



# Shirley Schools



## Weekly Communication

Friday 18th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- Infants Newsletter
- Year 2 Fire of London Letter
- Years 3 & 4 Cross Country Championship Letter
- Years 5 & 6 Cross Country Championship Letter
- Juniors March Hare Relay 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/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.

## Dates for your Diary

### Shirley Infant School

#### February

**Friday 18th**      **School closes for Half Term**

#### **HALF TERM**

**Monday 28th**      **School re-opens for SPRING 2**

Monday 28th      Year 2 Fire of London Workshop in School

#### March

Thursday 3rd      Year R Mill Cottage on site

Thursday 3rd      Year 1 Manor Farm Trip

Thursday 3rd      FOSIS Decorate a Spoon Competition

Friday 4th      World Book Day - PJ Day  
(this will take place instead of this terms PJ Day)

Friday 4th      FOSIS Story Spoon Competition

Thursday 10th      Parent Forum 12 pm-1pm

Tuesday 15th      Parents Evening 4pm—7pm

Thursday 17th      Year 1 Victorian Dress Up Day

Thursday 17th      Parents Evening 3.30—7pm

Friday 18th      FOSIS Silent Disco

#### April

Friday 1st      FOSIS Non Uniform Day

Friday 1st      FOSIS Escape room in a box night

Saturday 2nd      FOSIS Tidy up Day

### Shirley Junior School

#### February

**Friday 18th**      **School closes for Half Term**

#### **HALF TERM**

**Monday 28th**      **School re-opens for SPRING 2**

#### March

Wednesday 2nd      Arctic Lynx Swimming

Thursday 3rd      World Book Day - Optional dress up day - Letter to follow

Thursday 3rd      PTA Decorate a Spoon Competition

Thursday 3rd      Year 6 SAT's Information Evening  
6pm Junior School Hall

Friday 4th      PTA Story Spoon Competition

Tuesday 8th      Year 3/4 Share my learning outside

Wednesday 9th      Arctic Lynx Swimming

Thursday 10th      Year 5/6 Share my learning outside

Tuesday 15th      Parents Evening

Wednesday 16th      Arctic Lynx Swimming

Thursday 17th      Parents Evening

Friday 18th      PTA Silent Disco

#### April

Friday 1st      PTA Non Uniform Day

Friday 1st      PTA Escape room in a box night

Saturday 2nd      PTA Tidy up Day

Friday 8th      PTA Cake Sale

Coming soon

- Parents Evening info

## Google Classroom alerts

### Cork plea

If anyone has any spare corks lying around, Year R would appreciate these.  
Please bring to the school office or Year R.



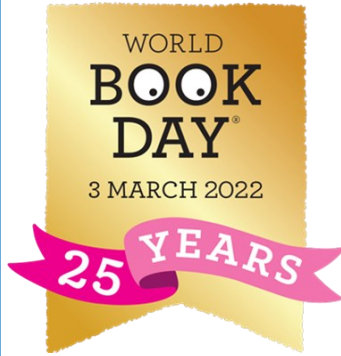
### REMINDER

**Extra Hamwic Inset Day due to Queens Jubilee**  
**Tuesday 3rd May 2022**



### Year 1 Home Learning

You should have received the Year 1 Home Learning letter to speak to grandparents or older relatives about what their school days were like. This is also on google classroom too. Please hand in on Wednesday 2nd March.



Shirley Junior School will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of World Book on

**Thursday 3rd March.**

We have many exciting activities planned for the school day. Here's how you can get involved:

### **SJS pupils:**

**Optional dress up** - if you enjoy dressing up as your favourite book character, come to school on Thursday 3rd March in full costume!

**Spoon character competition** - For just £1, decorate a spoon to look like your favourite book character and have the chance to win a prize! Spoons can be collected from your class teachers from **Monday 14th February.**



### **SJS parents:**

**Share your love of reading** - This year's theme for WBD is 'You are a reader!'. Help us to celebrate parents and carers as readers at school by sending us information about your favourite children's book. These will be used to create a new display in our school library.

