



Shirley Juniors

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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- ♦ Year 3 Walk the Walls parent info sheet

COVID SYMPTOM REMINDER

If you have symptoms of COVID please can you do a PCR test not a lateral flow test

LOST PROPERTY

There is currently NO lost property box.



Any items NAMED found around the schools will be returned to the pupils/classes.

Any UN-NAMED items go to the community room and Karen Allen will display them outside on Wednesday's for anyone to claim.

Coming soon

Swimming Lessons Tundra Wolves followed by Artic Lynx

Dates for your Diary

OCTOBER

Friday 22nd Last day of Autumn 1—School Closes at 3.20pm

HALF TERM BREAK

Sunday 31st PTA Halloween Trail

NOVEMBER

Monday 1st School re-opens at 8:45am

Tuesday 2nd Parents Evening Virtual

Thursday 4th Year 4 Butser Trip

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Friday 5th PTA Fireworks

Monday 8th Year 6 Lush Visit—in school

Monday 8th Virtual Christmas Marketplace opens

Wednesday 10th Year 5 Lemmings Swimming Lessons

Friday 12th Remembrance Day—St James Church Service for Grandparents

Wednesday 17th Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Wednesday 24th Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Friday 26th Flu Immunisation Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Orchestra

Sorry to say but Orchestra will not be starting on the first week back after Half Term, as soon as we have some more information we shall let you know.



Parents Evening reminder

We will be holding virtual parents evening appointments on 2nd & 4th November via 'School Cloud'.

Booking **will close on 25th October at midnight.**

Please see the link below for you to book Parents Evening appointments.

<https://shirleyjun.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please find the guide attached to the school website

Flyers or details of any sports clubs

In helping our children to live active lives we would like to make connections with local clubs and classes for being active - this could be a sports club, a dance class or anything that would add to physical activity (gardening club!).

Please email pe@shirleyschools.co.uk with any details - flyers etc

Design the logos competition

This year we have launched our new 'Personal Skills' that are replacing the old JETTS/ learning values. Can you help to create a symbol, character or object for each of our new skills? Think about what these skills mean to you and how to represent them. Hand your ideas to Mrs Hixon by Friday 5th November 2021. You can find these skills in your planner.

SJS Personal Skills

To care

To reflect

To collaborate

To be curious

To persevere

To aspire



In conversation with ... **Suzy Rowland**

Author of "SEND in the Clowns"

A free webinar for parents, carers, teachers and anyone interested in neurodiversity in children and young people, including Q&A.

***Suzy Rowland** is an author, autism/ADHD specialist coach, trainer & speaker. She founded the #happyinschool project to share deeper knowledge and insight into the issues surrounding neurodiversity in education.*

Colin Foley, Training director, ADHD Foundation and Suzy will be discussing her new book and exploring:

- How best to support neurodiverse children and young people both at home and school
- Understanding the dual diagnosis of ADHD and ASC and rejection sensitivity
- Neurodiversity and BAME communities



17th November 7 - 8:30pm

To access this free webinar, use the QR code or visit

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5047213986400832012>

Any questions, contact Colin.Foley@adhd.foundation.org.uk

Safeguarding Update

Message from Hampshire Police

Dear Head Teachers and Partners,

I am writing to you following a number of reports we have received of children being followed by a man in various locations in the west of the city.

The incidents have been reported between 27 September and 12 October. Each time the child has reported a man following them as they have been walking or on one occasion, when a child was playing in an adventure play area. On two occasions the man has tried to engage in conversation with them. Both boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 17 have reported being followed. Three incidents occurred between 3.30pm and 4.43pm and a fourth at around 10.45pm. A fifth incident has also been reported as taking place on 11 October between 3pm and 3.15pm, but we only have limited information and are unable to provide a location.

Incidents have occurred on:

- Clifton Road, Southampton
- A walkway between Warren Crescent and Birch Close
- An adventure play area on Olive Road
- Tremona Road

On each occasion the children have done the right thing by reporting it to an adult. No child has engaged with the man or been hurt in any way.

Officers from Southampton West Neighbourhood Policing team are proactively investigating these incidents and will continue to patrol these areas at key times.

I think it would be helpful if you could share this information with parents but reassure them that we are taking these reports seriously and that police are actively investigating them. It's important to remember that not every report has been the same and at this time we do not believe they are linked, however, we are keeping an open mind and enquiries are still ongoing. If anyone has any concerns, worries or information, please don't hesitate to speak to them.

