



Shirley Infant School

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DIARY DATES



FEBRUARY

Friday 15th	School closes at 3:10pm for Half Term
Monday 25th	School re-opens at 8:45am - SPRING 2
Monday 25th	Parent Corner 2-3pm
Tuesday 26th	Year R Mill Cottage Farm Experience
Tuesday 26th	Year 1 Manor Farm Trip
Tuesday 26th	Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop In school
Wednesday 27th	YR Health Checks

MARCH

Friday 1st	Year 1 Home Learning due
Thursday 7th	World Book Day - Come dressed up
Thursday 7th	FOSIS 2nd Hand Book Sale
Monday 11th	Year 1 Victoria Dress up Day
Monday 11th	Year 1 Celebration Event 2.50pm
Tuesday 12th	Parents Evening 4-7pm
Thursday 14th	Parent Evening 4-7pm
Monday 18th	INSET DAY— School closed for Pupils
Saturday 23rd	FOSIS Colour Fun Run
Monday 25th	Parent Corner 2-3pm
Friday 29th	FOSIS Year 1 Cake Sale after school

SAFEGUARDING

Due to recent events around other schools and the new Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2018 we have reviewed our site safety.

As of Week 1 Spring 1 we will be locking the black gate and double yellow gates by the side of the schools on Bellemoor Road. This is to ensure the safety of all pupils at all points of the school day including before and after school provision from 7:30am until 4:45pm.

We have trialled this this week and taking on feedback from parent forum we are making a few changes. We hope this will help to support families who have children in both schools. Therefore, after half term you will be able to drop you Junior and Infant child through either the Year 4/5 entrance on the junior playground, or Junior children can access through the Year 2 entrance on the Infant side up the Junior stairs.

We will be continuing to work with our parent forums to collect feedback. Whilst we know this may not work for everyone we endeavour to make the best decisions for over the 500 families we have.

Dear parents and Carers

What an exciting half term we have all had!

Communication

As you are aware both schools will be changing the way we communicate with parents. In order to streamline both schools, ensure communication is sent out to parents in a timely manner and to save cost for the school we will be sending out weekly communication to all parents via the Marvellous Me app or website.

253 families, have at least one parent engaging with Marvellous Me, which is fantastic. Weekly information will be sent out via this app. This will include weekly information and dates as well as information about any letters that have been published that week. We recognise a few parents do not have access and therefore we will ensure all information is uploaded on to our website as well each week, although we do recommend that parents sign up and access it on a computer.

The PTA in both schools have very kindly agreed to pay for two new websites that will mean the sites will look very similar and parents will be able to access the information quickly and easily. Each half term every year group receives a curriculum newsletter with up coming events and dates and a trips overview for the coming weeks. We do try to send out reminders through Marvellous Me but this will not be the only way in which we will communicate these.

The schools have recently been awarded a Gold Award for positively engaging parents, as you can see from the table below lots of messages are being sent home about learning and awards. We are continuing to develop a consistent approach to which messages are sent home and shared with parents.

We are very excited for another busy term in Spring 2 and seeing you all at parents evening next week.

School Attendance Matters

We are VERY proud to announce that **Shirley Infant School** continues to be one of the highest attended schools in Southampton. We would like to thank all of our parents for supporting us in maintaining our current position.

We have noticed over recent weeks an increased number of pupils arriving at school after the doors have closed. This creates a large amount of congestion in the office and is disruptive to the start of the children's day.

Please can we remind you of the following;

- School doors open at 8:45am. **Please aim to arrive at school at 8:45am** as children should be in class and ready to begin their lessons at 8:55am.
- After 8:55am, children are late and **MUST** always be signed in at the school office to ensure their safety.
- We expect **ALL appointments**, with the exception of hospital appointments, to be made **outside of normal school hours**.
- For appointments from 9:30am onwards, we expect all pupils to attend the school for registration and then be collected and returned within an appropriate time frame. If you are unsure about this, please speak to the school office.



Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's school attendance.

FOSIS - Colour Run

Join us on 23rd March for the first ever Shirley Schools' Colour Run! We are delighted to bring you this fantastic event and look forward to showering you with powdered paint as you race towards the finish line and your glorious medal. All proceeds will go directly to the school to be spent on the new infant playground and sports equipment for the junior children.

Tickets are just £5 per person (a bargain compared to other colour runs) and include a medal, bottle of water and a healthy snack at the end of the race. We are also offering the chance to purchase branded t-shirts and sunglasses for the event. You are welcome to bring your own but why not get a souvenir of the memorable day? The paint is harmless and water soluble but it is recommended that everyone wears sunglasses during the run to protect eyes from the paint.


Click here to book your tickets and buy your merchandise now.


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

If you'd like to volunteer at this event, just let us know by emailing pta@sj.jetrust.org or sign up when booking. We are also offering corporate sponsorship so if you have a company and want to get your logo on our t-shirts - just let the PTA know.

CONSIDERATION



 May we remind you **once** again that NO scooters or bikes (regardless of age, young or old) are to be ridden in the playground. This is a matter of Health & Safety and must be adhered to at all times.

We have had more reports about cars parking on double yellow lines and some near misses involving our children. Please also be considerate of our neighbours and not block their drives **even for 5 minutes**. We know drop off and pick up is hard but **PLEASE** can we be as considerate as possible to each other. 

MARVELLOUS ME

We are really pleased with marvellous me and the children are loving us sending messages home. We are aware that there are some issues on certain android phones and we are working with the company to fix this. Please remember if your attachment won't open the information is all on the website going forward.

We will be running an All in it together session led by Mr Hack on how to use Marvellous Me. Mr Hack will also be available at parents evening to support any technical issues. You will find him in the main office.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 97.3%



96.3%



96.8%



97.2%



97.2%



97.3%



97.4%



97.6%



97.7%



97.8%