



Shirley Schools



Weekly Communication

Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

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.

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

February

Fri 11th FOSIS Year 1 Cake Sale
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
 Thursday 3rd Year 1 Manor Farm Trip
 Thursday 3rd FOSIS World Book Day Sale

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

Thursday 10th Parent Forum
 Thursday 17th Year 1 Victorian Dress Up Day

Shirley Junior School

February

Friday 4th PTA Quiz
 Monday 7th Year 5 Minstead Residential Group A
 Wednesday 9th Year 5 Minstead Residential Group B
 Wednesday 9th Year 5 Tundra Wolf Swimming Lesson
 Tuesday 15th Year 3 Egyptian Banquet - Dress up
 Wednesday 16th Tundra Wolf Swimming
 Friday 18th Year 5 Climate Summit Dress up Day - Smart / professional

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March

Wednesday 2nd Arctic Lynx Swimming
 Thursday 3rd World Book Day - Optional dress up day - Letter to follow
 Thursday 3rd PTA World Book Day Sale
 Wednesday 9th Arctic Lynx Swimming
 Wednesday 16th Arctic Lynx Swimming
 Friday 18th PTA Silent Disco

Coming soon

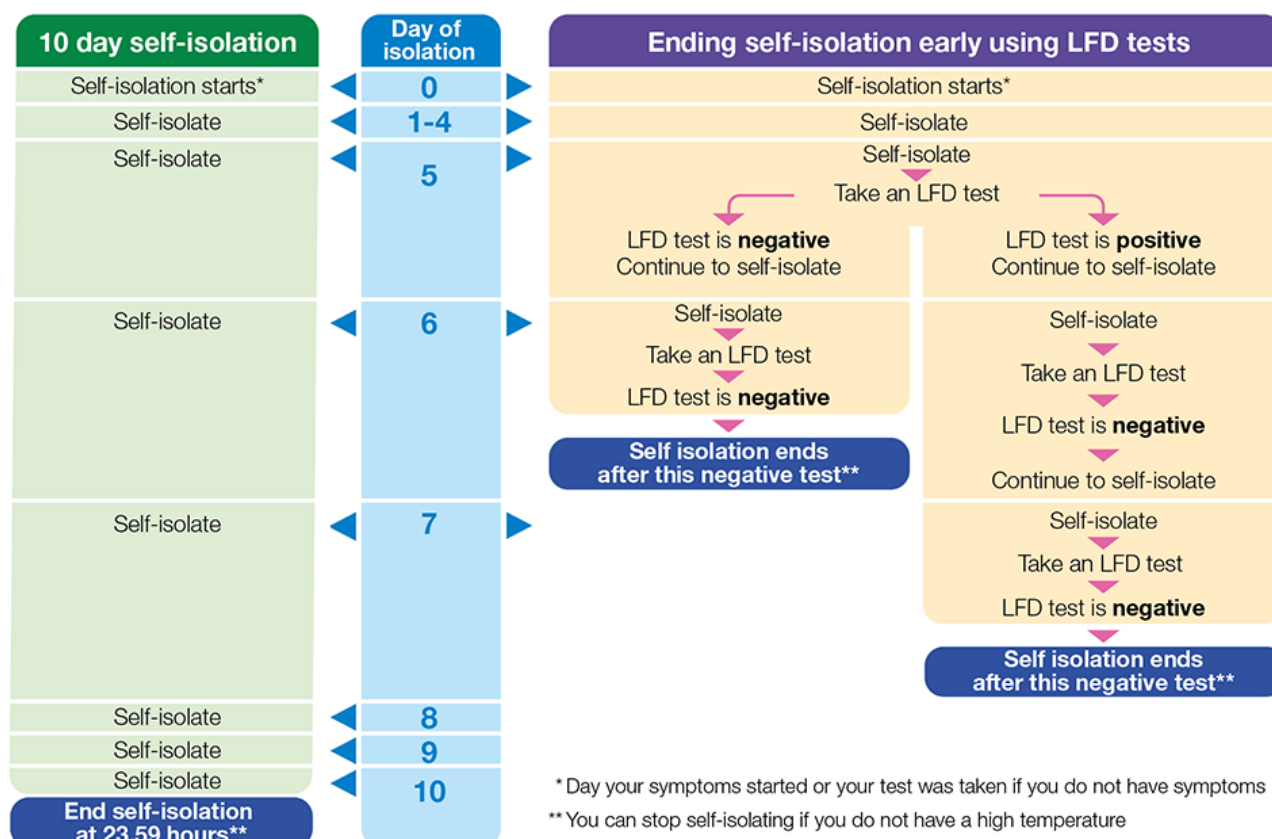
- ◇ Information on Spring 2 Parents Evening
- ◇ Further information on World Book Day

COVID Update Box

Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result for a minimum of 6 days, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed.