We understand that these kind of incidents are very concerning for you, parents, and children. It is important to stay alert but not alarmed, remind children that they should not get into anyone's car or go with anyone they do not know, and to report the incident to us or an adult as soon as possible as this will help us deploy officers to the area more quickly.

Squid Games – There have been reports in the media around the exposure of children to the Netflix show 'squid games'. This report (from common sense media) talks about the violent nature of the show and the reason we urge parents not to let children younger than 16 watch the show or any content linked to it. [Squid Game TV Review \(commonsensemedia.org\)](https://www.common-sense-media.org/en/parents/reviews/squid-games)

There have also been reports of the violence involved in Squid Games being linked/ replicated on other social media sites/ games for younger children such as tik-tok (13+ official age rating) and roblox (7+ official age rating).

If you are worried your child may see or has seen something harmful please use the following links to find guidance to support parents, including useful guidance around parental controls.

[I'm worried my child might see something inappropriate online \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/what-thinkuknow-can-do-if-youre-worried-your-child-might-see-something-inappropriate-online/)

[What to do if your child has seen something inappropriate online. \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/what-thinkuknow-can-do-if-your-child-has-seen-something-inappropriate-online/)

Further useful links;

- <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>
- https://www.internetmatters.org/?qclid=CjwKCAjw2bmLBhBREiwAZ6uqo7LVr4wOj- ea6pHXqPurY6Gxbs9HK-M6104NWm8Ni3NJ6AxbSH-sthoC6jIQAvD_BwE

Danielle Rutherford

Lead Officer for Child Performance Licensing, Child Employment and Designated Safeguarding Lead Training

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PTFA

We have lots of fun activities planned for this year – check out what we've got planned for the whole year on this week's newsletter, plus information on what we got up to last year and the amazing things we've been able to fund for the benefit of our children.

UPCOMING EVENTS!



FIREWORKS! EARLY BIRD TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW - FOR VOLUNTEERS ONLY

We're running our fantastic and incredibly popular fireworks event again on **Friday 5 November, 5pm – 7pm**. Fireworks at 6.30pm but lots to do, see and eat before hand so come early for hotdogs, dancing in the 'let it glow' tent and firework crafts in the hall. Bring your own travel mug to help us be eco- friendly.

BUT we need your help to make it happen, and for volunteering your time at the event we'll give you **early access** to book your tickets for you and your immediate family.

Tickets will go on general sale on **Saturday 23 October at 9am**, and we expect the event to sell out quickly so don't hang around!

Tickets are **£4 per adult, £2.50 per child (3-18yrs)** and **Under 3's go free but will still need a ticket for entry** so we can keep track numbers.

Use this link for both early bird and general release tickets:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm?event=shop#.YW3rqS1Q1QI>

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET YOUR SPOOK ON



Don't forget the **Shirley Schools Halloween Trail** will be running over half term, from **Monday 25 October to 31 October**.

We've got two trails, one for little legs and one for those with more energy to travel further afield, although not outside Shirley! complete one or both and get a goody bag full of sweet treats. **Just £3** will get you both trail maps and a goody bag! You'll also be entered into a draw to win a treat box from Wonderlicious!

Enjoy decorating your house at Halloween? **Enter our competition**, only **£2 entry**. Houses need to be decorated on Halloween (31 October) but feel free to get your decs up sooner if you like.

Trail tickets and competition entries can be made via the following link:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosis/index.cfm?event=shop#.YWdGShrMI2w>

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET (too soon?!)

Our popular online Christmas market will return again this year, so keep an eye out for more details after half term and get Christmas all wrapped up before December!

CHRISTMAS CARDS – GET YOUR ORDERS IN BY 29TH OCTOBER



Order your bespoke Christmas cards designed by your child and help raise money for the school at the same time!

Children will be bringing home their Christmas designs before half term with a unique artwork code on a label on the back.

You can order a range of items, including Christmas cards, wrapping paper and mugs by placing your order on www.apfsorders.co.uk before the **29th October**.

Then send the artwork back into school for scanning by **3rd November**.

Did you know you can create as many artworks as you like, as long as they are all attached to the label? So if you don't like the one done in school or you have siblings that would also like to do one they can.

