



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 16th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- Infant School Diary Dates
- Infants Newsletter
- Infants Inclusion Letter
- Junior School Diary Dates
- Junior Newsletter
- Junior current Year 5 Fairthorne Manor Letter
- Junior Year 3 Light Party and Sleepover Parent Information
- Junior Year 3 Light Party & Sleepover Letter



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 Letters Link](#)

[Junior School Letters Link](#)

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

Shirley Junior School

DEC

Friday 16th School closes at 3.10pm for the Christmas Holidays

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JANUARY

Tuesday 3rd School re-opens at 8.40am for Spring 1

Wednesday 11th Irish Dancing After School Club starts - Info to follow

Friday 13th Karate After school club starts

Tuesday 17th FOSIS Bags 2 School

Friday 27th **INSET DAY - School closed to pupils**

Monday 30th **INSET DAY - School closed to pupils**

JANUARY

Tuesday 3rd School re-opens at 8.40am for Spring 1

Thursday 5th

9th - 11th

11th - 13th

Tuesday 17th

Thursday 19th

Monday 23rd

Thursday 26th

Friday 27th

Monday 30th

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Year 5 Swimming Arctic Foxes

Year 5 Minstead Residential - Group A

Year 5 Minstead Residential - Group B

PTA Bags 2 School

Year 5 Swimming Arctic Foxes

Young Voices - off site

Year 5 Swimming Arctic Foxes

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Starting school (Year R and Year 3)

Deadline to make an application is **Sunday 15th January**

https://ems.southampton.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

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

Grand opening of Scooter Shed

Infant pupil progress drop ins

Shirley Infants - New afterschool club coming in the new year

A vertical poster for Irish Dance Classes. The background is dark with a subtle pattern. At the top, the text "Irish Dance" is in white, flanked by two green shamrocks. Below it, "Classes" is in a larger white font. The text "New Beginners Class" is in yellow, followed by "Wednesdays After school" in yellow. Below that, "Taught by former lead of Lord of the Dance" is in white. At the bottom, "Laura O'Brien TCRG" is in yellow, flanked by two yellow stars. At the very bottom, contact information is in white: "To book a place call 07919 487727 or email laurajones1984@hotmail.com".

Irish Dance
Classes

New Beginners Class
Wednesdays
After school

Taught by former lead of
Lord of the Dance

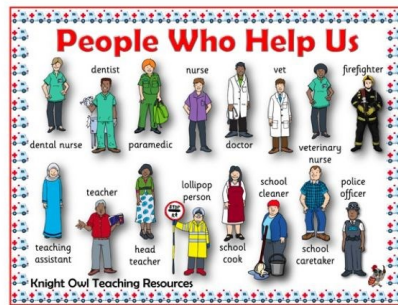
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Year R People who help us

We are looking for people who are in a 'helping us' role and would like to come in to school and give a 10 minute chat on their role to 3 Year R classes.

If you are interested, please let your child's class teacher know or email the school office.



SJS Poster Competition!

We would like you to...



...design a poster to remind children to **flush the toilets** after they have used them.

Your poster **MUST**:

- Be neat, clear, bold and easy to read
- Have words spelled correctly (do a draft first and check the spellings before you do the final one)
- Be created at home
- Be on A4 white paper, in portrait orientation

This way round!

Your poster **COULD**:

- Include a rhyme or jingle to help children remember

Deadline: posters due in to Mrs Tearle by Friday 27th January 2023. Winning designs will be displayed in the toilets.





We are really excited to let you know that both Mrs Bell and Miss Fearn are expecting a baby.



We wish them both health and joy and look forward to meeting their new arrivals in 2023.



Shirley Junior - Reminder about Book Bags:

Please could we ask again that all children bring ONLY a book bag to school and NOT a rucksack? We want to be able to keep the school tidy and keep the corridors clear in case of fire alarms. We do not have space in the corridors to keep all the empty rucksacks tidy. After Christmas, teachers will be reminding children about this too. Book bags can be purchased for less than £3 on eBay. Other places they can be purchased include School Trends and Skoolkit. The colour and design is up to the individual although it MUST be a small, hand-held bag that can easily be stored.

Thank you for helping us to keep our corridors safe and tidy.

Shirley Juniors Year 3



The pupils in year 3 will be starting a new topic called 'Let It Shine' in the New Year.

If you have any working torches that you are willing to donate to them we would greatly receive and appreciate them.

Please drop the torches to the school office and the children will collect.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Plea

We are in need of boys trousers of all ages.

All donations will be gratefully received, please hand into the office.



Thank you

Both Shirley Infants and Shirley Juniors would like to thank

St James Church, for the use of their facilities.

We would not have been able to carry out Shirley Infants Christmas Performances and Shirley Juniors Christingle without their support.




Safeguarding

Download the [Home Pack](#) to start talking to your children about Clever Never Goes today.

The Home Pack gives you 3 easy steps to teach Clever Never Goes, along with fun games and activities to press home the message.

OUT WITH STRANGER DANGER IN WITH CLEVER NEVER GOES



TEACH THE CLEVER OPTION AT HOME


CLEVER NEVER GOES is the new, child-friendly lesson that teaches children how to stay safe from abduction when they are outside (e.g. walking to or from school), or online.

It's been created to help parents/guardians talk to their children about staying safe in a simple way.

Instead of creating a fear of people it teaches them to recognise the danger in a situation, regardless of who's involved.

THE RULE:

If anyone asks you to go - even someone that you know - if it hasn't been agreed, remember: CLEVER NEVER GOES



The **CLEVER NEVER GOES** rule means children shouldn't go anywhere with anyone - even if they know them - if it hasn't been agreed in advance by a parent or guardian.

And please remember, children learn through repetition so make sure you remind them regularly of **CLEVER NEVER GOES** when they're going outside or online.

For more information, ideas and resources to have that clever conversation go to: clevernevergoes.org

WHY CHANGE?

Since it was introduced in the 1970's, the 'stranger danger' message has been fundamentally flawed.


Most strangers will help rather than harm a child, and many people that do pose a risk to children are not strangers.


Furthermore, it demands that all strangers should be treated with suspicion, which breeds fear in our communities. This has led to children spending less time outdoors, fuelling a rise in obesity and mental health problems.

Add to this, children are spending more time online, increasing their risk of being groomed. Now is the time for a new approach that creates safer, happier and healthier children.

Backed by more than 1,000 schools across the UK, **CLEVER NEVER GOES** is more practical than stranger danger and gives children the skills and confidence to safely explore their outdoor and online worlds without fear. And gives parents the reassurance to let them.

clever never goes



 POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER
Serving Hampshire Isle of Wight Portsmouth Southampton

This leaflet has been brought to you by the charity Action Against Abduction (registered no. 1081904) with the support of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire.

FOSIS/PTFA



THANK YOU!

To everyone who volunteered, donated and bought from our various festive events and sales we couldn't have done it without you!

**SHIRLEY INFANT & JUNIOR
SCHOOLS
OVER £2,000 RAISED!**



THERE'S STILL TIME 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

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 December....



We're thrilled to be able to announce our big prize for the December draw – a MASSIVE PS5 bundle! This incredible prize includes a PS5 (disc edition), extra controller, 3 amazing games, an official PlayStation Pulse headset, and loads more goodies – as well as a 43" 4k Ultra HD Smart TV to play it on!



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 Easyfundraising, 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 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/774368666506974>

Year R Face book 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



CHARITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
NEW YEAR
FAMILY CONCERT
A LIVELY START TO THE NEW YEAR FOR ALL THE FAMILY
WITH MUSIC FROM DISNEY AND MUCH MORE

SATURDAY 7TH JANUARY 4.30PM
CHRIST CHURCH, FREEMANTLE, SOUTHAMPTON, SO15 3BS
ADULTS - £12, KIDS - A DONATION OF YOUR CHOICE
AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR

 **THE COURAGE FOUNDATION**
RAISING MONEY FOR THE COURAGE FOUNDATION
SUPPORTING BEREAVED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES



Keeping warm this winter

Many people are feeling the pinch at the moment, and it can be very hard when you don't feel in control of your money. The cost-of-living crisis is affecting us all, but some are struggling much more than others. We're providing support in partnership with other providers and have put together an [online Cost of Living guide](#) to what is available from the community and Government.

Lots of information on keeping warm this winter can be [found on our website](#). Southampton Healthy Homes is the city's affordable warmth programme. Managed by Southampton City Council and delivered by a team of experienced energy advisors at the Environment Centre (tEC), it offers support and advice to residents who are finding it difficult to pay their energy bills. The scheme can help people reduce their bills, get in touch with their supplier, apply for energy and water bill discounts and access funding for home energy upgrades such as heating improvements, insulation and draught proofing. Please contact tEC on their Freephone number, 0800 804 8601 [or visit the Environment Centre for more information](#).

From food and energy bills to where you will get a warm welcome in Southampton, if you need help, you'll find lots of information on our [Cost of Living Information Hub](#).

Cost of living information



FIND MY SCHOOL

REGISTER MY SCHOOL



PLAIN UNIFORM

MAKE AN ENQUIRY

★ START THE JANUARY TERM RIGHT ★ WITH AFFORDABLE UNIFORMS!

Everything your parents need to get their children through the school year

Book Bags

Sweater

Trousers

Jacket

Cardigans



SHOP NOW!

Thank you for your continued support

Visit: www.myclothing.com Or Call: 0800 059 0594

Housing Benefit payments for Christmas and New Year 2022

Housing Benefit payments for the 2022 Christmas and New Year period are detailed below.

If you receive payment by cheque, please allow extra time for any postal delays.

Normal payment cycle will resume week commencing 2 January 2023.

Weekly payments:

Payments sent 20 December 2022 will arrive in accounts by 22 December 2022.

Payments sent 22 December 2022 will arrive in accounts by 28 December 2022.

Fortnightly payments:

Payments sent 20 December 2022 will arrive in accounts by 22 December 2022.

Monthly payments:

No monthly payment due.

Urgent payments:

No Urgent payment runs over Christmas.

Council tenant payments:

Will run as normal and show in accounts by 26 December 2022 and 2 January 2023.

Don't miss out: 4 days left to claim pension credit and qualify for extra £324



Department
for Work &
Pensions

The average Pension Credit award is worth over £3,500 a year and those who claim by 18 December could also be entitled to an extra £324 cost of living payment. Contact [The Department for Work and Pensions](#).

Cost of Living - Help with food

In Southampton, there are many projects that exist to help people with food; from places serving free hot meals, meal kit boxes, food banks, food parcel deliveries, pay as you feel cafes, community larders, food clubs, pantries, soup runs and so much more.

In this [video](#), Leader of the Council, Councillor Satvir Kaur visits Shirley Baptist Church, a [Southampton City Mission Basics Bank](#), which provides food and clothes to those who need it, via a referral.

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Healthy Start Scheme

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Find out more and [apply online](#). After you've applied, you'll receive an NHS Healthy Start card payment card, which is automatically topped up every 4 weeks. It can also be used to collect:

- Healthy Start vitamins – these support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding
- Vitamin drops for babies and young children – these are suitable from birth to 4 years old

If you need support, advice or would like to know what else your family may be entitled to, you can pop into your local Sure Start centre, email familyhub@southampton.gov.uk or text 07818 588 480.

Whether you're a parent to be, a mum, dad, grandparent or carer – whoever you are, you'll be welcomed. Find your nearest [Sure Start Family Hub](#).



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Living with Teenagers

Online Zoom Evening

A FREE 9 week course
For parents of young people aged 11-16
years
Bring up happy and self-confident
Young people.



Venue: Online Virtual via Zoom
Day: Wednesday Evening's
Dates: 18th January -22nd March 2023
Times: 7pm-9pm

Who is the course for?

