



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 6th June 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

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.uk/page/?title=School+Letters&pid=39>

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

JUNE

Sunday 12th FOSIS Tidy up Day
 Thursday 16th Year 2 Leavers Photos
 Tuesday 21st Year 2 going to Year 3 New Parent Info Evening - Junior Hall 6pm
 Friday 24th **INSET DAY School closed to pupils**
 Tuesday 28th Year 2 Film Premiere in the morning parents invited

JULY

Friday 1st Year 2 & Year 3 picnic - bring your own sandwiches
 Friday 1st Year 2 Recorder Concert 2.40pm
 Friday 1st FOSIS Break the rules day
 Saturday 2nd School Summer Fair
 Monday 4th Sports Day
 Tuesday 5th JEP Concert - Central Hall
 Wednesday 6th Transition Day
 Monday 11th Year 2 End of year show (9:15 and 14:30) sign up will be required, more info to follow
 Thursday 21st Year 2 End of term party
 Friday 22nd School closes at 3.10pm for Summer Holidays

SEPT

Thursday 1st **INSET DAY—Schools closed to pupils**
 Friday 2nd **School re-opens at 8.45am for Autumn 1**

Shirley Junior School

JUNE

Sunday 12th PTA Tidy up Day
 Wednesday 15th Year 4 Foxlease Residential 2 nights
 Thursday 16th Year 6 Leavers Photos
 Wednesday 22nd Year 3 IBM Visit on site
 Friday 24th **INSET DAY School closed to pupils**
 Tuesday 28th Year 4 In2 Music Concert

JULY

Friday 1st PTA Break the rules day
 Saturday 2nd School Summer Fair
 Tuesday 5th July Year 3 Blue Funnel Cruise
 Tuesday 5th JEP Concert - Central Hall
 Wednesday 6th Transition Day
 Wednesday 6th Meet your child's new teacher 3.30pm
 Thursday 14th Share my Learning 8.45am & 3.20pm
**** please note change of date and time****
 Thursday 14th Year 4 Fashion Show Taunton's College 1.30pm Parents invited
 Friday 15th PTA Cake Sale
 Monday 18th Sports Day - Sports Centre
 Tuesday 19th Year 6 Evening Performances time TBC
 Wednesday 20th House Competition Day (Taskmaster)
 Wednesday 20th Year 6 Evening Performances time TBC
 Friday 22nd Year 6 Farewell Festival time TBC
 Friday 22nd School closes at 3.10pm for Summer Holidays

SEPT

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 Friday 2nd **School re-opens at 8.45am for Autumn 1**

Coming soon

Wednesday 6th July Transition Day

Year 2 End of year celebration arrangements

Themed Menu Day - 14th July—order forms been sent out and copies in office if needed

Date for reports

New year 2 parents coffee morning

INFANTS AND JUNIORS

A vibrant poster for Leavers Day. The top left features a blue circle with the text 'LEAVERS DAY!' in white, bold, sans-serif font. The top right has the Chartwells logo (a yellow circle with concentric lines) and the text 'Chartwells So much more than Fantastic Food' in white. Below the logo, the date '14th July 2022' is written in black. In the center, a black graduation cap sits on a large orange circle. Inside this circle, the text 'A MEAL FOR A STAR - THAT'S YOU!' is written in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the word 'MAINS' is written in white, bold, sans-serif font, followed by 'A choice from' in a smaller font. The main options are 'Beef Burger or Quorn Hotdog with Chips and Sweetcorn or Coleslaw' in white, sans-serif font. Below this, the word 'DESSERTS' is written in white, bold, sans-serif font, followed by 'Doughnut' and 'Triple Chocolate Sundae' in white, sans-serif font. The bottom right corner features the year '2022' in large, stylized blue and yellow numbers. The background is yellow with blue and orange circular patterns and small starburst graphics.

There will be an order form coming home with your child today.

The deadline is 1st July

We do have forms in the office if your child doesn't come home with one

PLEASE NOTE

These are the only food options on this day

Infant School Transition Day 6th July

On 6th July 2022 your little ones will be meeting their new class teacher and finding out what class they will be in for next year. They will spend the whole day in their new classes getting to know each other and learning the classroom and routines. We carefully plan this day around supporting worries and planning the exciting topics the children will cover. The whole day focuses on the PSHE curriculum of dealing with changes and preparing the classrooms so they have familiar displays that the children have contributed to.