ROAD CLOSURE – VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

You may have noticed that the road is not closed on a Thursday and Friday afternoon at the moment due to not having enough volunteers to man the barriers. **Currently, we need 1 or 2 extra people on Thursday and Friday afternoon from 3.10pm to 3.30pm.**

Any children of road volunteers will be allowed to wait in the school office and can be picked up late after the road has opened again. In addition we need 1 more person on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 8.35am to 8.55am and 1 more person on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. In the mornings your junior school child[ren] can go through the school gates early for drop off. Alternatively they can wait with you on the barrier until it is time to go in (if you feel comfortable having them with you).

If you can help and you can start after half term please email pta@shirleyschools.co.uk



PARENT/CARER CLASS REPS

Thanks so much to everyone who has volunteered to be a class rep this year. A full list of parent/carers reps is on the PTFA part of the school website:



[Class Reps - Shirley Junior School](#)

We still need two reps for Pipits, and another one for Lions, so if you fancy volunteering please let Rachel Holloway know or email pta@shirleyschools.co.uk.

DON'T FORGET.....



Our school lottery raises money directly for the 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 £25000! 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/> (choose Shirley Junior School PTA to support)



Online shopping from bread to bathrooms, use Easyfundraising, sign up here: [Shirley Junior School PTFA - Southampton Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)

Shirley Junior School PTFA

What's On 2021/22

Autumn 1

- 25th Sept Colour Run
- 28th Sept Bag2School
- 14th Oct AGM
- 25th-31st Oct Halloween trail

Spring 2

- 3rd March World Book Day
- 18th March Silent Disco
- 1st April Dress up day
- 1st April Escape Box
- 2nd April Tidy Up Day
- 8th April Cake sale

Autumn 2

- 5th Nov Fireworks
- 8th Nov Xmas Market opens
- 19th Nov Disco
- 26th Nov Cake sale
- 3rd Dec Crazy Hair Day
- 3rd Dec Wreath making night
- 11th Dec Breakfast with Santa

Summer 1

- 26th April Bag2School
- 20th May Barn Dance
- 4th June Tidy Up Day

Spring 1

- 11th Jan Bag2School
- 4th Feb Quiz (kids & adults)

Summer 2

- 1st July Break the Rules Day
- 2nd July Summer Fair
- 15th July Cake sale
- 21st July End of year party (for volunteers)

PTFA Activity 20/21

New play
equipment
£11,800

Christmas tree
£190

Smartsacks
£830

New logo designed
by Finn Hornby -
inspired by the
colour run and
fireworks events



Books £115



Virtual
panto
£190



Pond & tree
planting



Community News



CHRISTMAS COMPLETE 2021

Plans are well underway for our annual toy project and information will [be on our website from early October](#). We will again be operating the project with reduced numbers of volunteers and over a longer period of time. The arrangements worked well last year and with the threat of increased numbers of COVID infections as the winter approaches, we feel we need to take precautions to protect staff and volunteers who will be working on the project to make sure that we can complete all requests.

We are planning 4 sessions prior to the main project to do a few particular tasks such as checking donated games and puzzles, making up some baby packs, sorting out boxes of donated books. These sessions will be held on Tuesday 9, Monday 15, Thursday 18 and Tuesday 23 November all from 9.30am until 12. If you would be interested in helping please e-mail CC@scratchcharity.co.uk

Details and dates for volunteering on the main project are on the website. If you are interested in helping, please contact us as soon as possible as sessions do get booked up quickly.

There are Amazon wish lists on the website. This is an easy way for you to purchase gifts for the project that can be delivered directly to us.

Financial donations are always welcome. This allows us to purchase items where we know we are experiencing shortages for particular age groups. Cheques can be sent to us at SCRATCH (please indicate that it is for Christmas Complete), you can make a card payment by phoning the office on 023 8077 3132, or you can make a payment using the information on the Christmas Complete page on the website.

We will accept donations at our warehouse weekdays between 9am and 4pm. Unfortunately, we won't be operating any other drop off points this year.

Our needs are: -

- Age relevant toys (our age range is new-born up to 17-year-olds)
- Toiletries / stationery / makeup suitable for teenagers
- Books (we have plenty of pre-school books, the particular need is for those suitable for 8 years and over).
- Games and puzzles (especially those suitable for older children).
- Arts / Crafts / Colouring sets
- Sweets and Chocolate (with a sell by date of at least 31/01/22)
- Christmas wrapping paper
- Sellotape
- Large carrier bags
- Large cardboard boxes



Whilst we are willing to accept second-hand toys they must be of an excellent quality. If you have items that you would like to donate ask yourself the question, “*Would I be willing to give this to my child / grandchild as their main Christmas present?*” If the answer is no, then we can’t take them as it costs us to dispose of unusable items. We do reserve the right to turn away any unsuitable donations. Please don’t be offended, we just want to provide the best that we can for the families that are referred. Second-hand donations can only be accepted up until 3 December.