If your child has symptoms, please provide evidence of the PCR booking and tests result to the office via email. Children may return to school if PCR is negative.

Examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result



Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms.

If your children test positive on an LFT and have no symptoms they must isolate for at least 6 days

From 11 January in England, people who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to **self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.**

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. **For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.**

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest under this new approach, anyone who receives a positive LFD test result should [report their result on GOV.UK](#) and must self-isolate immediately but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

Safeguarding

We would like to inform you that we have a new PCSO for our community :-

PCSO Aggie Huber

You may see her around the community, she would love for you to say hello.

Infants

Pokemon & YoYo Cards

As you are aware the trading of Pokemon cards is permitted on Fridays, the children can also trade YoYo Bear Cards on this day as well if they wish.

Both Schools - Collections at end of a school day

Please ensure you notify us if for any reason someone different from normal will be picking up your child from school.

If staff are unaware of this change your child will be held in class until we can confirm with you directly the change to collection.

Please email the school office or send a note in with your child to the Class Teacher the morning of the change.

Both Schools - Extra layers reminder

Please remember that your child can wear extra layers / thermal clothing under their school uniform during this cold spell and whilst doors and windows are open for ventilation.

YEAR 3 'LET IT SHINE'

For our new 'Let it Shine' project, Year 3 are going to be making torches after half term.

For this, we would really appreciate any cardboard or plastic bottles to be donated to us after half term. For example: cereal boxes, amazon boxes, circular tubes, large milk bottles, tin foil, foil containers. Thank you for your continued support.

Juniors

Children's Mental Health Week (7th – 13th February) Theme: Growing Together

At SJS, we believe that children's emotional wellbeing is just as important as their physical health. Good mental health helps them develop the resilience to cope with whatever life throws at them and grow into well-rounded, healthy adults.

This year, during Mental Health Week during Year group assemblies, we will consider ways to help each other grow. This is often a gradual process that happens over time and sometimes we might feel a bit stuck. Therefore, we will explore some coping mechanisms that may help the children when they are experiencing a difficulty related to this.

Although having special days or weeks to raise awareness of these situations, our PSHE curriculum and further assemblies throughout the year deliver opportunities for mental health to be addressed in more depth. Having good mental health is about feeling positive about ourselves and others, being able to form good relationships and having resilience to overcome challenges. These are attributes that we wholeheartedly acknowledge through and our SJS Core Values of compassion, integrity, resilience and courage) alongside the children's independent personal skills: to care; to reflect; to collaborate; to aspire; to preserve and to be curious.

Further parent/carers support can be accessed at:

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/

FOSIS/PTFA

INFANT CAKE SALE - Friday 11 February (after school) 2022



Year 1 parents, we need:

Donations (baked or bought)

Volunteers on the day to help sell the cakes

Everyone:

Bring pennies (we will also accept card payments!) for your children to spend!

Bring a Tupperware box on the day to carry their purchases!

All proceeds go to FOSIS

DID YOU KNOW ...



Are you a local tradesperson wanting to promote to new customers? Maybe you run a local sports team and are looking for new members? Why not join our SIS/SJS business page on Facebook and advertise FOR FREE to hundreds of local parents and families?

Maybe you have a list of jobs that you never get round to doing or you want to find a local team for your little football fan, why not use our Facebook page and SHOP and SUPPORT local business?

Simply [click here](#) to join our SIS/SJS business page on Facebook and away you go!

DON'T FORGET ...



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>



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 Easyfundraising, 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

Do you know someone who is looking to start a career in construction?

Have you heard about Skills Bootcamps in construction?

Learners sign up and join our **FREE 6 or 12 week training course**, gaining a sound understanding of the construction industry and built environment.

Training can be accessed either physically by attending a classroom based course or virtually online. Boost job prospects with our free construction courses and qualifications. Fast-track to an interview with a local employer.

Register your interest today

This course is free for anyone aged 19 plus, unemployed, employed or self-employed looking to develop skills or change career.

For more information on this course, or any of the other qualifications we offer, please get in touch with us! We'd love to hear from you.

SkillsBootcamps@LearningCurveGroup.co.uk



We are Casting Junior Researcher at Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down.

We are delighted to say, that we have recently opened applications for the 8th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

We are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old**. Filming would take place from July 2022, but our **applications close on Sunday 13th March 2022**.

Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk