



# Shirley Infants

## Weekly Communication

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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- ◆ Newsletter

### COVID SYMPTOM REMINDER

If you have symptoms of COVID please can you do a PCR test not a lateral flow test .

### LOST PROPERTY

There is currently NO lost property box.

Any items NAMED found around the schools will be returned to the pupils/classes.

Any UN-NAMED items go to the community room and Karen Allen will display them outside on Wednesday's for anyone to claim.



## Dates for your Diary

### **OCTOBER**

Friday 22nd Last Day of Autumn 1 - School closes at 3.10pm

### **HALF TERM BREAK**

Sunday 31st FOSIS—Halloween Trail

### **NOVEMBER**

Monday 1st School re-opens at 8:45am

Monday 1st Year 1 Paulton's Park Trip in Uniform

Tuesday 2nd Parents Evening Virtual - Please make sure you've signed up

Thursday 4th Parents Evening Virtual - Please make sure you've signed up

Thursday 4th Y2 Seacity Trip in Uniform

Friday 5th FOSIS Fireworks

Monday 8th Virtual Christmas Marketplace opens

Friday 26th Flu Immunisation Year R, 1 & 2

### **TOILETS QUERIES**

Following several queries regarding the use of the toilets, we thought it would be helpful to clarify a few points here.



\*The children have free access to the toilets throughout the day. They use our toilet band system whereby two children can go at any one time, emergencies would bypass this system at any time.

\*We do ensure that the use of the toilets causes minimal disruption to learning, and this is monitored by the class teacher. They are extremely skilled in the art of toilet usage!

\*The children have free access during all break and lunch times.

\*The children have free access to their water bottles throughout the day. Please do remind your child to drink their water if you wish to, we do the same in school.

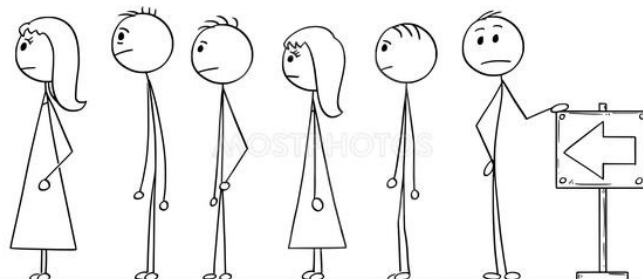
\*If your child has a medical need regarding toileting or consumption of fluid, please do let the office know via the medical form.

### Collection at the end of a school day

Please may we remind you that we are still using a one way system when collecting your child at the end of the school day

We kindly ask that you queue on one side of Wilton Road and not filter in from the other side of the road.

Please respect parents that have been waiting in the queue patiently.



### Parents Evening reminder

These will be held via Google Classroom on Tuesday 2nd November and Thursday 4th November.

For Year R (Squirrels, Otters and Hedgehogs) these will be telephone calls, as we have taken into account that you have not yet used Google Meet.

You will be able to select a time slot for a 10-minute virtual meeting, the times will be between:

3:30pm and 6:30pm on Tuesday

3:30pm and 5:30pm on Thursday

The booking form will be uploaded to your child's Google Classroom on Friday 15th October. If you need your Google Classroom login sent out again or have any difficulty booking this way, please do not hesitate to call or email the school office.

### Volunteer required

Do you have any spare time during the week to help in our library?

We are looking for volunteers that can help keep our library tidy for the children.

If you would like to volunteer for this please email the office at:

[office@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:office@shirleyschools.co.uk)



# Safeguarding Update

## Message from Hampshire Police

Dear Head Teachers and Partners,

I am writing to you following a number of reports we have received of children being followed by a man in various locations in the west of the city.

The incidents have been reported between 27 September and 12 October. Each time the child has reported a man following them as they have been walking or on one occasion, when a child was playing in an adventure play area. On two occasions the man has tried to engage in conversation with them. Both boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 17 have reported being followed. Three incidents occurred between 3.30pm and 4.43pm and a fourth at around 10.45pm. A fifth incident has also been reported as taking place on 11 October between 3pm and 3.15pm, but we only have limited information and are unable to provide a location.

Incidents have occurred on:

- Clifton Road, Southampton
- A walkway between Warren Crescent and Birch Close
- An adventure play area on Olive Road
- Tremona Road

On each occasion the children have done the right thing by reporting it to an adult. No child has engaged with the man or been hurt in any way.

Officers from Southampton West Neighbourhood Policing team are proactively investigating these incidents and will continue to patrol these areas at key times.