Thank you once again for your support of this project – we couldn’t do it without you.

CURRENT VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

We are unfortunately not yet in a position to take on lots of new volunteers, but we do have three roles for which we are currently seeking recruits.

- Driver’s mates / Warehouse Operative – assisting our drivers with the delivery and collection of furniture, sorting and storing donations, loading and unloading vehicles. Ideally the person applying should be available for at least one full day per week.
- Site Maintenance – helping to keep the site clean and tidy (including the outside areas). Hours can be negotiated.
- Mentors – we are seeking people who would be willing to act as mentors to potential volunteers with mental or physical disabilities.

If any of these roles appeal to you or you know anyone who might benefit from some regular volunteering, please contact polly@scratchcharity.co.uk



FREE October Half Term Playscheme and Pop Up Play 2021



Day 1 25/10/21	Day 2 26/10/21	Day 3 27/10/21	Day 4 28/10/21	Day 5 29/10/21
PLAYSCHEME Weston Adventure Play-ground The Vanny, Behind Canberra Towers, Kingsclere Avenue, Weston SO19 9JT 10am till 12pm and 1pm till 3pm	PLAYSCHEME Weston Adventure Play-ground The Vanny, Behind Canberra Towers, Kingsclere Avenue, Weston SO19 9JT 10am till 12pm and 1pm till 3pm	PLAYSCHEME Weston Adventure Play-ground The Vanny, Behind Canberra Towers, Kingsclere Avenue, Weston SO19 9JT 10am till 12pm and 1pm till 3pm	PLAYSCHEME Weston Adventure Play-ground The Vanny, Behind Canberra Towers, Kingsclere Avenue, Weston SO19 9JT 10am till 12pm and 1pm till 3pm	PLAYSCHEME Weston Adventure Play-ground The Vanny, Behind Canberra Towers, Kingsclere Avenue, Weston SO19 9JT 10am till 12pm and 1pm till 3pm
Find us on Facebook		POP UP PLAY Townhill Park McArthur Crescent Nr The Play Park SO18 4SL 11.30am till 2pm	POP UP PLAY Harefield Bentley Green Play Park SO18 5GB 11.30am till 2pm	

SO18 BIG LOCAL

Contact us: 02380433086 Email: office@scpaplay.org.uk website: www.scpaplay.org.uk

DRESS for MESS! Come Rain or Shine!

Coast Guard's Local Communities Panel



Registered Charity 266109



FREE and OPEN ACCESS playscheme for children aged 5+, no need to book **JUST TURN UP!!!**

The whole family are welcome, any age (under 5's welcome & must be with an adult)

PLAYSCHEME OPENING TIMES-Monday-Friday, 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 3pm

Children are able to come and go as they wish and will be supervised whilst taking part. It is the responsibility of parents to know where their children are at all times.



FREE POP UP PLAY OPENING TIMES - 11.30am till 2pm

All children must be supervised by their parent/Carer at all times at POP UP PLAY

VOLUNTEERING

We would like new people to join our network of volunteers with roles that could include playwork, there would also be the opportunity for further training

STAY AND PLAY

Come along to the sessions with your children and play

PLAY DONATIONS

Any donations of money or equipment are greatly appreciated

SCPA supports every child's right to play. For children with specific needs, we offer additional support.

For more information on a taster session for you and your child please contact us for details.

SCPA recommends social distancing and adults wear face coverings. SCPA will provide hand sanitiser for all.



Find us on Facebook

Contact us: 02380433086 Email: office@scpaplay.org.uk website: www.scpaplay.org.uk





FREE ONLINE HOMEWORK CLUB!

- Run by Libraries Plus -

FOR ANYONE AGED 5-18

Libraries Plus offers free tutoring run by students at the University of Southampton.

Bring along homework or questions that you would like support with!

Our sessions will run between the w/c
1st of November and the w/c 6th of
December:

Zoom (Online) - Wednesday 4-6pm
Portwood Library - Saturday 11am-1pm
Central Library - Saturday 1-3pm

To book a session, follow
the link below or scan the
QR code!

<https://qrco.de/LPsignup>

