



Shirley Infant School Weekly Communications

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Friday 18th October 2024

Head Teacher Message

Dear families,

We are excited to share with you that Shirley Infant School has signed up to take part in the Southampton Reading Charter. This is a pledge to enable all children within our school to have access to a high-quality reading education. We place a great importance on reading and across this year we will be working on achieving our bronze award. The staff at our school, led by Laura Watts, our reading lead, are committed to building a reading for pleasure culture and ensuring that all children can read fluently and confidently, enabling them to access their future education and take enjoyment from reading. We look forward to sharing more with you soon about our progress towards achieving The Southampton Reading Charter Bronze Award.



Messages:

Reading book reminder

Please can we ask for your little one to have their reading book and diary in their book bag each day. It is important that we can support them reading this book at school and at home to help build fluency.



Lost Property

As we are getting close to the end of term, please can we remind all parents to check the lost property for any missing uniform items. Any clothing that is not collected by Thursday 24th October will be recycled.



Park run 2

Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who took part this week. We welcomed one newcomer. Well done to Ruth who ran an impressive 6 laps. Remember you can walk, skip or run and it's lots of fun. Next week will be the last one before half term. I hope to see lots of you next week.

Coming up in your year group...

Year R



Thursday 24th October – Celebration Event – see the children's clay dinosaurs and their wonderful DT project that they have been working on.

We are working on your children's fine motor development. This is a really, helpful video with activities that you can do to help your little one develop their muscles.

[Shining Stars | Immediately learn to write](#) ❌❌ [Motor warm-up smoothly first](#) ✔✔✔ [Follow @the_shining_star_speech #preschool... | Instagram](#)

Year 1



Wednesday 23rd October – Celebration Event – The children will be sharing their writing from this half term, including their Three Little Pigs story.

Tuesday 5th November - Zoolab – In school, no action required

Thank you to all who were able to attend our recent virtual Year 1 Curriculum workshop. The presentation slides and recording are now available to view on the school website.

Year 2

Shirley Junior School Open Morning and Afternoon

Open Morning Tuesday 5th November – 11am to 12pm

Open Afternoon Thursday 7th November – 2 to 3pm

Weekly Attendance Whole School Attendance – 96.5%



99.3%	98.7%	96.9%	97.2%	97.5%	96.4%	96.4%	96.5%	96.9%
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If your child is not in school, we miss them greatly and will call to see how they are.

The school's Designated Safeguarding Leads are:
DSL: Mrs C Gregory
Deputy DSL: Mrs L Watts

Community Messages...

Light Up Drama – Half Term Workshop

Dare to make your spookiest nightmares come alive with Light UP youth theatre this October! Work alongside theatre professionals to devise, direct, and perform your own horror story. This workshop for 7-14's will include:

Playing fun games

Creating characters

Directing and devising an original story

Making props

Performing to family and friends in a studio theatre!

The workshop will be held at Maskers Theatre Company, a professional theatre venue. After a day of creating and rehearsing, you will perform to family and friends with full stage lights, sound, plus costume and prop items.

To learn more and book, visit: [WHAT'S ON | Light UP](https://www.lightupdrama.org.uk)
([lightupdrama.org.uk](https://www.lightupdrama.org.uk)) Should you have any questions, please email the team at info@lightupdrama.org.uk

2025/2026 Cohort Year R Open Mornings

We are holding open days for families that have a child starting in year R in September 2025.

Saturday 12 October 2024 11:00am and 12:00pm.

Tuesday 15 October 2024 9:15am and 11:00am.

Wednesday 8 January 2025 9:15am

book on to one of the sessions please click on the link below or visit the school website for more information. Please feel free to share this information with anyone you know who has a child due to start school in September 2025.

[Open Days for 2025 Year R Admissions - Shirley Infant School](#)

Infant School Choir

SHIRLEY INFANT SCHOOL CHOIR



Our school choir takes place on Friday lunchtimes and is open to all children in Years 1 and 2. Children are collected by Mrs. Clark from the playground after they have had their lunch. We rehearse songs for a number of concerts that take place throughout the year both in school and at events across the city.

We encourage all children to try choir if they want to. There is no obligation for them to continue coming, once they have tried a session. However, if we are preparing for a concert we do like children to attend all choir rehearsals to ensure that they are familiar with the songs and routines. Look out for song words and soundtracks on the school website in the 'parents' section.

Exclusive Uniform Discount

Code = UNIFORM10
Expires 20/12/2024



Hello there,

Thank you for your continued support! We wanted to let you know about a great promo we're running that your parents might love. By using the code UNIFORM10, they can enjoy a 10% discount on all uniform orders from MyClothing until the end of the year.

Could you help spread the word? Is our link already on your website, and could you share details about MyClothing in your school newsletter? We'd be happy to assist with any materials or info you might need to make it easier for parents to buy their school uniforms.

We'll be sending you an email tomorrow with further details about the offer. Please take the opportunity to forward it on to your parents, so they can enjoy the discount!

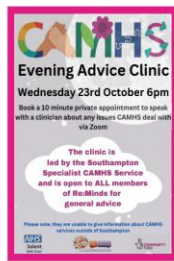
Please feel free to [reach out](#) if there's anything we can do to help.

Best regards,
MyClothing Team

0800 059 0594
support@myclothing.com

Re:Minds Workshop

Next week at **Re:Minds...**
21st - 25th October 2024



Please email info@reiminds.org.uk to book your space at one of the clinics or see the 'Events' section on Facebook for the booking form. You will have at least 15 minutes in a private session, held virtually via Zoom.



with thanks to Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Community Messages...



Halloween at Tudor House – Southampton

Thursday 31st October 2024 10am - 5pm

Join us for the Spooktacular Halloween Family Day!

Enjoy FREE admission to the most haunted house in Southampton and take part in loads of spooky and fun family activities throughout the day, including creepy crafts, gruesome games and a haunting trail!

[Book a spooky ghost tour](#) (Recommended for children age 6+) Join one of our ghost hunters to discover the spooky stories of Tudor House as you creep up into the dark attic and down into the dingy cellars. * Charges apply for some activities.

<https://tudorhouseandgarden.com/>
[Thursday 31 October 2024 10am - 5pm](#)

Sea City Museum – Southampton – October Half Term Activities

It's never too early to start planning fun activities for the spookiest time of the year! Pick from a range of our Halloween themed activities for all ages! There'll be lots of fun things to do, including creepy crafts, gruesome ghosts and even some magical wizardry!

Activities include:

Mon 28 Oct to Fri 1 Nov – [Culture Club for Kids October Half Term](#)

Mon 28 Oct to Tue 29 Oct – [October Art School \(7 – 13yrs\)](#)

Mon 28 Oct – [Wizard School \(6yrs+\)](#)

Tue 29 Oct – [Wizard School \(6yrs+\)](#)

Wed 30 Oct – [Art for All: Spooky Fruit Press Printing \(6yrs+\)](#)

Wed 30 Oct – [Tour for All: Scary and Spooky Southampton Walking Tour](#)

Thu 31 Oct to Fri 1 Nov – [Art For All: Clay Pumpkins \(5yrs+\)](#)

MHST Newsletter – Autumn 2024

Please see the attached.

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