I think it would be helpful if you could share this information with parents but reassure them that we are taking these reports seriously and that police are actively investigating them. It's important to remember that not every report has been the same and at this time we do not believe they are linked, however, we are keeping an open mind and enquiries are still ongoing. If anyone has any concerns, worries or information, please don't hesitate to speak to them.

We understand that these kind of incidents are very concerning for you, parents, and children. It is important to stay alert but not alarmed, remind children that they should not get into anyone's car or go with anyone they do not know, and to report the incident to us or an adult as soon as possible as this will help us deploy officers to the area more quickly.

**Squid Games** – There have been reports in the media around the exposure of children to the Netflix show 'squid games'. This report (from common sense media) talks about the violent nature of the show and the reason we urge parents not to let children younger than 16 watch the show or any content linked to it. [Squid Game TV Review \(commonsensemedia.org\)](https://www.common-sense-media.org/en/parents/articles/2021/09/20/squid-games-netflix/)

There have also been reports of the violence involved in Squid Games being linked/ replicated on other social media sites/ games for younger children such as tik-tok (13+ official age rating) and roblox (7+ official age rating).

If you are worried your child may see or has seen something harmful please use the following links to find guidance to support parents, including useful guidance around parental controls.

[I'm worried my child might see something inappropriate online \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/what-thinkuknow-can-do-for-you/I-am-worried-my-child-might-see-something-inappropriate-online/)

[What to do if your child has seen something inappropriate online. \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/what-thinkuknow-can-do-for-you/What-to-do-if-your-child-has-seen-something-inappropriate-online/)

Further useful links;

- <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>
- [https://www.internetmatters.org/?qclid=CjwKCAjw2bmLBhBREiwAZ6ugo7LVr4wOj- ea6pHXqPurY6Gxbs9HK-M6104NWm8Ni3NJ6AxbSH-sthoC6jIQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.internetmatters.org/?qclid=CjwKCAjw2bmLBhBREiwAZ6ugo7LVr4wOj- ea6pHXqPurY6Gxbs9HK-M6104NWm8Ni3NJ6AxbSH-sthoC6jIQAvD_BwE)

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# FOSIS

## FIREWORKS! EARLY BIRD TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW - FOR VOLUNTEERS ONLY.



We're running our fantastic and incredibly popular fireworks event again on **Friday 5 November, 5pm – 7pm**. Fireworks at 6.30pm but lots to do, see and eat beforehand so come early for hotdogs, dancing in the 'let it glow' tent and firework crafts in the hall. Bring your own travel mug to help us be eco- friendly.

**BUT** we need your help to make it happen, and for volunteering your time at the event we'll give you **early access** to book your tickets for you and your immediate family.

Tickets will go on general sale on **Saturday 23 October at 9am**, and we expect the event to sell out quickly so don't hang around!

Tickets are £4 per adult, £2.50 per child (3-18yrs) and Under 3's go free but will still need a ticket for entry so we can keep track numbers.

Use this link for both early bird and general release tickets:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm?event=shop#.YW3rqS1Q1QI>

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET YOUR SPOOK ON



Don't forget the **Shirley Schools Halloween Trail** will be running over half term, from **Monday 25 October to 31 October**.

We've got two trails, one for little legs and one for those with more energy to travel further afield, although not outside Shirley! Complete the trail(s), uncover the secret word(s) or phrase(s) and collect your goody bag full of sweet treats. **Just £3** will get you both trail maps and a goody bag! You'll also be entered into a draw to win a treat box from Wonderlicious!

Enjoy decorating your house at Halloween? **Enter our competition**, only **£2 entry**. Houses need to be decorated on Halloween (31 October) but feel free to get your decs up sooner if you like.

Trail tickets and competition entries can be made via the following link:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosis/index.cfm?event=shop#.YWdGShrMI2w>

## VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET (too soon?!)

Our popular online Christmas market will return again this year, so keep an eye out for more details after half term and get Christmas all wrapped up before December!





## REMINDER - CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS NEEDED BY 29 OCTOBER

It's never too early to get into the festive spirit and what better way than designing and ordering your very own Christmas cards or gift mugs and help raise money for the school at the same time!

Your child should have brought home a leaflet and ID sticker enabling you to order your Christmas designs.

### Here are the key dates you need to know:

1. Create a Christmassy masterpiece! (Following the artwork guidelines below).
2. Stick the sticker to the back and fill in the name and class details.
3. Place your order on [www.apfsorders.co.uk](http://www.apfsorders.co.uk) before the **29<sup>th</sup> October**.
4. Send the artwork with the sticker on the back into school - just pop it into their book bag. Artwork needs to be returned to the school by the **4<sup>th</sup> November** at the latest.