Please include: Your name and the name of your child/children at SJS.

The name and author/image of your favourite book.

The reasons you enjoy reading this book.

Send in your responses by **Thursday 3rd March.**

# Non School Uniform Day Friday 27th May 2022



## Hamwic Education Trust Foundation

Hamwic Education Trust Foundation was established to provide support for some of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils throughout their time at school.



### WHAT WE DO

Supporting our pupils is a priority and this Foundation will allow us to help those who need it most. We will aim to deliver by providing for basic needs and supporting pupils in ways that can boost their learning, confidence and self-esteem.

Following on from the success of last year's fundraising for our Christmas Eve Box appeal, the Foundation would like to be able to carry out similar activities that will benefit our pupils in the future.

The HET Foundation Board has representation and support from across the Trust including senior leaders and Directors.



### FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We will be hosting at least two fundraising events every year involving pupils, parents and staff alike. Our first fundraising event is to be held this summer; a non-uniform day with a voluntary donation of £1.



### HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

We will be raising funds in a number of ways and we will also be accepting donations in the form of:

- Financial donations by individuals or businesses
- Donations of goods from suppliers or local businesses.

We want to support our most vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils whenever possible and any help is greatly appreciated. If you need to know more or want to donate to our Foundation, please get in touch by emailing [donations@hamwic.org](mailto:donations@hamwic.org) or calling us on 023 8078 6833.

We are also on Just Giving – please visit [www.hamwic.org/support-us/hamwic-education-foundation](http://www.hamwic.org/support-us/hamwic-education-foundation)

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# Love your journey to school



This Valentine's Day, we want you to tell us everything you love about your active journey to school.

To tell us about your journey walking, cycling or scooting to school, you could:

- Take a photo or draw a picture of something interesting or unusual you see along the way.
- Tell us about your favourite part of your journey – it could be a nice green space or catching up with friends or neighbours along the way.
- Write us a poem about your journey.

It's up to you – let your creativity run wild!

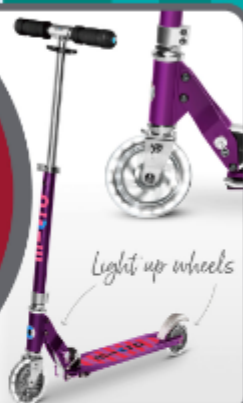
For a chance to win:

-Micro SPRITE CLASSIC LED MICRO SCOOTER (RRP £120)

-Set of LED bike lights and cycling goody bag

-Scooting goody bag

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Submit your entries by 20 February 2022. Email [bikeitray@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:bikeitray@sustrans.org.uk) or post on social media and tag My Journey with your entries, using the hashtag #LoveYourJourneySoton [myjourneysouthampton.com/SCCcompetitions](http://myjourneysouthampton.com/SCCcompetitions)



# Safeguarding

## Parental controls/Safer Internet

Parental controls are the names for settings that put you, as a parent, in control of what content your child can see when using the internet or playing video games.

Combined with privacy settings these can help you protect your child from the things they shouldn't see or experience online.

We would ask that you please check the parental controls on your child's devices so that they are unable to access any unsuitable content.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Where you can find information on how to report any incidents

<http://www.digizen.org/>

About being a 'digital citizen' and using technology responsibly

<http://www.childnet.com/>

Key information about how to have a conversation with your children about staying safe online

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

Tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online.

<http://www.reviewlab.com/online-safety-guide/>

Comprehensive advice and a wealth of resources – an excellent page of useful information and resources.

<https://yourgeardeconstructed.com/parents-internet-safety-security-screen-time-guide/>

The ultimate guide on how to talk to your kids about screen addiction, cyberbullying, safe messaging, self-esteem, smartphones, tv, video games, cybercrime and more.

# FOSIS/PTFA

**HAPPY HALF TERM EVERYONE!**

**SILENT DISCO – 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!

A poster for a Family Silent Disco event. The background is dark with a vibrant, colorful bokeh light effect in shades of red, orange, and purple. At the bottom, there are silhouettes of a crowd of people with their arms raised in the air. Three pairs of colorful headphones (pink, blue, and yellow) are floating around the central text. The text is white and clearly legible against the dark background.

