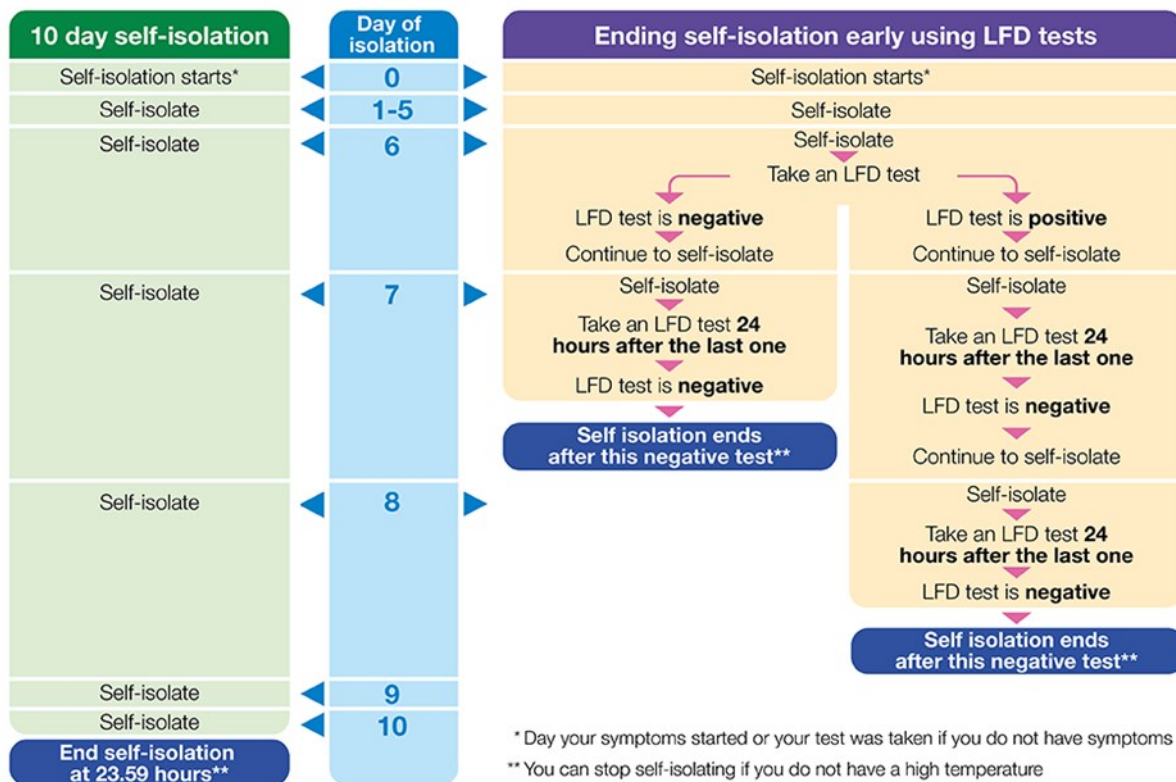
INFANTS & JUNIORS COVID UPDATE

Parent COVID Guidance – March 2022

We recognise the Government guidance has change but we would like to ask our parents and staff to continue to follow the recommended guidance in order to protect our community.

Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms it is recommended that they stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They self-isolate if they get a positive test result for a minimum of 6 days, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test

Examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result



Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms.

If you choose to continue to use LF tests and your child tests positive, we recommend they isolate for at least 6 days

Other measures: The schools will continue to have a focus on hygiene and cleaning. It is no longer required that staff wear masks but they may do if they wish.

If children are off sick due to testing positive for COVID 19, there are lessons from the Hamwic Trust available on the link below, there is also TT Rockstarts, Reading Plus and Reading Planet.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-wLGwxq7mW2ngYNKAtjGTQ/videos>

Uniform Donations

We are currently unable to accept any further donations with the exception of Junior School Hoodies and PE Tops, as the Uniform Store is currently fully stocked.

We will let you know when we are ready to accept uniform items again.

To update you, due to the change in Junior Uniform we no longer keep grey skirts or trousers over 8yrs.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated items so far, your support is greatly appreciated.

We will continue to open the Uniform Shop on Wednesday mornings 8.30am-9am whilst Mrs Allen is on duty at Juniors Gate.

If you need uniform and are unable to get there on a Wednesday, you can email Karen with your request and she will put your items for collection in the main office.



PARENTS OF YEAR 6

As part of our leavers celebrations, we will be creating a yearbook which will be available to purchase and we need your help!

Could you please provide us with a photo of your child for us to include and please ask them to answer **2 of these questions**.

- What is your Favourite memory of SJS?
- What will you miss about SJS?
- What did you enjoy learning about in SJS?
- The thing that makes SJS great is
- What was your favourite year and why?

