



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 letters;

- Prospectus
- Guidance Book for September

PLEASE NOTE

From the 19th July Shirley Schools will continue to use the staggered start and end times. We know the government have said all restrictions will come to an end on the 19th July but we would ask that you continue to support us with our arrangements for the Risk Assessment for our school until the end of term on Friday 23rd July.

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.

If your child is isolating please remember their Home Learning will be accessible on Google Classroom, if you have lost your login details please email the school office and we can get this arranged for you.

UPDATE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND

As an extra precaution Public Health England (PHE) is now advising close contact of anyone with a positive test result to get a COVID-19 PCR test (ideally 5 days after exposure or day five of isolation). If your child has had a positive PCR test within the last 90 days, you do not need to get another test unless they have new symptoms.

Coming soon

- Face to face Coffee morning for New to Year 3 parents in September
- Wednesday 8th September New to Year 3 Face to Face meet the Teacher and curriculum information evening — Details to follow
- September arrangements - Plans for Autumn

Year 2 Leavers Assembly

As you know, we were very much hoping that restrictions may have been lifted and we would have been able to invite parents and carers into school. Sadly, this is not the case for this year. However, please be rest assured that we still have something magical planned that we look forward to sharing with you all at the end of term. Each class will get their own special keepsake DVD and these will be sent home with the children on Wednesday 21st July.

ARRANGEMENTS

All current arrangements regarding the start and end of the school day will stay for the rest of this term. We are awaiting further guidance from the Government as to the arrangements for the new academic year and will update you as soon as we receive this information.

Dates for your Diary

July

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| Monday 19th | Year 2 Leavers Assembly AM - Will be recorded and given out |
| Tuesday 20th | Year 2 Leavers Assembly PM - Will be recorded and given out |
| Tuesday 20th | New to Year 3 Welcome Meeting Virtual |
| Wednesday 21st | Year 2 Leavers Party 4pm—6pm |
| Friday 23rd | Last day for the Summer Holidays—current normal finish time |

READING PLANET

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

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| 3 rd Place |  |
| 2 nd Place |  |
| 1 st Place |    |

ROAD CLOSURE

The road closure has been a huge success this year, and we would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU!** to everybody who has given their time to help marshal the barriers and make the road safer for our children and families.

We would love for the road closure to continue in September as it makes the drop-offs and pick-ups feel a lot safer. Unfortunately, Junior School staff are unable to be part of the rota going forwards so it will need to be run and marshalled by the Shirley community. The closure periods will be shorter as we will not need to stagger drop-offs and pick-ups, which should make it easier for parents to volunteer.

If you are a current marshal who is happy to continue, or someone who would like to step forward to help out, please could you email office@shirleyschools.co.uk? Thank you!



SCHOOLS MEALS SEPTEMBER 2021

You will be pleased to hear that from September, when the children return to school we will be reverting back to the normal routine for lunch times so children can order a hot school meal and eat it in the school hall.

FOSIS

Raffle

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the raffle this year. We raised just under £1000 so a fantastic result. Thanks also to Pearsons who kindly donated the ipad for first prize.

Fosis committee

Do you need a new challenge? At the end of this Academic year both the co-chairs, the treasurer and the secretary will be stepping down. We would love to talk to anyone interested in taking over our roles. Please contact us on the above email so we talk you through what the roles look like. This is an amazing way to help our local community and also to learn how to run a charity.

Keep up to date with everything going with our facebook pages

Year 2 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/137311320449399>

year 1 Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/172919936937823>

Year R Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/849370902208557>

Community Information

Family summer activities

Summer Holidays are nearly here and we have plenty of fun family workshops at our venues. From getting messy with clay and crafting materials, to stepping back in time with entertaining tours in the city, every member of the family has the chance to relax and play during one of our events.

Make time to learn, create and explore together for a morning, afternoon or even a whole day.

WHAT'S ON SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT: Tudor House, SeaCity Museum & Southampton City Art Gallery

To book and for detailed information on any of our activities visit

www.wegotickets.com/southamptonculture

All activities must be booked in advance

SOUTHAMPTON CULTURE CLUB FOR KIDS (6-11yrs)

SeaCity Museum
Mondays 9am-5pm (drop off from 8.45am)
£26 per day (£30 for multiple bookings)
A day of investigation, imagination and discovery for children who love being creative and learning through fun activities. Children will explore the past, experience SeaCity Museum and City Art Gallery and make cool things inspired by the City's arts and heritage collections.

