



# Shirley Schools



## Weekly Communication

**Friday 18th February 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- Year R Curriculum Letter
- Year 1 Curriculum Letter
- Year 2 Curriculum Letter
- Year 6 Revision Guide Letter
- Diary Dates Spring 2

**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>

**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,

### **Talking with children about what is happening in Ukraine**

We wanted to share some resources that you may find helpful if you wish to talk with your children about the conflict between Ukraine and Russia.

Obviously you know your own child best, however the guidance we have seen for under 8s is to talk with them very generally if they bring it up in conversation, and to help them feel safe by letting them know that this conflict is geographically distant from them – maybe showing them on a map or globe.

Guidance for children age 8 and above is to listen to their worries and provide simple, honest, age-appropriate answers to their questions about what is going on. Don't avoid answering their questions about the situation as this could promote more anxiety, but keep to basic facts, and let them know that there is no right or wrong way to feel about this situation

The resources listed below have all been produced by reputable sources:

- British Psychological Society - Supporting children to manage anxiety over war, conflict and crises: <https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/supporting-children-manage-anxiety-over-war-conflict-and-crises>
- BBC Newsround: collection of coverage so far about Ukraine <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround#more-stories-2>
- NHS Mental Health in Schools team booklet: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/278138198/>

We recognise that lots of members of our school community may be directly affected by this conflict – please talk to your child's teacher if you feel they will need extra support in school at this time.

## Dates for your Diary

### Shirley Infant School

#### March

Thursday 10th	Parent Forum 12 pm-1pm
Friday 11th	Year 1 Singing Event on playground 2.45pm
Tuesday 15th	Parents Evening 4pm—7pm
Thursday 17th	Year 1 Victorian Dress Up Day
Thursday 17th	Parents Evening 3.30—6.30pm
Friday 18th	FOSIS Silent Disco
Thursday 24th	Year R All in it together Workshop 1.30pm - 3pm On site 6pm—7pm Virtual
Thursday 31st	Year 1 Phonic Workshop & Celebration Event 9am

#### April

Friday 1st	FOSIS Non Uniform Day
Friday 1st	FOSIS Escape room in a box night
Saturday 2nd	FOSIS Tidy up Day
Friday 8th	<b>School closes for Easter Holidays</b>

#### **EASTER HOLIDAYS**

**Monday 25th School re-opens for SUMMER 1**

### Shirley Junior School

#### March

Tuesday 8th	Year 3/4 Share my learning outside 3.10pm
Wednesday 9th	Arctic Lynx Swimming
Thursday 10th	Year 5/6 Share my learning outside 3.10pm
Tuesday 15th	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7pm
Wednesday 16th	Arctic Lynx Swimming
Thursday 17th	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6pm
Friday 18th	PTA Silent Disco
Wednesday 23rd	Arctic Lynx Swimming
Wednesday 30th	Arctic Lynx Swimming

#### 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
Friday 8th	<b>School closes for Easter Holidays</b>

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**Monday 25th School re-opens for SUMMER 1**

Coming soon

## PARENTS EVENING

### Infants

Parents evening booking system will go live Friday 4th March 10am

We are having face to face appointments, Year R and Year 1 will need to wait outside and wait to go in. Year 2 will need to wait in the corridor. At this time it will remain that no children should accompany you to this appointment. 2 adults are able to attend.

Masks must be worn and a 2 metre distance will need to be adhered to.

You should have already received an email via My Child at School on Thursday 3rd March with the link.

Please contact the school if there are any problems

### Juniors

Parents evening booking system will go live Friday 4th March 10am

This will be a virtual event.

You should have already received an email via My Child at School on Thursday 3rd March with the link.

## ALL IN IT TOGETHER - Parent Workshop for Year R

**FOCUS:** Moving on to Year 1



Come and join us on **Thursday 24th March at 1:30pm till 3:00pm on site** with children, this will be a practical session, we will also be holding a **Virtual Zoom Session at 6:00pm till 7:00pm.**

Mrs Gregory and the Early Years Advisor from HAMWIC Michelle Williams will be running this workshop, unfortunately we have limited spaces for the day session however, a virtual session will also be offered.

This session will discuss the end of year expectations, the impact of the pandemic and the stages of development your child is progressing through.

NOTE: we will not be able to have siblings at the day event. We are very sorry. We will ask you take a lateral flow an hour before you attend the event too.

Please come and sign up in the school office for the session held on site.



