



Shirley Schools



Weekly Communication

Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year, hope you all had a peaceful Christmas break

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- Year R Curriculum Letter
- Year 1 Curriculum Letter
- Year 2 Curriculum Letter
- Year 1 Home Learning

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

January

Tuesday 11th	FOSIS Bags2School
Wednesday 12th	Year 1 Fire Visit—No donations Required
Thursday 20th	Burgers & Dogs special Menu
Friday 28th	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
Monday 31st	INSET DAY - School closed to Pupils

February

Fri 11th	FOSIS Year 1 Cake Sale
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Shirley Junior School

January

Tuesday 11th	PTA Bags2School
Wednesday 12th	Year 5 Tundra Wolf Swimming Lesson
Wednesday 19th	Year 5 Tundra Wolf Swimming Lesson
Thursday 20th	Burgers & Dogs special Menu
Wednesday 26th	Year 5 Tundra Wolf Swimming Lesson
Friday 28th	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
Monday 31st	INSET DAY - School closed to Pupils
February	
Wednesday 2nd	Year 5 Tundra Wolf Swimming Lesson
Monday 7th	Year 5 Minstead Residential Group A
Wednesday 9th	Year 5 Minstead Residential Group B
Wednesday 9th	Year 5 Tundra Wolf Swimming

Data collection Sheets

Your child will be coming home with a Data Collection Sheet today, can you please check and make any amendments if needed and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Many thanks

FACE COVERINGS

We politely request that we all return to wearing face masks at drop off and pick up times in both schools.

We know wearing a face mask outside is not compulsory but we would like to protect our community.

Thank you for your understanding.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR ROAD CLOSURE



If you could spare some time to help with the morning road closure to keep our children safe on Wilton Road between 8.35am - 9am. Please just attend during these times.

Year 5 Virtual Minstead Parents Information Evening

If you missing this meeting for any reason, there will be a video on the Year 5 Curriculum page of the school website.



BURGERS & DOGS

20/01/22

Tasty Mains
Beef Burger
OR
Cheese Burger
Veggie Hotdog

Scrummy Sides
Chips
Sweetcorn
Baked Beans

Yummy Desserts
Chocolate Orange Drizzle Cake
With Chocolate Sauce
Or
Strawberry Jelly & Ice Cream

Don't forget, school meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2!
To sign up for this tasty theme day menu, please speak to your school.

On Thursday 20th January we will be having a theme day menu, this will be the only food choice option, no other options available.

Therefore if your child requires a packed lunch they will need to bring this from home.