After school, on this day at 3:10pm, you will be invited to collect your child and they will take you around to their new classroom to meet their new teacher and see their classroom. This is a really important time when they can show you where they are going and you can reassure them of this exciting change and opportunity. This session lasts for about 20 minutes. It is a 'hello and welcome' session for you with the class teacher. If you feel you need to share information with the new teacher you will need to make a separate appointment. Please be assured that your child's current class teacher will hand over all the information to the new class teacher detailing attainment, progress, likes and dislikes and family background. The time around transition that the staff put in is truly hours and hours and this is to ensure your child settles confidently and happily with this new change.

Any worries or concerns please see your child's Year Leader who will be able to support any questions you have. If you still have concerns you are more than welcome to contact myself or Mrs Watts.

We look forward to seeing you at this face to face event. You will also be able to look around the rest of the school - finally!



Please note we are not allowed to have pushchairs or scooters or bikes in the building due to health and safety.

On Monday 4th July it will be Shirley Infant's sports day.

The children can come dressed in their PE kits for the day. Children can choose whether to wear a red, white or blue t-shirt.

Each year group will be at the following times:

Year 1: 9:00am - 10:00am

Year R: 10:10am – 11:10am

Year 2: 11:20am - 12:20pm



Parents and carers to please stand on the field, around the Astroturf. Children will take part in a variety of activities on the Astroturf.

We look forward to seeing you there to help cheer us all on.

JUNIORS TRANSITION DAY

We are really looking forward to the children meeting their new teacher on Wednesday 6th July. At the end of the day, we will open the doors so the children can take their parents up to their new classroom and say hello to their new teacher. This year all of the current classes will be transitioning as a group and we will not be making any further changes to these classes.

For Junior School parents:

We are considering how we use the SJS planners, and whether we want to make any changes to them for next year. We would really like to gather some parent feedback around this and have set up a Google survey at this link, for you to share your views:

<https://forms.gle/VNECNWdNN8ubPn9M9>

Thank you for your help.



JUNIOR NEW TEACHERS

Year 3

Sabrina Milczarek

Kim Dickenson

Year 5

Rachel Hunt



GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

Junior staff

We want to wish good luck to Miss Chalk, Mrs Mendez and Miss Blake who will be moving on to new adventures in September.



Parent Governor Election—both schools

A reminder that the closing date for votes is Wednesday 15 June at 3pm.

You can vote online here

<https://forms.gle/HGAXueTyohJjFNvb8>

or ask for a paper ballot form from the school office.



Mental Health in Schools

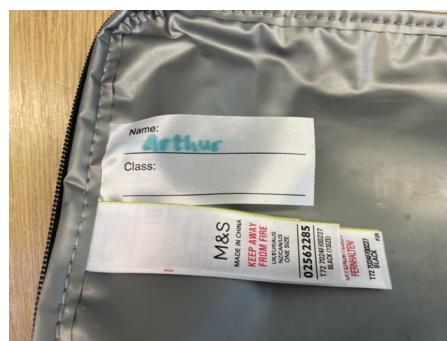
Please click the link below to access the latest Mental Health in Schools Team: Primary School Newsletter, focusing on transitions:

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/731690184/>

IS THIS YOURS ?

We have checked with all of the children in school called Arthur and it does not belong to them.

We are hoping someone will recognise this? If this is your please collect from the school office.



TIDY UP DAY - Fosis & PTA

This Sunday if you can spare an hour we would love for you to come along and help the fantastic parent team to tidy the school grounds. 10-1



FOSIS/PTFA

TIDY UP DAY - THIS SUNDAY 12 JUNE! 10AM – 1PM

Can you spare a bit of time this Sunday to help make the school grounds look amazing?

Just turn up any time between 10am and 1pm, bring the family, and a smile and we'll find you a job. Lots of painting to be done so bring a paintbrush and your messy clothes. Come to the junior side as we'll be stationed there.

Don't forget your reusable mug for your free tea and coffee!



SUMMER FAIR – SATURDAY 2 JULY (11-2PM)

Raffle tickets:

Summer fair raffle tickets hopefully came home in book bags this week. Got to be in it to **win an iPad** and lots of other great prizes! 50p per ticket. Please return completed ticket stubs with cash to the school office. More tickets are also available from the school office.

Volunteers, volunteers, volunteers, we'll need lots of them so if you have an hour or two spare and can help out, we would love to hear from you, please email pta@shirleyschools.co.uk

How to get involved:

If you work for or know of any companies that would like to donate a **raffle prize**, please get in touch via pta@shirleyschools.co.uk.