**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=IwAR3OO8rTzi2Kx96VFblzslhkFFK5\\_L5Zsx6GNJ5r0qbRbOJBxiClKvrAls#.YgusTP7P3IV](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm?event=Shop&fbclid=IwAR3OO8rTzi2Kx96VFblzslhkFFK5_L5Zsx6GNJ5r0qbRbOJBxiClKvrAls#.YgusTP7P3IV)

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



## STORY SPOONS COMPETITION FOR WORLD BOOK DAY



To celebrate World Book Day, FOSIS and PTFA are running a Story Spoons competition with lots of great prizes to be won!

Entering the competition is easy! Your child should have come home with a wooden spoon this week, please keep check book bags. All we ask is:

Children use half-term to decorate their spoon as their favourite character from a book.

Bring their decorated spoon back to school (clearly labelled), hand it into their teacher, together with a suggested donation of £1 by latest **1 March**.

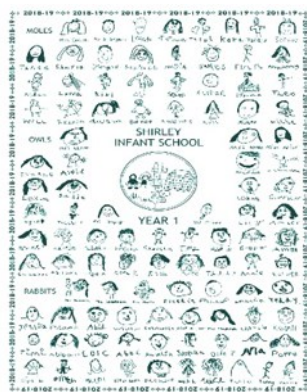
Online payments can be made via the PayPal fundraiser here: <https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8H6kr6kND4>

All proceeds will be shared between FOSIS and PTFA.

Winners will be announced in the schools later that week.

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## TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER (INFANTS ONLY)



Once every 3 years FOSIS runs a tea towel fundraiser.

Your child has drawn a self-portrait of themselves at school and you can order a tea towel of their whole year's portraits and/or a coaster of your child's individual design.

The design is in production so here is an example from the last time we ran this.

This year's design has been shared on all the Facebook groups.

Prices are **£4** per tea towel and **£2.50** per coaster.

The link to order is: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yhsInNfixSuMfQBVBYP4rf\\_LUKrm21aVLHwWkGahZE/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yhsInNfixSuMfQBVBYP4rf_LUKrm21aVLHwWkGahZE/edit)

**All orders must be received by 3 March 2022**



**PTFA/FOSIS Events**

**COMING AFTER HALF TERM**  
more details to follow

Infant Mother's Day tea towels	March
Story spoon competition	4 March
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 ...

**your school lottery**

**BOOST FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL JOIN OUR LOTTERY**

It's the easiest way for YOU to HELP US raise money.

**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>

**amazon smile**  
You shop. Amazon gives.

**easy fundraising .org.uk**  
feel good shopping

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/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



## ADVERT

**Vacancy:** Examination Invigilator

**Contract:** Casual assignment

**Salary:** £9.81 per hour, plus holiday

**Hours of work:** Variable

Weston Secondary School in Southampton is a small academy with big ambitions for our students who are aged 11 to 16. We have a strong commitment to ensuring high achievement in all subjects enabling students to progress to college, university and the workplace. The school is undergoing significant development to buildings and infrastructure, making a learning environment to be proud of.

We are looking for Invigilators to join our friendly team to support and oversee the exams on an ad-hoc basis. The role requires you to provide a professional examination service ensuring a calm environment to give candidates the best possible opportunity to be successful in their exams. We would welcome applications from people with experience, but training can be provided.

Exam invigilators are required to cover exams during three main periods throughout the academic year: November/December, February/March and May to June. Exam sessions are generally: mornings: 8:30am - 11:30am and afternoons: 12:45pm - 3:00pm.

The work involves the issuing and collection of exam papers and scripts, walking the hall to ensure all students are working well, checking attendance and providing additional materials where requested.