The Living with Teenagers Course is aimed at parents in Southampton who have one or more children between the ages of 11- 16 years. The course content includes:

- Managing risk
- Family meetings
- Exploring what it is like to be a teenager today
- Parental wellbeing
- Listening and communication styles
- Expressing and acknowledging feelings
- Privilege removal
- Household rules
- Discipline

This evidence based course is recognised nationwide and is written by the Centre for Parent and Child Support in South London and Maudsley Hospital, which is funded by the NHS.



What is the EPEC Living with Teenagers Course?

The Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) 9 week Living with Teenagers course offers accessible and effective community based parenting support for parents of adolescents aged 11-16 years. It creates a trusting group ethos, where parents are encouraged and supported to explore strategies to:

- Improve young people's social, emotional and behavioural development
- Improve young people's well being
- Reduce adolescent and family difficulties
- Improve parent confidence
- Improve parenting skills and satisfaction
- Improve social and community connectedness

Why is it different?

The Living with Teenagers course is completely free and is co-facilitated by certificated volunteer parent group leaders who have completed EPEC training. Their experiences, backgrounds, skills and qualities make each session inviting and engaging.



Further Information, & Bookings

For more information on the course and how to book a place please contact:

Sarah Newman (Early Help Team)
T: 023 80540135
M: 07919880957

Email referrals to:
Sarah.newman@southampton.gov.uk

Hub Co-coordinator
Amy Reid 07920088499
Email: amy.reid@southampton.gov.uk



We will be in touch to confirm places on the course





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**Venue: Weston Sure start Centre
Foxcott Close
SO19 9JQ**

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Times: 9.30-11.30

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Merry Christmas from the Employment Support Team

However you're spending the festive period, we hope you can find some time to rest and relax. Below is a summary of our Christmas opening times:

Work Clubs - Closed from 16 December 2022 until 4 January 2023

- Northam Work Club - reopens Wednesday 4 January 2023
- Shirley Work Club - reopens Thursday 5 January 2023
- Central Work Club - reopens Thursday 5 January 2023
- Bitterne Work Club - reopens Monday 9 January 2023
- Weston Work Club - reopens Monday 9 January 2023

Young Adults Employment Hub - Closed from 19 December 2022 until 3 January 2023. Hub staff will be working remotely during this time, so please contact your Work Coach or Employment Officer if you need support.

For more information, please [email us](#). We also have information and advice pages available at any time on [Access Southampton](#).

See you in 2023!

A look back at 2022

We've had a busy 2022 here at the Employment Support Team.

From Jobs Fairs to awards, join us as we look back at some of our highlights from the past 12 months and look forward to 2023.

[Employment Support Team Highlights 2022 - YouTube](#)

Looking ahead to 2023

We've got lots planned to help people find work, training and volunteering next year. Make sure you're [following us on social media](#) to stay up to date.

New courses - as well as Employability, IT, Confidence and Self-Employment courses, from 2023 we will also be running free sessions around personal finance and budgeting, as well as understanding payslips, tax and National Insurance. View our upcoming courses on [Access Southampton](#) Support for people with learning disabilities - we'll be rolling out our [support for people with learning disabilities and autism who are looking for work](#). Solent Get Into Employment, our Learning Disability Employment Service and our new Local Supported Employment initiative will be fully operational across the city

Jobs Fairs - we'll be hosting our next Jobs Fair in early 2023. You can expect employers from a range of sectors, all with live vacancies that need to be filled. Keep an eye on [our website](#) for details.

Our usual projects will still be on hand to offer 1 to 1 support. Find out about all of our completely free services [here](#).

Southampton City Council Job Vacancies

View all our vacancies at www.southampton.gov.uk/jobs. Current vacancies include:

[Senior Policy and Strategy Officer](#)
[Male Engagement Worker \(MEW\)](#)

[Development Officer](#)

[Team Standards Coordinator](#)

[Communications Executive](#)

[Rehab and Reablement Assistant](#)

[Social Worker CIS](#)

[Ranger](#)

[Energy Officer](#)

[Homelessness Prevention Assistant](#)

[School Transport Escort \(Term Time Only\)](#)

[ROTH Support Officer](#)

[Democratic Services Officer](#)

[School Crossing Patrol Officer \(Term Time only\)](#)

[Gas Engineer](#)

[Electrician](#)