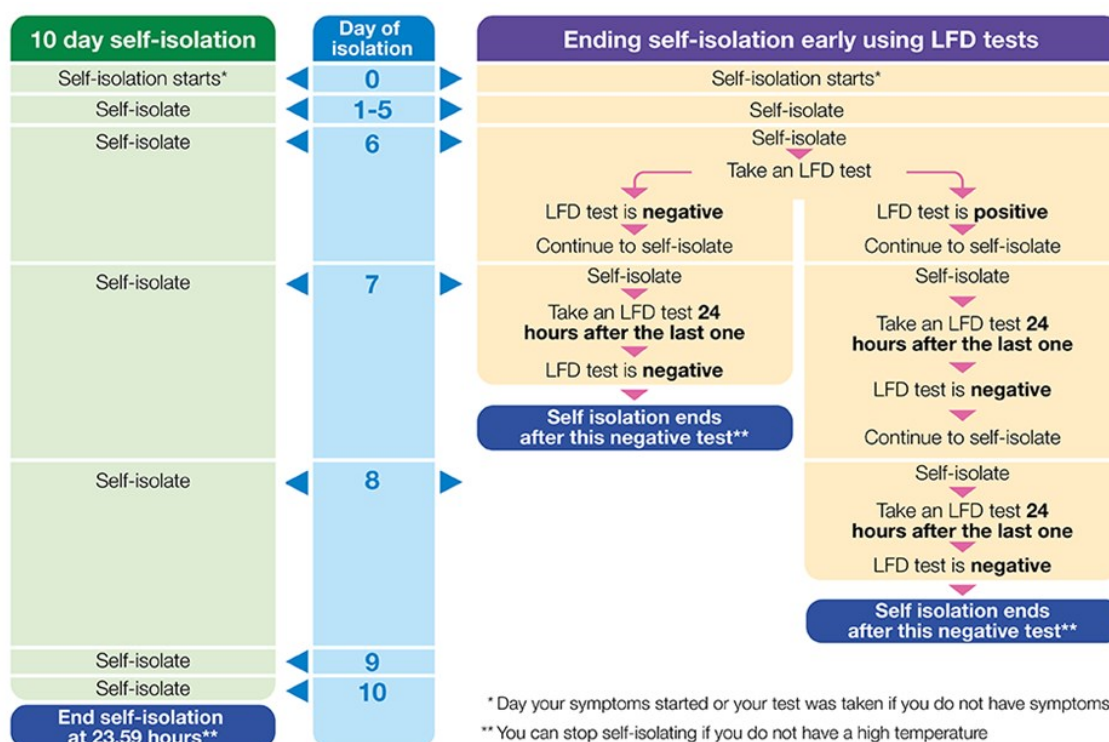
COVID Update Box

Parent COVID Guidance – Jan 2022

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 7 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.**

This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19.

Under this new approach, anyone who receives a positive LFD test result should [report their result on GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) and must self-isolate immediately but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

FOSIS/PTFA



UPCOMING EVENTS...



BAG2SCHOOL – 11 January 2022

What better way to start the new year than with a good clear out of your wardrobe and help raise money for the schools. Simply bag up your old clothes, towels, bed linen and soft toys, and drop off to **1 Branksome Ave** anytime on **10 January** and **no later than 9am on 11 January 2022.**



SAVE THE DATE: QUIZ NIGHT – 4 February 2022 (Juniors only)

The time has come to dust off those thinking caps and assemble your most knowledgeable friends into the winning team for our quiz night on 4 February.

We'll have two separate events, one for Junior school children and one for adults. We're planning for these to be in-person events subject to any Covid restrictions.

We'll share all the details you'll need about the event and how to enter a team shortly!

THANK YOU...

PTFA/ FOSIS ACTIVITIES AUTUMN TERM 2021

Thank you for all your amazing support last term - there were so many fun activities to get involved in and we made over £10,000 to share between both schools in the process!

Thank you!

Colour run £3,300



Halloween trail
£650



Fireworks
£4,000



A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our annual fireworks event! Together we raised over £4,000 to be shared across both schools.



Sponsored by:

**MORGAN
SINDALL**
CONSTRUCTION



Junior cake sale
£185



Junior disco £900



£350



and there's more...including some fun Christmassy things that FOSIS and the PTFA funded

Thank you!

Christmas market

We made £400



Wreath making made £500

Christmas cards



We bought Christmas trees for both schools & funded presents for the children



We funded a virtual panto for juniors and Crazy M for infants



FOSIS provided the Infant carol refreshments



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 Easyfundrasing, sign up here:

[Infants – Friends of Shirley Infants – Southampton](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shirleyinfants2/?q=friends%20of%20shirley&cat=cause-autosuggest)

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shirleyinfants2/?q=friends%20of%20shirley&cat=cause-autosuggest>

[Juniors – Shirley Junior School PTFA – Southampton](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sjsptfa/)

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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 on the school website

Community Information

January Training Courses

We're running 3 training courses in January 2022 for adult learners aged 19 and over who want to gain skills for finding work.

Employability Training

Monday 17, Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 January 2022, 10am-3pm Seminar Room, Central Library, SO14 7LW*

- Learn how to stand out from the crowd in a competitive job market
- Gain the skills to create or update your CV and covering letter
- Find out how to land and impress at a job interview
- Learn new, proactive ways of looking for jobs and tap into the hidden job market

Email Dan to join this course. daniel.stickland@southampton.gov.uk

Introduction to IT for Jobseekers

24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 January 2022, 4pm-7pm Learning Centre, Central Library, SO14 7LW*

- Learn the basics of using a computer
- Understand how to use emails, download and upload attachments
- How to use the internet to maximise your chances of finding a job

Email Dan to join this course. daniel.stickland@southampton.gov.uk

Exploring Confidence

Tuesday 25, Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 January 2022, 10am-3pm Seminar Room, Central Library, SO14 7LW*

This course will break down:

- How our patterns of thought can influence our levels of confidence
- What actions we can take in relation to personal development
- Taking ownership to ensure that a lasting confidence is created
- Using your confidence in relation to work/employment

Email Baz to join this course baz.khan@southampton.gov.uk

***course may be changed to online course depending on COVID-19 restrictions**

Young Adults Employment Hub

The Youth Hub will be closed from 5pm on **Wednesday 22 December 2021**. We will be back at 10am on **Tuesday 4 January 2022** for appointments and drop ins.