We'll include their logo in our promotional material and programme as much as possible.



A LITTLE THANK YOU TO OUR RAFFLE PRIZE

SPONSORS SO FAR...



Raffle tickets for the Summer Fair will soon be coming home with your children.

Huge thank you to our sponsors, especially Morris Dibben for donating an iPad!

If anyone else wants to donate a raffle prize, it's not too late - email pta@shirleyschools.co.uk

COMING SOON...



YEAR R INTAKE FOR 2022/23



Do you have a little one who will be joining Shirley Infants Year R in September this year? Or know someone that does? Please help us spread the word and share the link to our private Face book group to help us support parents and carers:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1150736922357432>

JUNIOR SCHOOL LOTTERY

A poster for 'Your School Lottery'. At the top left is a circular logo with a schoolhouse. At the top right is the 'YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY' logo with a red figure. The main graphic shows three paintbrushes (blue, orange, red) dripping paint onto a dark blue background. Text on the left says 'WIN 1 OF 5 £100 B&Q Gift Cards'. At the bottom, it says 'SUPPORT US Through Thick & Thin'. Below the poster is a list of bullet points: 'Please help give our fundraising a much-needed boost', 'Tickets cost just £1 a week', 'Cash prize winner EVERY week', and 'Win up to £25,000!'. At the bottom, it says 'To support your school, go to: yourschoollottery.co.uk/play and search for: Shirley Junior'. Small text at the very bottom states: 'Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 25th June 2022. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details)'.

Extra prizes to win if you sign up to our school lottery **before 25th June** - just £1 per week and someone from **OUR school** wins **EVERY week!**

Sign up here: [Support Shirley Junior School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)

DON'T FORGET ...



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...

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

Tackling domestic violence and supporting victims

As a landlord of over 16,000 council homes, we are in a unique position to identify domestic abuse, prevent it and provide help for those affected. We have trained 25 members of staff as Domestic Abuse Champions to provide support and advice to their teams on supporting victims of domestic abuse. We received accreditation from the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) in 2019 for our service and support for victims, and we are now in the process of being assessed to be reaccredited.

If you (or someone you know) is being affected by Domestic Abuse [we can help](#) or you can call the Pippa Helpline on 023 8091 7917 or contact the [National Domestic Violence Helpline](#) on 0808 2000 247 (24 hours). If you are in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police.

A webinar for parents on the COVID-19 vaccination

The COVID-19 vaccine is available for all children from 5 years-old. To help carers, guardians and parents decide what's best for their children, we are partnering with the NHS in London and the National Network of Parent Carer Forums to answer questions and give expert advice on the COVID-19 vaccines for children and teens.

The [webinar](#) will take place on Friday 10 June from 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

URL: shorturl.at/npsOQ

Tour De Moon is coming to Southampton

Tour de Moon is a festival like no other and celebrates the relationship between the Earth and the Moon and explores several thought-provoking, exciting and original experiences; with a special focus on nightlife, creativity and culture.

Its programme has been created by hundreds of young creatives from across England, who received funding through a bursary programme enabling them to gain experience, develop their professional skills and showcase their work.

This immersive art and science festival will take over the Bargate area and various locations in the city for a unique **four-day festival on 10 June to 13 June 2022**. Don't miss the Moon Convoy starting from Bargate South on Friday 10 June at 6:30pm. Watch out for a giant squid and a larger than life red phone through which you can talk to the Moon!

There will be experiences, talks, music, games, food and drink and much more.

Tour De Moon invites you to ask: Why can't we imagine a new way of thinking/dreaming/doing?

For more information on all the events visit the [Tour De Moon website](#)

The festival is free to attend but you can book tickets in advance for various activities.

[Get your tickets here.](#)



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New cost of living support package unveiled

Four URGENT energy crisis need-to-knows, including who gets what and when, new 'time to fix?' analysis & Martin's Q&A with Chancellor

The Government announced a new energy bill support package worth £100s to almost all households in the UK last week. It comes after regulator Ofgem predicted the price cap, which most households are on, will rise a further 42% in October - on top of April's 54% hike - taking the typical bill to a staggering £2,800 a year. A devastating rise for those already struggling, and lifestyle-curtailing even if you've a decent income. So we've the latest energy need-to-knows to help protect your pocket...