### WE ARE SEEKING A PROFESSIONAL INDIVIDUAL WHO:

- Is committed and has an enthusiastic attitude
- Can have a strong presence in the exam room, whilst being approachable and supportive
- Is reliable with good communication skills and a flexible approach

### WE CAN OFFER YOU:

- Access to the Trust Health and Wellbeing pages
- Free confidential wellbeing services through our EAP

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

To find out more about this opportunity please visit our school website and download an application pack. Our website address is: [www.westonsecondary.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.westonsecondary.co.uk/vacancies) or visit [www.hamwic.org](http://www.hamwic.org). Please email your completed application form to [HR@westonsecondary.co.uk](mailto:HR@westonsecondary.co.uk)

Informal visits to the school are welcomed. Please ring us on 023 8044 7820 or email us at [info@westonsecondary.co.uk](mailto:info@westonsecondary.co.uk) to arrange an appointment.

#### **SAFEGUARDING:**

All schools with the Trust are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.

#### **THE EDWIN JONES PARTNERSHIP**

The Edwin Jones Partnership is part of an umbrella Trust called the Hamwic Education Trust. At the Hamwic Education Trust we offer unique opportunities for those individuals that excel in education.

We aim to deliver an outstanding education to our pupils and to do so we must employ **outstanding** people.

We offer a training pathway for all employees including teachers, support staff and our middle and senior leaders.

Our staff have opportunities to work on cross phase projects and to work in other schools within the Trust in order to gain invaluable experience and enhance their skills.





Dear Parent or Carer,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best medical care in the safest way possible.

As you will know, the UK is currently dealing with the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The NHS across England has had to change the way that healthcare is delivered so that services can concentrate on treating and caring for patients who are in most need.

If your child is unwell, you can get medical help and advice quickly, safely and often closer to home by using these services:

- Check Healthier together App on your mobile or desktop ([what0-18.nhs.uk](https://what0-18.nhs.uk)) for advice for parents, young people and pregnant women on childhood illness and well-being
- Speak to your pharmacist for advice on minor illness
- Contact your GP Surgery during normal opening hours for routine and urgent care appointments
- Attend local Urgent Treatment Centre or Minor Injuries Unit for treatment of minor injuries  
[Find your local Urgent Care services](#)
- Visit [NHS 111 online](#) or dial 111 phone line if you think your child needs an Emergency Department at your local hospital but it's not life threatening, has a minor injury, is too ill to wait for your GP or dentist to open or need urgent mental health advice and guidance.
- By calling 111 or using 111 online they will be able to either offer advice or refer you to the best service. This might include consultation with a qualified health professional and if you need to attend care in person, they may give you an appointment.
- Please only attend your local Emergency Department, or dial 999, in a life-threatening emergency.

There is further information available at [www.nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk). Thank you for your understanding and together we can really make a difference to healthcare for our children. Stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight

Clinical Commissioning Group





**TEAM  
SPIRIT**

SPORTS COACHING

## February Half Term Courses 2022

Multi-sports and activity courses,  
Gymnastics courses and Football  
courses @ Wordsworth Primary School,  
Shirley Junior School and Highfield C of E  
School

FULL DETAILS AND BOOKING FOUND ON OUR  
WEBSITE

[www.teamspirit4sport.co.uk](http://www.teamspirit4sport.co.uk) | 02380658636 | [ryan.teamspirit@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.teamspirit@gmail.com)

Come and join the fun!!!

Wordsworth Primary School – Victor Street, Shirley – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February –



Multi-sports and activity courses / Gymnastics and Ninja Warrior Course / Football Courses



Shirley Junior School – Bellemoor Road, Shirley – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February & Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February –



Multi-sports and activity courses / Football Courses



Highfield C of E Primary School – Hawthorn Road, Highfield – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February –



Multi-sports and Activity courses / Gymnastics and Ninja Warrior Course



Long days and short days available at each venue

Check out our website for full details and to book:

[www.teamspirit4sport.co.uk](http://www.teamspirit4sport.co.uk)

## Employment Support for Drug and Alcohol Services (ESDAS)



Employment Support for Drug & Alcohol Services (ESDAS) is our new project being delivered within Southampton's drug and alcohol services. Our aim is to engage with people with substance misuse issues to help them to find employment or training and to help them to retain employment.