T.E.E.M Work Clubs

Our Work Clubs are now closed for Christmas. We will be back on the following dates:

- Bitterne Library: Monday 10 January 2022, 10am-12pm
- Weston Library: Monday 10 January 2022, 1pm-3pm
- Northam Community Centre: Wednesday 12 January 2022, 10am-12pm
- Central Library: Thursday 13 January 2022, 3pm-5pm

For any urgent enquiries during this time, please email us - employment.support.team@southampton.gov.uk

Remember you can visit Access Southampton for advice and guidance at any time.

http://access-southampton.co.uk/?utm_ID&utm_medium=email&utm_name&utm_source=govdelivery

START THE NEW YEAR WITH A WARMER HOME

It's been a tough year for many of us. Our Green Doctors are here to make 2022 a little cosier. Our energy experts are providing free telephone or in person consultations to share advice about saving energy, install energy efficiency measures - such as draft proofing – and help you access grants.

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/greendoctor/>

Get help right up till Christmas

Consultations are available in most regions until Friday 24 December 2021 and begin again in the New Year on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Who is eligible?

Our free impartial advice is available to a wide range of people, including those on a low income, with debt, in poor housing conditions or living with physical or mental health conditions. Many people are finding themselves in energy debt for the first time this year.

Sign up for a consultation today: www.groundwork.org.uk/greendoctor

Only 1 in 10 suspected cases of autism had resulted in an intervention or treatment - NHS



Over the course of several years, diagnoses of autism have been on the increase in the UK.

Based on the number of referrals in the system, there are around 100,000 children and 1,000,000 adults in the UK with autism.

Learning the positive and negative impacts that communication can have on those with autism is vital to providing the best care possible.

Our new free online autism training will help you understand diagnosis, behaviour, needs, and the support available to individuals with autism and their families.

<https://freecoursesautism.co.uk/free-online-autism-training/>

Qualification: [NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Autism](#)

Help support fulfilled and happy lives...

What you will learn

[What's meant by 'autism'](#)

[Person-centred support](#)

[Support networks](#)

[Communication](#)

[Sensory processing](#)

[Positive behaviour](#)

[Fulfilled lives](#)

The UK government-funded training is ideal for [teaching staff](#), [parents](#), [carers](#) or anyone interested in helping to make the world a little more autism-friendly...

Are you struggling to keep up with your bills?

If you're starting the new year struggling with debts, you may be feeling unable to cope. Coupled with the stress of the Christmas season, worrying about not having enough money to pay off your bills in January can be overwhelming.

It's tempting to bury your head in the sand and hope your unopened bills will miraculously go away, but they won't. And ignoring the issue will only make it worse.

The reality is that debt can quickly spiral out of control and affect other areas of your life including your health, relationships and work. So, it's important you face up to the issue this new year and take steps to tackle it.

If you're facing financial difficulties it can be hard to see a way through, but there can be light at the end of the tunnel. Our [Welfare Rights & Money Advice Team](#) is here to offer free [specialist debt advice](#) to help you regain control of your finances.

Which bills to pay first?

Some bills are classed as priorities because the consequences of not paying them are more serious, for example if you don't pay your rent you could end up losing your home. Your priority bills are:

- Rent
- Council Tax
- Gas
- Electric
- Court fines
- TV Licence

If you are struggling to pay these bills it is important that you let them know as soon as possible. They will discuss your options to help you repay your debt.

Maximise your income

Check you are receiving your full benefit entitlement at [Turn2Us](#) and contact [Southampton Environment Centre](#) to see if you're entitled to any grants to help with your energy bills.

Draw up a budget

Working out your personal budget will help you to see how much money is coming into your household and how much is going out. It's a simple way to calculate what you can afford to repay off your debts.

Don't pay for advice

Don't be tempted to contact one of the debt management companies advertised online. Although they offer to consolidate your debts into manageable payments, their help comes at a hefty price. Instead, check out our [free debt advice online](#) to help you manage your debts, or contact our [Welfare Rights & Money Advice Team](#) on 023 8083 2339.

Download or request a copy of our [Dealing with Debt](#) self-help magazine which explains the steps you need to take to sort out your money problems. It also includes sample letters to help you when writing to your creditors.

