



Shirley Infants

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;

- Newsletter
- Transition Letter **Year 1 only**
- Year R Mill Cottage Farm Experience

KEEPING US INFORMED

Please could we ask all parents to inform the school if anyone in the household is going for a coronavirus test or is self-isolating as another family member in the household has tested positive.



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Please remember to be considerate of others when lining up in the queue and to wear a mask where possible unless you have a medical condition which exempts you.

Coming soon

As of September 2021 the children will revert back to wearing their school shoes.

Dates for your Diary

May

Friday 28th

Non-Uniform Day

Monday 31st –Friday 4th May MAY HALF TERM

TRANSITION - JUNIOR SCHOOL YEAR 2– 3 ONLY

We would like to find out as much about your child and their family as we can. To help with this, we have created a Google questionnaire where you can tell us about your child's feelings, their learning, their friends and any issues you would like to make us aware of. We can then use this to inform us when organising the class groups for next year. We would ask you to complete the questionnaire by the end of May 2021

<https://forms.gle/MrBq9CLHft8hJSGL7>

From Mrs Hixon

THE BIG ASK

The Children's Commissioner's survey of childhood, The Big Ask is the largest ever survey of children in England. Already more than 400,000 children and young people have had their say about what matters to them for their future. Does that include your pupils? Every single pupil's voice is important.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Have your pupils had their say? If not, please consider supporting them in completing this survey and make their voice heard. Thousands of schools have already helped their pupils take part in the survey by incorporating it into lessons or form time. A range of teaching resources, including lesson plans and activity packs, has been produced to help. **<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/resources/>**

The deadline for completing the survey is Friday 28 May 2021

READING PLANET

Here are this week's results - Congratulations to **Otter Class** who have the most logins on Rising Stars this week. You have earned a head teacher sticker.

3 rd Place	
2 nd Place	
1 st Place	

Don't forget to look at our Community Information page also in the letters section for what's happening in Southampton on our website.

<http://www.shirleyinfantschool.org.uk/page/default.asp?pid=82>

Community Information



SAMA KARATE ORGANISATION



NON CONTACT
KARATE TAUGHT
BY QUALIFIED
INSTRUCTORS

- **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** – EMAIL RC.SKOnline@gmail.com
- £5 PER CLASS – PAY AS YOU GO CORRECT CASH IN SEALED ENVELOPE OR CONTACTLESS AT END OF LESSON
- EVERYONE WELCOME 4 YEARS+

We specialise in teaching traditional Karate encouraging confidence, respect, discipline, self awareness & agility instilling important values & life skills.

OASIS ACADEMY LORDSHILL
FRIDAYS 5PM
SATURDAYS 9AM AND/OR 10AM

07764 478507 www.sama-southwest.com



T.E.E.M Work Club returns to Central Library from Thursday 20 May 2021

We are really pleased to announce that our T.E.E.M Work Club is returning to Central Library on Thursdays, 3-5pm, from Thursday 20 May 2021.

At this time, we are unable to accept drop ins, and attendance at Central Work Club is by **appointment only**. To book a 30 minute slot, you can visit our [Work Club booking page on Access Southampton](#) and complete the form. If you cannot use the online form, you can call 078 1116 5129 to book a time slot.

How to find us: Central Work Club is located in the Learning Centre on the first floor of Southampton Central Library, Civic Centre, SO14 7LW.