Could these please be emailed by 7th April to johjames99@gmail.com

Many thanks

The year 6 leavers team

Goodbye

We would like to inform you that the following staff have left the Junior School.

We would like to wish them all the best for the future.

Melissa Downs

Emma Eastell

Suzanne Andrews



HEALTHY SCHOOLS

As we are a healthy school, we do not allow pupils to bring in and share cakes/sweets to their class for birthdays.

COVID

We have been made aware that some children who have had vomiting and/or diarrhoea have then tested positive for COVID. If your child has one of these symptoms can you please give them an LFT test before sending them back to school. If a child tests positive for COVID please can you let school know. Your child will need to stay off school for a minimum of 5 calendar days and can return to school after having 2 negative LFT tests 24 hours apart.

**The School Council of Shirley Infant School 2021/2022
present ...**

PYJAMA DAY at the end of every half term 😊

**On Friday 8th April all Infant School children can
come to school dressed in their pyjamas**



Ukraine Fundraiser

Shirley Infant & Junior School parents are holding cake sales to raise money for the British Red Cross DEC Ukraine Appeal.

Friday 25th March at school pick up

50p per cake - please bring a box to take your cakes home

The cake sale will be CASH ONLY (as this is not a FOSIS/PTFA event)

If you would like to make an online donation to support our fund-raising you can do so via PayPal:

<https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8I6HfFxEix>

CAKE DONATIONS NEEDED (Baked or Bought, no nuts please)

Please drop off any cake donations to the school office on the morning of Friday 25th or bring them at pick up.

Please label whether your cake is for the Infant or Junior sale.

Thank you!



Thank you so much to Junior parents for supporting us to keep the school tidy by using bookbags - this makes a huge difference to the tidiness of our corridors as it stops empty rucksacks from spilling out of the boxes under the coat pegs.

A few queries have been raised so we would like to respond:

Q Why are you asking children to use bookbags and not rucksacks?

A As you can see from the photo, coats and bags are stored in corridors outside the classrooms. In order for the school to be safe, the corridors need to be tidy and free of trip hazards and fire hazards. Thirty book bags can fit neatly into the boxes under the coat pegs, or into boxes in the classrooms, but rucksacks do not easily fit into these boxes as rucksacks are bulky even when empty. This means they either spill out, or push upwards, knocking coats off the pegs. We cannot get bigger boxes because the corridors have tables on the opposite side and still need enough space for people to pass each other, so we need to ask the children to bring smaller bags instead.



Q What if my child has a lot to carry (packed lunch, water bottle, musical instrument, hat and gloves in winter etc?)

A We appreciate this can be tricky. One idea would be for the parent to help carry some of the items until you reach the school gate - at this point the lunch box only needs to be carried round the corner to the hall. Another idea would be for a fabric tote bag to be used, such as the examples pictured; after the items have been removed this can then be folded and put in the bookbag where it does not take up extra space when it is empty.



Q Does it have to be an actual bookbag?

A We would prefer this as they are such a helpful size, but any small bag that collapses down when not full is fine. It's the big, bulky, Smiggle-style rucksacks that cause us the most issues. If you're not sure, feel free to send your child in with the bag you are thinking of to check it with their class teacher.



We believe this constraint on bag size is the best solution for our building which is an integral part of our Shirley Junior School community, and we are grateful for your help in reinforcing this expectation.

Mrs Hixon and Mrs Tearle

FOSIS/PTFA

UPCOMING EVENTS...



ESCAPE ROOM IN A BOX NIGHT - 1 APRIL 2022 Will your team be the first to solve the puzzle?

Join us for an evening (**8pm start**) of sleuthing and games. Bring your friends (**max 5 per team, adults only**) to race against others to be the first to solve the 'Locked in the Box'.

This is a table-top escape room where you need to solve clues to open the padlocks and combination locks.

Please bring your own drinks, glasses and snacks (no alcohol please). Cheese boards will be available to order per table. Tea and coffee will be available and there will be other games to play on the night

Book tickets here (£30 per table/team)

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosis/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=45876&fbclid=IwAR3xJ-W5ZevgrgNz2Wijy_JF0f6zbmLdK_PgXPRh2Txu7YL6IDtTkk-u5MM#.Yh_tr9HP2U

SAVE THE DATE: TIDY UP DAY – SATURDAY 2 APRIL 2022

Bring the family, all ages welcome!



Can you spare a few hours to help spring clean the school grounds? Help us to give something back to the community and take pride in how wonderful our schools can look with just a little tidying help from many hands. Lots of jobs need doing, so the more the merrier.

More details will follow next week but for now, one of the most important things to know is...**FREE TEA AND CAKE** for all volunteers!!