### What does ESDAS offer?

- Employment based information, advice and guidance
- An individualised employment action plan to help find and retain employment
- Individual interventions based on identified goals
- On-going support for both the employee and the employer

### Who can be referred?

Anyone currently receiving a service from Southampton's drug and alcohol services including:

- Individuals who are unemployed and looking for employment
- Individuals who are signed off of work, or at risk of being signed off
- Individuals who are engaged in any form of employment who would benefit from this intervention

[Watch our YouTube video for more information](#)

For further information or an informal discussion please contact the Employment Officer based within your local drug and alcohol services or contact [Emma](#) to find out more.

## Upcoming Employability Workshops

Are you aged 19+ and looking for a job? Our upcoming Employability

Workshops will give you the skills and confidence you need to find work.

The workshops are completely free to attend and are suitable for anyone

looking for employment, whether you have been out of work for a while, are

looking for your first job, or have recently lost your job.

**When:** 22nd, 23rd and 24th February 2022, 10am-3pm

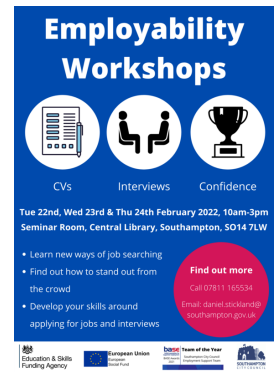
**Where:** Seminar Room, 1st Floor, Central Library, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LW

### What do we cover?

- Setting goals and improving confidence around looking for work
- By the end of the training, all learners will have written/updated a CV and Covering Letter
- Preparing for interviews, including virtual/online/telephone interviews
- How to stand out in a crowded job market

### Why this course?

- We're completely person-centred and meet every learner before the workshop so we can make sure we meet your needs
- We have a relaxed, fun learning environment
- No exams or coursework – we give learners the skills and confidence they need to achieve their goals
- Our team has over 30 years' experience of supporting people into employment



## Next Steps Day 2022

Are you unsure of the next steps in your life? Maybe you want to continue learning or find a job but need some help finding what's right for you? On Monday 7th March 2022, Southampton Young Adults Employment Hub will be hosting the Next Steps event for young people aged 16-25.

Coinciding with National Careers Week 2022, this event is an opportunity for young people, including school, college and university leavers, as well as those who are not in employment, education or training, to find out what options are open to them to help them take the next steps in their lives.

This event will also introduce young people to their options ahead of results days in August, meaning they will already know which organisations they can turn to for advice and support if they need it, well in advance of receiving their results.



- Drop in and meet organisations who can support you with finding education, volunteering or work
- Meet the friendly team at the Young Adults Employment Hub who will be on hand with impartial advice and guidance
- Meet training providers offering apprenticeships, traineeships, T-levels and much more
- Meet organisations that can work alongside you every step of the way to achieving your goals
- Refreshments, food and drink will be available throughout the day

For an up to date list of organisations that will be attending the event, please visit [bit.ly/NextStepsSoton](https://bit.ly/NextStepsSoton)

There's no need to book, just drop in and prepare to take your next steps.

## International Women's Day Wellbeing Event

On Tuesday 8th March 2022, we'll be hosting a Wellbeing Event between 12pm-4pm at Central Library as part of Southampton's International Women's Day celebrations.

Come along to meet organisations, charities and groups who offer a range of wellbeing support in the city, including meditation, sports and employment.

## Speed You Up Self-Employment Workshop

Are you aged 16-25, unemployed and want to set up your own business?

We're working in partnership with WSX Enterprise to deliver a Speed You Up Introduction to Self-Employment Workshop.

Join us on Tuesday 22nd March 2022, 10am-2pm at Central Library for a free workshop covering the basics of setting up a business and becoming self-employed.

- Learn the basics of business planning, developing your idea and understanding your market
- Find out how to market your business effectively
- Learn what you need to consider before officially becoming self-employed
- Meet other people in your position and share ideas
- Develop your entrepreneurial skills