## **World Book Day at SJS**

We had so much fun celebrating World Book Day yesterday. From creating our own bookmarks, to scavenger hunts in the library, our children listened to different books from our adults in school and took some time to be transported to other worlds!

Our spoon character competition was a huge success and our parent librarians are looking forward to creating a new display in our library to showcase the children's fabulous entries.

Congratulations to all our winners across the school, who each received a book donated by the PTFA.



## Careers Fair

Calling for help from our amazing Shirley community! Shirley Junior School is holding a 'Careers Fair' to allow the children explore the world of work on Friday 1st April from 1pm - 3pm. We are hoping to allow children to the vast range of opportunities that they can choose from in the future. Whatever job you, or someone you may know, may do we would love for you to support in any way you can. Please see the linked letter for further details or to say you can help out contact Mrs Booth via email: [office@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:office@shirleyschools.co.uk) FAO Mrs Booth Careers Fair"

Please see the Careers Fair Letter

<https://www.shirleyjuniorschool.org/page/?title=Letters%3A+Spring+2&pid=80&action=saved>

# FOSIS/PTFA

**SILENT DISCO TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE – FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY –  
18 MARCH 2022**

**FAMILY SILENT DISCO!**

What is a Silent Disco?!

Each person gets a headset which can easily be changed to one of 3 channels, each playing a different playlist. You can switch channels as many times as you want to select your favourite song at the time, or to see what everyone else is dancing to. It's great fun for all the family!



**EARLY BIRDS: 5PM – 6.15PM**  
**NIGHT OWLS: 6.45PM – 8PM**

**Tickets £3.50 adult/child**

All children must be accompanied and supervised by a paying adult.  
The cafe will be open selling light refreshments and non-alcoholic drinks  
Link below to book

Tickets are **£3.50 per person** and **all** children must be accompanied and supervised by a **paying adult**:  
[https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm?  
event=Shop&fbclid=IwAR30O8rTzj2Kx96VFblzslhkffFK5\\_L5Zsx6GNJ5r0qbRbOJBxjClKvrAls#.Yh\\_s79HP2Un](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm?event=Shop&fbclid=IwAR30O8rTzj2Kx96VFblzslhkffFK5_L5Zsx6GNJ5r0qbRbOJBxjClKvrAls#.Yh_s79HP2Un)

**EVERYONE (inc. adults)** gets a headset, so dust off those dancing shoes and come for some fun and a boogie as a family!



## 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\\_PgXPRh2Txu7YL6lDtTk-u5MM#.Yh\\_tr9HP2U!](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosis/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=45876&fbclid=IwAR3xJ-W5ZevgrgNz2Wijy_JF0f6zbmLdK_PgXPRh2Txu7YL6lDtTk-u5MM#.Yh_tr9HP2U!)

## THANK YOU!

To everyone who took part in our Story Spoons competition, we had some amazing creations, we'll share the winners next week.

Online payments can still be made via the PayPal fundraiser here: <https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8H6kr6kND4>

All proceeds will be shared between FOSIS and PFTA.

**PTFA/FOSIS**  
*Events*

**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](#)

[Juniors – Shirley Junior School PTFA – 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/77436866506974>

### 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

## Supporting Ukraine

Last night we lit the Clock Tower blue and yellow in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, who are currently suffering from the military aggression of the Russian State.

The blue and yellow national flag of Ukraine is also now flying outside the Civic Centre and the Guildhall will be lit blue and yellow from tonight.

Leader of the Council, Councillor Daniel Fitzhenry, said:

"We have all watched in horror these past few days at the awful situation in Ukraine, with the unprovoked attack on an independent democratic state.

"Southampton City Council is reaching out to offer support to Ukrainian citizens and their families in the city, and to those with links to other nearby Eastern European states who may be affected by this unfolding crisis.

"We also stand with the Russians who have made our city their home and those in Russia who are making their voices heard against their government.

"At times like these the people of Southampton always come together to support fellow residents and we've had many requests from people wishing to donate and help. We're signposting to the best ways to donate so please do check out our website and social media channels where we'll be promoting and amplifying the great work that's happening in our community to support the people of Ukraine.

"We pray for peace and our thoughts, hopes and best wishes go to all innocent people unnecessarily caught up in this tragedy."

## How you can help

Many national and international aid organisations have set up appeals to help support and protect people caught up in this conflict.