### Christmas Artwork Guidelines:

- On A4 white paper or card, not too thin to make sure the sticker doesn't show through.
- Designs can be portrait or landscape.
- Leave a 2-3 mm edge around the paper so your whole design is printed.
- Bold colours and collage (maximum depth 5mm) work really well.
- NO GLITTER.
- Reflective materials don't work very well as they bounce the light back from the scanner and distort the colours.
- If you use pastels, please use a fixative spray or hairspray.
- Please don't use whole pages from books or pictures of well-known characters due to copyright.

## STAY CONNECTED AND GET INVOLVED...

On Facebook through the year groups:

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>

Through your class reps and WhatsApp groups



# Community Information



## CHRISTMAS COMPLETE 2021

Plans are well underway for our annual toy project and information will [be on our website from early October](#).

We will again be operating the project with reduced numbers of volunteers and over a longer period of time. The arrangements worked well last year and with the threat of increased numbers of COVID infections as the winter approaches, we feel we need to take precautions to protect staff and volunteers who will be working on the project to make sure that we can complete all requests.

We are planning 4 sessions prior to the main project to do a few particular tasks such as checking donated games and puzzles, making up some baby packs, sorting out boxes of donated books. These sessions will be held on Tuesday 9, Monday 15, Thursday 18 and Tuesday 23 November all from 9.30am until 12. If you would be interested in helping please e-mail [CC@scratchcharity.co.uk](mailto:CC@scratchcharity.co.uk)

Details and dates for volunteering on the main project are on the website. If you are interested in helping, please contact us as soon as possible as sessions do get booked up quickly.

There are Amazon wish lists on the website. This is an easy way for you to purchase gifts for the project that can be delivered directly to us.

Financial donations are always welcome. This allows us to purchase items where we know we are experiencing shortages for particular age groups. Cheques can be sent to us at SCRATCH (please indicate that it is for Christmas Complete), you can make a card payment by phoning the office on 023 8077 3132, or you can make a payment using the information on the Christmas Complete page on the website.

We will accept donations at our warehouse weekdays between 9am and 4pm. Unfortunately, we won't be operating any other drop off points this year.

Our needs are: -

- Age relevant toys (our age range is new-born up to 17-year-olds)
- Toiletries / stationery / makeup suitable for teenagers
- Books (we have plenty of pre-school books, the particular need is for those suitable for 8 years and over).
- Games and puzzles (especially those suitable for older children).
- Arts / Crafts / Colouring sets
- Sweets and Chocolate (with a sell by date of at least 31/01/22)
- Christmas wrapping paper
- Sellotape
- Large carrier bags
- Large cardboard boxes





Whilst we are willing to accept second-hand toys they must be of an excellent quality. If you have items that you would like to donate ask yourself the question, “*Would I be willing to give this to my child / grandchild as their main Christmas present?*” If the answer is no, then we can’t take them as it costs us to dispose of unusable items. We do reserve the right to turn away any unsuitable donations. Please don’t be offended, we just want to provide the best that we can for the families that are referred. Second-hand donations can only be accepted up until 3 December.

Thank you once again for your support of this project – we couldn’t do it without you.

## **CURRENT VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**

We are unfortunately not yet in a position to take on lots of new volunteers, but we do have three roles for which we are currently seeking recruits.

- Driver’s mates / Warehouse Operative – assisting our drivers with the delivery and collection of furniture, sorting and storing donations, loading and unloading vehicles. Ideally the person applying should be available for at least one full day per week.
- Site Maintenance – helping to keep the site clean and tidy (including the outside areas). Hours can be negotiated.
- Mentors – we are seeking people who would be willing to act as mentors to potential volunteers with mental or physical disabilities.

