



# Shirley Juniors

## Weekly Communication

To contact any member of staff, please email [office@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:office@shirleyschools.co.uk) marked for the attention of the member of staff and your email will be forwarded.

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Please find attached to the school website the following;**

- Safer Internet Day

### **KEEPING US INFORMED**

Please could we ask all parents to inform the school if anyone in the household is going for a coronavirus test or is self-isolating as another family member in the household has tested positive.

## Dates for your Diary

### **FEBRUARY**

Friday 5th	PTFA Family Quiz
Friday 12th	PTFA Pyjama Day
Sunday 14th	PTFA Valentines Balloon Race
Monday 15th	Half Term
Monday 22nd	First day back after Half Term

**Please remember to be considerate of others when lining up in the queue**

**Please remember to wear a mask where possible unless you have a medical condition which exempts you.**



## **Free Online Activity Packs**

For all the parents with children at home at the moment, you may find some of these fun, creative and free education resources really useful.

### **Mayflower 400 Southampton My Giving Thanks activity pack**

[tinyurl.com/4pr8b6tz](https://tinyurl.com/4pr8b6tz)

### **Tudor House and Garden [online activities](#)**

<https://tudorhouseandgarden.com/hands-on-learning/online-resources/>

### **SeaCity Museum - [online activities](#)**

<https://seacitymuseum.co.uk/online-activities>

### **Southampton City Art Gallery - [online activities](#).**

<https://www.southamptoncityartgallery.com/resources/>

## **[Half-term activities - online](#)**

**[Titanic Tales](#) - Monday 15 February / 9:30am – 10.30am / £7.50**

<https://www.wegottickets.com/event/510950>

**[Shiver Me Timbers](#) - Tuesday 16 February / 9:30am – 10.30am / £6.00**

<https://www.wegottickets.com/event/511135#>

**[Portraits!](#) - Wednesday 17 February / 9:30am – 10.30am / £7.50**

<https://www.wegottickets.com/event/511101>

Explore some of the fabulous portraits in our collection, try out some drawing challenges and then create your own self portrait at this interactive online session for families with children aged 6yrs+.

<https://www.wegottickets.com/event/511101>

## **Information and support for parents and carers of children who are learning at home.**

Supporting your children's remote education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

Please use this website [tinyurl.com/59rk6o75](https://tinyurl.com/59rk6o75)

### **Community Support during Lockdown**

If you need support perhaps collecting Prescriptions, Shopping, getting to Medical Appointments, you can go to the website below:

<https://www.solinked.org.uk/>

### **SAFER INTERNET**

There will be a range of activities for your child to have a go at posted on Google Classroom on Tuesday, so keep an eye out for those on the day itself!

### **Year 3 Bubble**

We are pleased that the year 3 bubble will reopen for keyworkers and any children who have been invited in, from Monday 8th February.

### **Reminder for parents: what to do if your remote-learning child is ill**

If your child is ill and cannot participate in home learning that day, please could you phone the office, or email the teacher via the [office@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:office@shirleyschools.co.uk) email address that morning to let them know? Teachers are tracking the remote attendance of children because as a school we are still responsible for their education, so if your child is not logging onto Google Classroom and we haven't been made aware that they are ill, someone is likely to give you a phone call just to check whether you are having technical issues.

### **Request for parents supervising children learning at home**

Please could we remind you that children have been asked to log in to live sessions **no more than 5-10 minutes in advance?**

In some classes, children are logging on up to 20 minutes early which means the teacher then needs to log in to monitor them, as many are not being sensible (sharing screens etc). This in turn affects what the teachers can get done during this time.

### **Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 9th February.**

This year's theme is 'Together for a Better Internet'. Please could you take an opportunity this week to have a chat with your child about their use of social media - what makes them feel worried or unsafe and how they can get help with this?

There are lots of ideas on the website: <https://www.saferinternetday.org/>

Please also see below for some websites to support parents/carers in keeping their children safe online. Unfortunately the page is a screenshot so the links are not clickable but all sites can be found easily using Google or similar.

### **Half Term holiday learning**

After an informal survey of parents via social media, there was an overwhelming feeling that holiday home learning would not be welcome this half term! We fully understand! A few parents mentioned that if we did set something, a few crafty, arty, hands-on and non-screen based ideas would be great, so we will put together a grid of optional activities that you can use or leave - whatever works best for your family.

### **Parent remote learning survey**

We would really like to gather your views on different aspects of our remote learning, so we have put together a survey for you to answer here: <https://forms.gle/FrtpPjPQieXWr74m7>

### **Children's views**

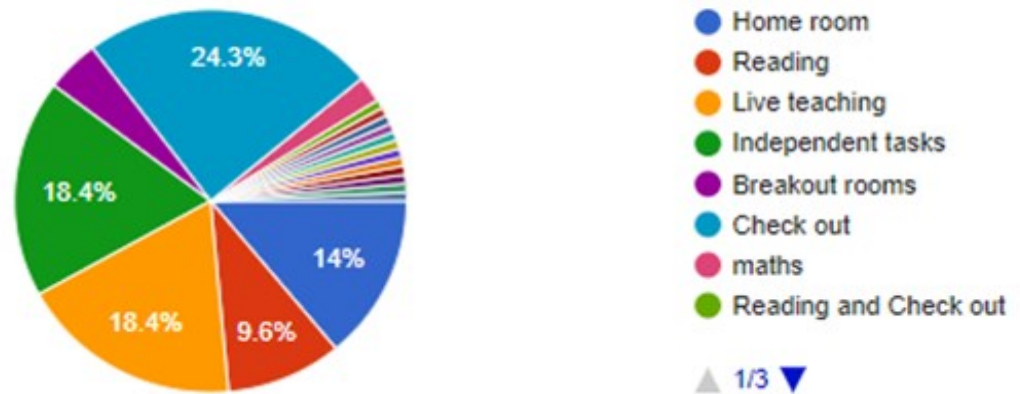
We have done a survey for the children so that their voices can also be heard. Children learning at home have had it set as a Google classroom assignment, so please do encourage them to complete it. Children in school will have the opportunity to give us their views in school.

