



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;

- Blended Learning Update Letter

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.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st February 2021 - Extra INSET DAY—School closed to all pupils

No work will be set or any online lessons due to this Inset Day

Please remember to be considerate of others when lining up in the queue



Please remember to wear a mask where possible unless you have a medical condition which exempts you.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Next week it is Children's Mental Health Week. With schools partially closed and lots of uncertainty, children and young people's mental health has never been more important.

This year's theme is: Express Yourself. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good. For this celebration we are having an off screen afternoon on Wednesday 3rd February.

You will be able to find all the activities for this afternoon on your child's google classroom.

ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Coronavirus (COVID-19): support for parents and carers to keep children safe online

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

Thinkuknow resources for families – 15 minute family activity packs around staying safe online https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=c96a649dde-TUK_GLOBAL_12_11_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-c96a649dde-64897013

NET Aware – NSPCC guide to social media and apps online including advice on security of apps and risks <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

NSPCC and o2 Keeping children safe online support – further links to resources and access to support (including o2 gurus) <https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc> (you do not need to be an NSPCC customer to use the free service)

Internet Matters - Fantastic resources including 'advice by age' and guidance for settings and controls some really great resources for all ages from 0 -18 <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

UK Safer Internet Centre – lots of guidance, support and advice including a free subscription to a Newsletter (at the bottom of home page) <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

READING PLANET

Here are this week's results - Congratulations to Rabbit & Owl Class who have the most logins

3 rd Place	
2 nd Place	 
1 st Place	 

UNIFORM REMINDER

Children in school must wear a new uniform each day to help reduce the risk of transmission,
Thanks

USE OF GOOGLE CLASSROOM TO CONTACT TEACHERS

Please can we ask parents to use the office@shirleyschools.co.uk email address to contact teachers with any concerns they may have about their child in terms of online learning? The Classroom Stream is there for children to converse with their teachers, to ask questions and get feedback. It is not appropriate for parents to use it to communicate with teachers due to safeguarding of the children.

Don't forget to look at our Community Information page also in the letters section for what's happening in Southampton.

<http://www.shirleyinfantschool.org.uk/page/default.asp?pid=82>



FREE ONLINE HOMEWORK CLUB!

- RUN BY LIBRARIES PLUS -

FOR ANYONE AGED 5-18

Libraries Plus is a free homework club run by students at the University of Southampton.

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

Our sessions will run online via Zoom between the w/c 1st of February and the w/c 15th of March.

Our session times are:

Wednesdays, 4-6pm
Saturdays, 11am-1pm

To book a session, follow the link below!

librariesplus.ticketleap.com/librariesplus-homework-club/



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FOSIS

Friday 12th Feb – Pyjama day. Wear your' pyjamas for school or home school. £1 donation to Fosis/PTFA. Paypal money pool here <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8wgyQoj3ev> or cash in envelope through 55 Darlington Gardens or 93 Wilton road.

Coming up....

Fairy doors

World book day competition

Keep up to date with everything going on, on 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>

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. I have thoroughly enjoyed the 2 years I have done this.