We have taken precautions to ensure that Central Work Club remains COVID secure. If you are not comfortable attending an in-person Work Club, an Employment Officer will also be at our Virtual Work Club on Thursdays 3-5pm to offer virtual support. To join the virtual work club, all you need to do is type this link: bit.ly/VirtualWorkClub and enter the passcode: 356055

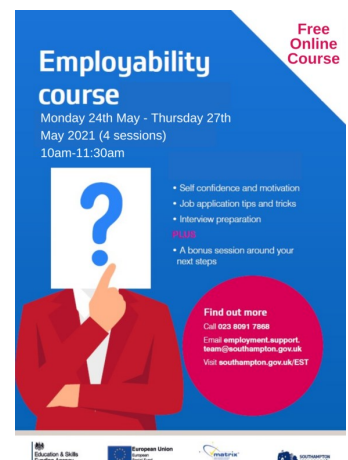
For full details, please visit [Access Southampton](#)

Upcoming Online Employability Course

Our next free online Employability Course for people who want to develop their employability skills and start preparing to look for work is starting on 24 May. The course will be delivered online via Zoom, and learners will receive resources and their completion certificate through email.

Dates and times (learners must be able to attend all 4 sessions):

- Monday 24th May 10am-11:30am
- Tuesday 25th May 10am-11:30am
- Wednesday 26th May 10am-11:30am
- Thursday 27th May 10am-11:30am



The course is free for anyone aged 19+ and living in or around Southampton.

The aim of this course is to improve your confidence around getting a job and develop your employability skills. This course acts as an introduction to employability, or to refresh existing knowledge for people who have been out of work or are looking to change their career. The course is fun and relaxed and acts as a stepping stone to accredited employability courses.

After the course, learners will have the opportunity to receive ongoing support from other Employment Support Team projects, which are currently being delivered virtually.

Over the 4 sessions, the course will aim to:

- Improve learners' confidence and motivation
- Support learners with CV writing
- Teach job application tips and tricks
- Develop interview techniques
- Help learners plan to move into paid work, volunteering or education

To join this course, please contact daniel.stickland@southampton.gov.uk or call 078 1116 5534.

When learners have completed an enrolment form over the phone, they will receive the codes to join the Zoom sessions.

If you are aged between 15 and 19 and want some help finding out what jobs are available locally, which industries are growing, and where are the most promising career opportunities, then this online event is for you. Parents and carers are welcome too!



On May 20 2021, The Careers and Apprenticeship Show is going virtual, bringing you a full day and evening of activities including;

- Information about apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships
- 60+ virtual employer booths, for live chat
- Inspiring speakers from the largest local employment sectors
- Interactive sessions with live Q&A on a range of topics
- A wide selection of live apprenticeship vacancies to choose from
- Information on training opportunities
- Fact sheets, information packs, and resources to download and keep
- Updates on the best career prospects in your local economy
- A focus on careers in Dorset, Hampshire, Surrey and the Isle of Wight and the M3 corridor
- 30 days access (except for live events interaction which is on the 20th only)

It's an unbeatable opportunity to gather information, make sense of your choices, and get inspired, and we hope you can join us! [Find out more and register here.](https://cas2021.vfairs.com) <https://cas2021.vfairs.com>

PATH Project Perinatal Mental Health Campaign Launch

The Employment Support Team is a proud partner in the PATH project, an EU-funded project which will enable women, families and healthcare professionals to prevent, diagnose and successfully manage mild and moderate perinatal mental health issues. PATH will enable parents, the wider family, employers and healthcare professionals to find support and information to help with the parenting journey. PATH aims to promote positive parenting experiences and enable parents to feel confident in seeking self-help or professional support, leading to happier and healthier families.

PATH aims to help new and expectant parents three key ways:

- Reach parents with digital and community initiatives for families, including a new support hub
- Reach healthcare professionals with PATH resources designed to increase their confidence to recognise PMI symptoms and provide appropriate care
- Reach employers with resources that help them better support maternity and paternity leave and parents' return to work

This month, we have launched our first Tackling Mental Health Stigma campaign to encourage parents and families to reach out, talk and get help.

Many new mums and dads don't want to say they are struggling with poor mental health, but having a child is a life altering event. Raising awareness of Perinatal Mental Illness (PMI) is important; depression and anxiety are the most common forms of PMI, often experienced together. With the right support and help you will get better.

Follow PATH as we create a platform full of resources, information and links to help support you and your loved ones: [PATH: Tackling mental health stigma](#)

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