So far, over a third of our children have responded, and they are telling us that we are largely getting it right for them - they feel supported, they are loving the projects, they feel that the live teaching time and the time given for Practice and Prove It activities is about right, and they are keen to join in.

We asked them, at the end, what they were proud of themselves for, and what award they would give their parents, and we thought you might enjoy reading a selection of their responses (warning, you might want a tissue or two to hand!):

### Which is your favourite learning part of the remote learning day?

136 responses



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### What are you proud of yourself for?

- for learning how to do some new things.
- I think I'm proud of myself for trying my best when it is quite hard.
- i have been proud of all my work I've been doing in lockdown
- I am proud of all of my writing pieces because I find it hard to get started.
- being quite independent.
- I am proud of myself for getting all my work completed, for being on time to all the lessons and not missing one live lessons, home room or check out!!
- being able to use google classroom and doing all of my work
- I am proud of myself for trying to do stuff on my own because I know that my parents have work to do to.
- I am proud of myself because I am struggling with work but I am powering through
- Trying to stay focused as its pretty different
- I am proud of my french learning because I was a bit behind on my french but I put some effort in and now i feel like i am at the same stage as everyone else.
- Being able to concentrate when my brother is making a lot of noise and dancing around the room!
- For completing my work on time at a high standard.
- finishing my maths on subtraction. I checked and corrected them all:):):)
- For being able to go to all my calls on time, schedule all my work and finish it before the next day and generally being able to cope with the challenging times and my challenging ipad
- just doing it (not making a fuss)
- I'm proud of improvement in art.
- Not giving up and managing to complete most of the work.
- That i can make my brain sweat and make me answer

### **This award goes to my grown up for...**

- my award goes to my parents for being really helpful and supportive. thank you.
- being amazing
- for trying to help me when i get mad
- Best supporters and helpers
- being helpful when I'm struggling with learning.
- Being able to help me and my sisters even though our lessons are at different times.
- being there for me if I need help. And for feeding me lots during the day.
- My mummy helpful award .
- Helping me when my work is tricky (mainly maths) and also doing their work.
- Thank you for helping me, making snacks, encouraging me and just generally being there for me xxx :):):):)



- i would give my mum a award for helping me out even though she has lots of work to do and my dad an award for helping me when my mum doesn't know. (!!)
- Staying out my way so the teachers can do a good job!
- I would give my dad an award for fixing the internet connection in the house. I would give my sister an award for helping with maths. And my mum would get an award for helping with English.
- reminding me to go on live lessons.
- a reward for coping with a puppy, two kids and their own work
- being kind and being all round just lovely and supporting me as best they can.
- I thank my Mum and Dad for decorating my bedroom so that it is a nice place to do my home learning and for being here for me.
- supporting me when I need some help in subjects that we haven't been taught and making sure that I get proper breaks in my learning. Thank you so much Mum.
- being the best unexperienced teacher and supporter ever because it is a first for my mum and is (as well as the teachers) doing really well. I love you to a country which doesn't have covid and back.xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Patience award
- Very big heart



### **What award would you give them?**

- I would give you a delicious dessert,
- a box of chocolate
- a trophy
- If I could my mum A+ in all her University. My dad a family holiday as we can't go on any
- Grit award.
- i will care for them as they cared for me.
- A Effort stars
- i would cook them a special meal and give them a hug
- I would give my parents a gold award because they has helped me so much.
- I would give my parents an amazing gift and it will not be told to them until may I haven't told them cause it is
- secret
- flowers
- I would give them a day off
- 100 hugs
- A week off
- I would give them an effort star for citizenship.

**Thank you to all of you for giving us the opportunity to work with your delightful children - we hope you have a lovely weekend!**

# PTFA

## FAMILY QUIZ - TONIGHT!

**It's not too late to join us, buy your ticket with the link!**

£5 for an evening of family quiz fun!

Tickets available now at:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=34255>

## PYJAMA DAY! [Feb 12th Feb.](#)

Celebrate making it through this half term by wearing your pyjamas for school or home school. £1 donation to Fosis/PTFA.

Paypal money pool here <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8wgyQoj3ev> or cash in envelope to 55 Darlington Gardens or 93 Wilton road.

## VALENTINE'S DAY VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE - [14th Feb](#)

Flying from the Eiffel Tower, Paris, the city of love..

Buy your balloons for just £3. Beat the others in your family and enjoy Amanda's daily updates! The winner from our school wins a prize, and if your balloon beats all the other charity balloons you win £500.

Buy your balloon here: <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1342>

## PTFA Logo

We still need a Logo! Take a break from home school to design us a logo. See the letter from last week for the template and optional owls, and drop any designs in the basket outside

[1 Branksome Ave](#) by [Sun 21st](#) February

## COMING SOON

Bagstoschool - Collection planned for March

World Book Day Fun.