If any of these roles appeal to you or you know anyone who might benefit from some regular volunteering, please contact [polly@scratchcharity.co.uk](mailto:polly@scratchcharity.co.uk)



# FREE October Half Term Playscheme and Pop Up Play 2021



Day 1 25/10/21	Day 2 26/10/21	Day 3 27/10/21	Day 4 28/10/21	Day 5 29/10/21
<b>PLAYSCHEME</b> Weston Adventure Play-ground The Venny, Behind Canberra Towers, Kingsclere Avenue, Weston SO19 9JT 10am till 12pm and 1pm till 3pm	<b>PLAYSCHEME</b> Weston Adventure Play-ground The Venny, Behind Canberra Towers, Kingsclere Avenue, Weston SO19 9JT 10am till 12pm and 1pm till 3pm	<b>PLAYSCHEME</b> Weston Adventure Play-ground The Venny, Behind Canberra Towers, Kingsclere Avenue, Weston SO19 9JT 10am till 12pm and 1pm till 3pm	<b>PLAYSCHEME</b> Weston Adventure Play-ground The Venny, Behind Canberra Towers, Kingsclere Avenue, Weston SO19 9JT 10am till 12pm and 1pm till 3pm	<b>PLAYSCHEME</b> Weston Adventure Play-ground The Venny, Behind Canberra Towers, Kingsclere Avenue, Weston SO19 9JT 10am till 12pm and 1pm till 3pm
 Find us on Facebook	 	<b>POP UP PLAY</b> Townhill Park McArthur Crescent Nr The Play Park SO18 4SL 11.30am till 2pm	<b>POP UP PLAY</b> Harefield Bentley Green Play Park SO18 5GB 11.30am till 2pm	 SUPPORTED BY 

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Contact us: 02380433086 Email: [office@scpaplay.org.uk](mailto:office@scpaplay.org.uk) website: [www.scpaplay.org.uk](http://www.scpaplay.org.uk)

DRESS for MESS! Come Rain or Shine!

Southampton City Council



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**FREE and OPEN ACCESS** playscheme for children aged 5+, no need to book JUST TURN UP!!!

The whole family are welcome, any age (under 5's welcome & must be with an adult)

**PLAYSCHEME OPENING TIMES-Monday-Friday, 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 3pm**

Children are able to come and go as they wish and will be supervised whilst taking part. It is the responsibility of parents to know where their children are at all times.



**FREE POP UP PLAY OPENING TIMES - 11.30am till 2pm**

All children must be supervised by their parent/Carer at all times at POP UP PLAY

## VOLUNTEERING

We would like new people to join our network of volunteers with roles that could include playwork, there would also be the opportunity for further training

## STAY AND PLAY

Come along to the sessions with your children and play

## PLAY DONATIONS

Any donations of money or equipment are greatly appreciated



SCPA supports every child's right to play. For children with specific needs, we offer additional support.

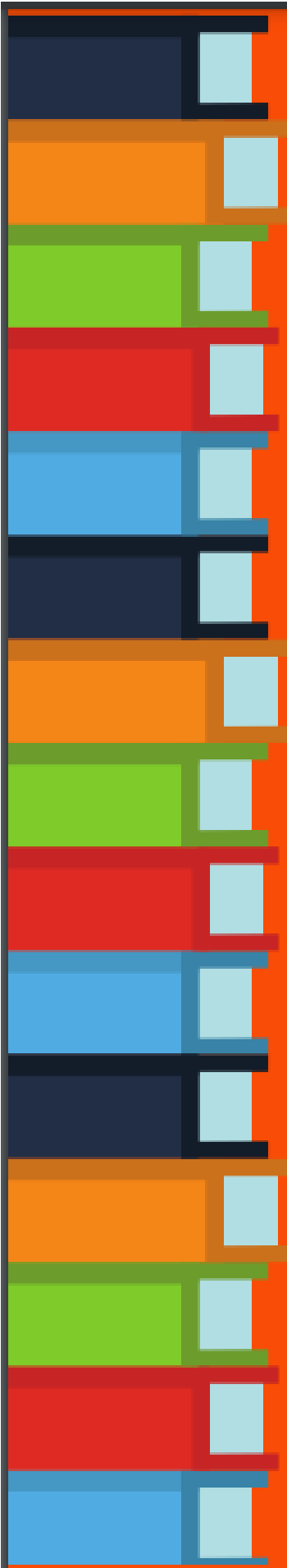
For more information on a taster session for you and your child please contact us for details.

SCPA recommends social distancing and adults wear face coverings. SCPA will provide hand sanitiser for all.



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# FREE ONLINE HOMEWORK CLUB!

- Run by Libraries Plus -

## FOR ANYONE AGED 5-18

Libraries Plus offers free tutoring run by students at the University of Southampton.

Bring along homework or questions that you would like support with!

Our sessions will run between the w/c  
1st of November and the w/c 6th of  
December:

Zoom (Online) - Wednesday 4-6pm  
Portwood Library - Saturday 11am-1pm  
Central Library - Saturday 1-3pm

To book a session, follow  
the link below or scan the  
QR code!

<https://qrco.de/LPsignup>