You can make a financial donation to places like the [British Red Cross](#) or [UNICEF](#) via their websites.

The Home Office website details [support for family members of British nationals in Ukraine, and Ukrainian nationals in Ukraine and the UK](#).

Locally the Polish Social Club are taking donations which will be sent to Medyka (on the Polish-Ukrainian border) from Southampton. They are asking for donations of:

- Nappies & wet wipes, including nappies for elderly
- Dry sanitary products
- Thermal clothes, gloves
- Batteries, flashlights, candles
- Food for children – long term & dry
- Warm blankets, sleeping bags
- Painkillers and dressings
- Face masks & hand gels
- Dog/cat food

They kindly ask for all donations to be in a box, which will be stored and displayed in the Polish Club before being sent over.

Please donate at The Polish Social Club, 507 Portswood Road, SO17 2TH. Days and times vary – check on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PolskiKlubSouthampton> for the latest information.

**Romsey Sinfonietta**

## Storytelling Sundays

### Paddington Bear's first concert

MUSIC BY HERBERT CHAPPELL  
NARRATED BY PHIL CHEESMAN

**Sunday 13 March 2022, 2.30pm**  
**Abbey United Reformed Church**  
**Romsey SO51 8EL**

Tickets: £12, £8 (under 18) £35 family (2 adults 2 children)  
Available in advance from  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/romseysinfonietta](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/romseysinfonietta)



**Romsey Sinfonietta**

## Storytelling Sundays

### Carnival of the Animals

MUSIC BY  
CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS

Jinah Shim &  
Raymond Yiu - *pianos*  
Phil Cheesman - *narrator*  
Craig Lawton - *conductor*

**Sunday 8 May 2022, 2.30pm**  
**The Abbey, Romsey, SO51 8EP**

Tickets: £12, £8 (under 18) £35 family (2 adults 2 children)  
Available in advance from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/musicinromsey](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/musicinromsey)



# Parenting with Anxiety: Helping Anxious Parents Raise Confident Children



## What is the Parenting with Anxiety study?



I am Professor Sam Cartwright-Hatton who heads the Parenting with Anxiety study team at the University of Sussex. Our work is focused on developing tools and support to help parents who experience anxiety and reduce anxiety in children.

We are looking for 2,000 parents who experience anxiety to join us in testing an online course developed to give anxious parents skills and techniques to raise confident children.

Parents who get involved are not only helping us to test the course, they are contributing to scientific research which will bring us closer to improving the lives of parents and children with anxiety.

## What does taking part involve?

The course is made up of eight modules. They take about 20-30 minutes to complete and it is all done online, on your computer, tablet or smart phone. You can do it at your own pace and at a time that suits you.

You will also be asked to fill in a set of questionnaires at the start and again on two occasions over the next year and a half.

Half of the parents who sign up for the study will be asked to complete this course and the other half will just be asked to fill in the questionnaires.

If you wanted to try the course, it may be disappointing to be in the control group, but you are still playing an essential role in our work in helping parents with anxiety. We value the contribution of every parent who takes part.

## Who can take part?

You can take part if you:

- Experience high levels of anxiety
- Have a child aged 2-11 that you see at least 50 days per year
- Are aged over 16
- Are a UK resident
- Are able to commit your time to answering our questionnaires on three occasions over the next 18 months

Find out more and sign up at  
[www.parentingwithanxiety.org.uk](http://www.parentingwithanxiety.org.uk)







Helping Young People  
Help Themselves

## Employability Support for Young Lone Parents



Supporting Young Lone Parents into  
education, employment or training

- One-to-one support worker
- Careers advice
- Create an action plan with goals broken down into manageable steps
- Support to look for Education, Employment and training opportunities
- Working to remove barriers, boost confidence and employability skills



- Attend short courses/college open days
- Support with job applications
- Ongoing support once in employment or education

To Make a referral, visit our Website,  
or scan the QR code



[www.nolimitshelp.org.uk](http://www.nolimitshelp.org.uk)  
023 80 224 224



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# Do you want to improve your English?



## Join a family learning ESOL class once a week while your children are at school

Our mixed level family learning ESOL classes are free for parents of school aged children and will help you gain confidence in speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Spaces available from January:

- Monday afternoons in Shirley (St James Road)
- Thursday mornings in Upper Shirley (Winchester Road)

For more information and to check eligibility please contact:  
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**[www.southampton-city.ac.uk](http://www.southampton-city.ac.uk)**