PTFA/FOSIS
Greenfield



COMING UP THIS HALF TERM
more details to follow

Family silent disco	18 March
Non-uniform day	1 April
Escape room in a box night	1 April
Tidy-up day	2 April
Junior cake sale	8 April



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>



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](#)

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>

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 here](#)

Community Information



Join us on **Sunday 10 April**, 110 years after the Titanic set sail from Southampton, to remember the stories and lives of those who sailed on the Titanic.

You can join a character-led museum tour, take part in a family workshop and climb Southampton's clock tower (12yrs+). Around the museum, in partnership with The BRICK People, will be attractions and activities featuring LEGO® bricks!

- Solve the "Under the Sea" anagram trail featuring LEGO® bricks!
- Features builds from That Brick LUG! (LEGO® User Group)
- Open build play area
- Official LEGO® sets on display
- Speed build competition
- Buy rare and discontinued LEGO® sets
- Win a minifigure tombola!
- Face painting

To enjoy the LEGO® activities you will need a museum entry ticket, we recommend pre-booking entry to the museum here.

https://southampton-city-council.arttickets.org.uk/seacity-museum/2018-12-15-seacity-museum-admission?utm_ID=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery

To take part in tours or workshop visit [WeGotTickets to book](#). You do not need to pay museum entry if only visiting to take part in one of these tours or workshops

[Easter Activities for Kids](#)

We have lots of fun, family-friendly activities at our venues this Easter. From tie-dying to Easter bunny sculptures in the Art Gallery to clay creations at Tudor House. You'll find something for everyone to enjoy this holiday break. Find out what's on below or find all of our spring activities.

https://www.wegotickets.com/southamptonCulture?utm_ID=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery

Mon 11 April

[Kids' Culture Club - Ostrich sized Easter](#) | Southampton City Art Gallery | 9am-5pm | We'll be decorating massive Easter eggs and more in this whole day of creative fun and discovery for children aged 6 to 12yrs.

Tue 12 April

[Kids' Culture Club - Terrific Titanic!](#) | Southampton City Art Gallery | 9am-5pm | We'll be exploring the fascinating story of Titanic, making a lucky talisman, designing a luxury cruise ship and more in this whole day of creative fun and discovery for children aged 6 to 12yrs.

[Peter Rabbit inspired mobiles \(Under 6yrs\)](#) | Southampton City Art Gallery | 10.15am | Enjoy story time with us in the gallery and create your own inspired Peter Rabbit mobiles. Lots of techniques for little fingers to try.

Wed 13 April

[Boingy Bunny Wire Sculptures \(5-12yrs\)](#) | Southampton City Art Gallery | 10.15am | Create your very own funny bunny sculpture with springy legs ready for Easter.

[Family Walking Tour: Walking the Titanic](#) | Tudor House and Garden | 10.30am | Walk the sites and places of the Southampton's Titanic story.

Thu 14 April

[Play with Clay: Easter Hares Family Workshop \(5yrs+\)](#) | Southampton City Art Gallery | 10am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm | Create your own clay bunny with your family in this creative clay session.

Tue 19 April

[Green Man Wall Plaques – A Family Workshop \(6yrs+\)](#) | Tudor House and Garden | 10.30am | Get creative in this clay session inspired by the mythical Green Man.

Wed 20 April

[Wicker Man and Wish Jars](#) | Tudor House and Garden | 10.30am | Get crafty and Make Wicker Men wishes and Glowing lanterns ready for the Celtic festival of Beltane.

Thur 21 April

[Play with Papercutting: Springs Scenes Family Workshop \(7yrs+\)](#) | Southampton City Art Gallery | 10am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm | Design and create your own stunning paper cut spring scene.

Fri 22 April

[Play with Tie Dye Family Workshop](#) | Southampton City Art Gallery | 10am | Experiment with different colours and techniques with fabulous results!

Book a place and join the Sporterium Family Ride



The Southampton Sporterium is back for another year and will be returning on

Sunday 24 July 2022.

You can look forward to an exciting day of racing as well as stalls and activities to take part in.

Those wanting to take part in the event itself have a choice of signing up for the 60km or 100km Sporterium's taking place, where riders can take in the scenery around Hampshire.

If shorter, competitive racing is more your style, sign up to one of the Criterium races, where you see how many laps you can do in a given time. There are different Criterium's to accompany everyone, such as first timers and charity races.

Before the races open, there is the opportunity to ride for free on the closed roads of the Criterium for the Family Ride Hour which is welcome to all, between **10am to 11am.**

To book a free place

shorturl.at/ghFM3

More information about the event, how to register and updates on the activities can be found on the [My Journey website](#).