Watch Martin's Q&A with Chancellor Rishi Sunak on the cost of living support package. Following the announcement, Martin put his, MSE users' and Martin's social media followers' questions to the Chancellor - see [Martin's interview on the key measures](#), which include:- [A non-repayable £400 grant](#) for almost all households, paid from October as credit on your energy bill or vouchers if you prepay. Though communal bill payers and park home owners may miss out.- [A payment of £650 for those on certain means-tested benefits](#), split into two equal £325 payments in July and autumn.- [A one-off £300 top-up for pensioners who get winter fuel payments](#), paid in November or December.- [A one-off £150 for those on non-means tested disability benefits](#), paid in September.- [An extra £500 million for the 'Household Support Fund'](#), which is a pot for councils to distribute to those in hardship.



Urgently use our 10-minute benefits checker - as benefits claimants are getting extra help. Up to seven million are missing out on state help - so don't assume you're not eligible. In some rare circumstances, even those with a family income of £50,000 may qualify for help, though £30,000 or less is more realistic for most (especially if you've dependent kids). We're not saying you will get anything - even if you earn much less - just that it's worth checking in case. If you ARE eligible for one of the means-tested benefits, not only will you get extra cash coming in, you should also qualify for the *second* cost of living support payment of £325, due in the autumn (you needed to have applied by 25 May to qualify for the first one). So do a [10-minute benefits check](#) now.

Should you fix now to combat October's price hikes? With prices expected to rise massively again in October, there are a few existing-customer-only energy deals on offer now that might be worth switching to. We've crunched the numbers and analysed the cheapest deals in our [Should you fix energy?](#) guide.

Has your direct debit DOUBLED unnecessarily? Check & challenge your payments. In our recent energy direct debits survey, a quarter of those in credit and on the price cap saw their direct debit double. This smells wrong, as the cap went up by 'just' 54% in April. While there are legitimate reasons for above average hikes, for example, if you're now using more energy, but if you think yours has been *unfairly* increased, you have [the right to challenge it](#). Many have had success, like Debbie, who emailed: "My direct debit had increased by 92%, so I contacted my supplier and asked why it was more than 54%. It offered me a 54% increase just like that. Thanks for the info."

PS: Struggling to pay your energy bill? While these new measures will help, many will need more support with prices set to rocket. Our [Energy bills - struggling to pay?](#) guide covers all the options and where to get help.

Get ready to Party in the Park

Organised by Southampton People's Pride, Party in the Park is a free event taking place in Palmerston Park on Sat 11 and Sun 12 June from 11am.

Hear live music from local musicians including LGBTQ+ artists on three stages. There will be activities for all ages featuring speakers, poetry, workshops, kids and teens areas, community stalls, food and drink concessions and a large family picnic area.

The whole event kicks off with a [Pride March](#) on Saturday at 11am.

No tickets required, just turn up and have fun.

Find out more from the [Peoples Pride website](#).



Marking 40 years since the Falklands Conflict

Southampton is marking the 40-year anniversary since the Falkland's conflict and the ending of hostilities in 1982.

This was the first military action since the Second World War that utilised all elements of the Armed Forces. The port of Southampton played a key role in supporting the task force as it sailed to the South Atlantic.

Commemorative Service and Parade

On Tuesday 14 June a commemorative service will take place at 11am, Holyrood Church, High Street, Southampton, attended by veterans, representatives from the 17 Port and Maritime Regiment RLC and invited dignitaries.

Spaces within Holyrood Church are limited and public attendance inside will be restricted, but the service may be viewed and heard from the pavements surrounding the church.

Just before the service starts at 11am, a Chinook helicopter from 18(B) Squadron, RAF Odiham will fly over Holyrood Church (weather permitting).

After the service, the veterans, 17 Port and Maritime Regiment RLC and the St Andrew's Pipe Band will parade to Guildhall Square.

[Find out more here and where you can view the parade.](#)

Display at SeaCity Museum

The display in Southampton Stories at SeaCity Museum shows images of the liners QE2 and Canberra which were converted for use as troop carriers. It also includes six paintings related to the conflict by former President of the Society of Marine Artists, David Cobb. [Opening times are on the SeaCity website.](#)



Get your tickets for..

7, 11 July: [UEFA Women's Euro](#) | St Mary's Stadium (15 July game sold out)

8 July: [Summertime Live with Ibiza Classics](#) | Southampton Common

9 July: [Let's Rock Southampton](#) | Southampton Common



Don't miss the [Southampton Dragonboat Performance Festival](#) this weekend.

For more information about events taking place in and around Southampton this week, this month and beyond, go to the [Events listings](#) on the [Visit Southampton website](#). Do you have an event you wish to promote for free on Visit Southampton? [Find out how here](#).