Monday 26 July
Mythical Creatures

Monday 2 August
Amazing Animals

Monday 9 August
Wizard School

Monday 16 August
Curious Collections

Monday 23 August
Fashionistas, Arms & Armour

FAMILY OLD TOWN WALKING TOURS

Pirates, Plunder & Plague
Tudor House & Garden
Wed 29 July 11am or 2pm
£6 per person
Exploring the hidden histories of Southampton by venturing into vaults and scale the town's ancient walls while discovering tales of plunder, plague and villainy!

The Southampton Blitz
Tudor House & Garden
Wed 11 Aug 11am or 2pm
£6 per person
Travel back to the dark days of the Second World War. Delve into Air-raid shelters, hear tales of heroism and tragedy and discover more about the city during World War 2.

Walking the Titanic
Tudor House & Garden
Wed 18 Aug 11am or 2pm
£6 per person
Walk the sites and places of the Titanic story, including Oxford Street, South Western House and Casualty Chambers. The tour will begin at the General Gordon Memorial in Queen's Park and will last about 90 minutes.



LIVE ONLINE HISTORY SESSIONS (5yrs+)

All sessions are fun, interactive and include stories, activities and quizzes. On Zoom, starting at 10.30am for one hour. £7.50 per family

EXPLORE TITANIC
Join us this summer to explore the story of the Titanic, from being built to sinking in the Atlantic Ocean.

Wed 29 July - Building Titanic
Find out what it took to build a ship as big as Titanic. What's the story? What did they need to make it happen and who actually built it?

Tues 3 Aug - Travelling on Titanic
Ever wondered what it would be like to step onboard the Titanic? We'll share the stories of the people on board and investigate what their lives would have been like as they travelled on one of the world's most famous ships.

Tues 10 Aug - Goodbye to Titanic
How did the ship manage to stay afloat at the bottom of the ocean? We'll explore what happened on the night Titanic sank.

Tues 17 Aug - Crafty Castles
What were castles for? Who built them? And was there really a castle in Southampton? Investigate all this and more in this fun interactive session with plenty of stories, quizzes and activities.

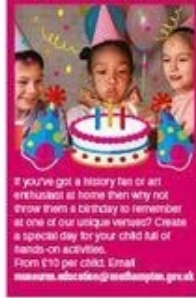


Tues 24 Aug - Ingenious Inventors
Step into the wild world of inventors. Explore some ingenious inventors who changed the way we live and some who just made things a bit more interesting.

Wed 1 Sept - Great Fire!
We'll be exploring one of the most famous events in English history - the Great Fire of London through stories, quizzes and activities.



Birthday Parties for kids



If you've got a history fan or art enthusiast at home then why not throw them a birthday to remember at one of our unique venues? Create a special day for your child full of hands-on activities.
From £150 per child. Email events@seacitymuseum.co.uk

To book and for detailed information on any of our activities visit www.wegotickets.com/southamptonculture

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FAMILY WORKSHOPS AT SEACITY MUSEUM AND SOUTHAMPTON CITY ART GALLERY

Children must be accompanied. Minimum ages are recommendations. Sessions last 1 or 1.5hrs see WeGotTickets for details.



Summer Lanterns (5yrs+)
Southampton City Art Gallery
Tues 27 July 10.15am or 11.45am or 1.30pm
£7 per child, adults free
Upcycling fun turning a plain glass jar into a stunning summer lantern. Different materials will be available allowing little hands to get involved as well as older children to be as creative as they like!

Rampaging Romans (5yrs+)
SeaCity Museum
Thurs 29 July 10.30am or 1pm
£7.50 per person
Travel back 2,000 years to Roman Southampton, Claudius, in 1915 fun-filled, action-packed family session! Discover real artefacts, enjoy a mini-tour, play games and create a Roman craft.

Sea Creature Sculptures (4yrs+)
SeaCity Museum
Tues 3 Aug 10.30am or 1pm
£7.50 per person
Let's get making! We will be going to the depths of our imaginations to make amazing sea creature sculptures of epic proportions during this fun creative workshop.

Play with Clay (5yrs+)
Southampton City Art Gallery
Thurs 5 Aug 10.30am or 1pm
£7.50 per person
Discover the immensely satisfying experience of working with clay to design and create a 3D decorative clay tile, inspired by the stunning patterns and designs on display in our new exhibition.

Make a Miniature Art Gallery (5yrs+)
Southampton City Art Gallery
Fri 6 Aug 10.30am or 1pm
£8.50 per child, adults free
Discover the joy of all things miniature at this creative and accessible workshop. Sign your visit by exploring our new exhibition and then take this as inspiration for your very own gallery.

Merpeople of Atlantis (5yrs+)
SeaCity Museum
Wed 18 Aug 10.30am or 1pm
£7.50 per person
Amazing mermaids and mermen from under the sea. What will yours look like? We are very excited about creating our own merperson to take home. A little body so smaller children will need help.

Play with Printing (5yrs+)
Southampton City Art Gallery
Thurs 19 Aug 10.30am or 1pm
£7.50 per person
Create your very own printing block, inspired by the stunning designs on display. Using a technique similar to linocut, you will be able to print your design on a variety of backgrounds to create several printing prints.

Play with Plaster (5yrs+)
Southampton City Art Gallery
Fri 20 Aug 10.30am or 1pm
£7.50 per person
Experiment with plaster casting in clay and master new techniques to design and create your own plaster wall plaque. This workshop is suitable for beginners who like getting messy or those looking to develop their art skills.

Awesome Egyptians (5yrs+)
SeaCity Museum
Wed 25 Aug 10.30am or 1pm
£7.50 per person
Join us for a fun-filled history session exploring the wonderful world of the Ancient Egyptians! Mumify your very own orange using ancient techniques!

Titanic Science (5yrs+)
SeaCity Museum
Thurs 26 Aug 10.30am or 1pm
£7.50 per person
A mind-boggling science session exploring the technology of the RMS Titanic. Discover what made the Titanic 'unsinkable', experiment with wireless technology and use our super microscopes to look at Titanic artefacts.

Play with Wire Sculpture (7yrs+)
Southampton City Art Gallery
Tues 21 Aug 10.30am or 1pm
£7.50 per person
Just how much can you do with a piece of wire? Discover the possibilities at this family workshop with impressive results. We will work together on the same basic structure of a tree, then develop and personalise it using different techniques.

Play with Watercolours (5yrs+)
Southampton City Art Gallery
Thurs 1 Sept
£7.50 per person
Experiment and explore with colour combinations and different techniques to discover magical results. This session is equally enjoyable for adults and children, for absolute beginners or experienced painters looking to make time to create something together as family.

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LIBRARY

Do you love reading, but are unable to visit the library to borrow books? Maybe health reasons or a disability mean you spend a lot of your time at home

Sign up for our brand new environmentally friendly home library service, and receive regular book deliveries direct to your door for FREE!

How does it work?

- Our friendly, fully trained staff will sign you up to the service and chat to you about the type of books you like to read.
- Choose from 1000s of titles, including spoken word CDs and books with larger print. We are happy to help you choose books and make recommendations.

Books will be delivered to your home, sheltered housing or residential home address and collected when you are finished with them.

Why get involved?

- A convenient, hassle free way to borrow and return library books that meet your requirements, with no fines.
- We need your help to tell us how you have benefitted from the service.

Deliveries are made by electric cargo bike, as shown below, which is much kinder to the environment.

How do I find out more?

For more information, please contact Allison Kirby or Joe Lydeard

Email: home.delivery@southampton.gov.uk

Tel: 023 8091 5605 (Joe) – Lordshill Library

Tel: 023 8083 3304 (Allison) – Central Library



Reporting Racism Online



The racist abuse we have seen aimed at the England players on social media is completely unacceptable. Social media companies need to do more, and we all have a part to play in reporting and responding to racist comments, content or accounts online.

[80% of teens have seen online hate](#) aimed at a particular group in the past year, so it is key that all of us know how to report and are able to help young people in doing so. Each platform has its own mechanism for doing this, but most racist content on social media can be reported as hate speech.

<https://tinyurl.com/43354p65>

Mental Health in Schools Team

Here are the links for the Southampton MHST July newsletter

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/872448572/>

Grab your COVID jab at Oakley Road!

Anyone aged over 18 can now walk-in for their first or second COVID-19 vaccination at a Solent NHS Trust-run large-scale vaccination centre at Oakley Road in Millbrook, Southampton.

To use the walk-in vaccine service, people will need to arrive at Oakley Road between 8am and 7.30pm, Monday to Sunday.

Vaccines are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and there may be a short wait for people to receive their vaccine. People should bring their NHS number if they have it.

Second vaccinations are available at the walk-ins if it has been at least eight weeks since the first dose.