

junior Blues

NEWSLETTER – Issue 002 – September 2022

INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone, welcome to our 2nd **Junior Blues** newsletter of the season 2022/23 season! Hopefully you've settled back in for a new year at school and are enjoying your football, coming along and meeting me and the players – love seeing all your photos!

Everyone should have now received their membership card and their free gift (if on the paid “premium” scheme), apart from Season Card Holders. These will be sent as soon as we can.



We've been asked to clarify the discount at Currys for our premium members. The discount of 10% is off any Xbox, PS5, PS4 and Switch games, with 20% off FIFA 23 and **ONLY APPLIES AT THE SOUTHEND STORE**. Please note, that membership cards must be shown to qualify for the discount – and a reminder that this, and all other discounts and offers, only apply to members who have paid the annual membership, not those who are Season Card Holders or members of the Trust's old SJS scheme.

You can join the premium scheme at any time during the season, for just £10 a year. You'll get a fantastic free sign-up gift which is an exclusive Junior Blues scarf at the moment, priority for all Junior Blues events (more of which inside!), a birthday message from your favourite player, the chance to present the Player of the Month award or the Junior Blues Player of the Year award and discounts and offers, including one free away travel with the Shrimpers Trust. There's also a sibling discount new this year, which means you can sign a sibling in the same household up for just £5!

A quick welcome to two strikers on loan, **Aaron Cosgrave** from AFC Wimbledon on a season long loan, and **Marcus Dackers** for a month, from Salford City, and a huge welcome back to former Sheffield United loanee, **Kacper Łopata**, who has now signed a 2-year deal with us with an option for a 3rd.

Don't forget my “Sammy's Wall of Fame” – if you have your photo taken with me at a match then send it in to media@southend-united.co.uk so we can add it to our gallery on the official website.

See you all very soon, Take care
Sammy



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PLAYER OF THE MONTH

We're aware that those who presented Player of the Month awards from the start of this year haven't had the excitement of seeing their photos in our newsletters yet so we're going to give you a little catch up!



Above, top left, **Matt Dennis**, received his award for January, from **Dylan Topliss**, with brother Finlay. Above, top right, **Noor Husin**, received his award for February, from **Ryan Dodd**. Below, bottom left, is **Jack Bridge** receiving his award for March from **Albie Hardy** and, finally, Below, bottom right, is **Steve Arnold** receiving his award for April from **Jake Bolton**.



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The first presentation for this season was made at the Wrexham home game, with midfielder **Cav Miley** being the recipient. His award was presented by brother and sister, **Ollie** and **Matilda Davis**.

EXCLUSIVE MEET THE PLAYERS DAY

Plans are being made for this event, which we usually hold in October half term. We are expecting this event to take place on **Thursday, 27th October at Roots Hall**. Please watch out for news via social media channels.

This is YOUR opportunity to watch a training session and then to get up close and personal with the players, have photos and get autographs. It's always a fun event and a chance to have a laugh with your heroes! Last time out, everyone got to take a penalty against Collin!

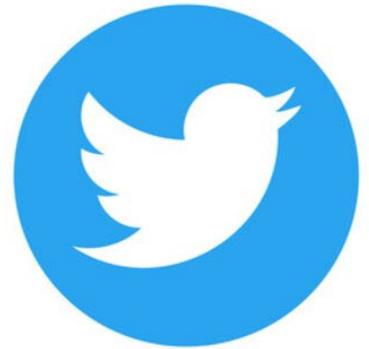


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NEW SOCIAL MEDIA

We've launched new social media for the Junior Blues this season, with dedicated platforms on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

You (or your parents/carers) can find us and give us a follow here:



<https://www.instagram.com/thejuniorblues/?hl=en>

<https://www.facebook.com/thejuniorblues>

<https://twitter.com/JuniorBlues2>

We will be using these channels to give you up to date information from time to time and we share pictures of our flag bearers each game here.

HELP!

We have a number of members signed up that we are missing the dates of birth for so we can't make sure they get their birthday greetings or any messages or cards due.

If you are, or know any of these, please get in touch via juniors@shrimperstrust.co.uk with the correct date of birth:

Max Baker
Charlie Beard
Freddie Grant

Kieran Lowe
Harriet Sheppard
Jake Stone

Violet Clark
Maria Teaca
Adam Smith

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AWAY TRAVEL

Book a place by visiting the Trust website at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/travel.asp.



All bookings now require payment to be made online prior to travel.

For the forthcoming season, **Junior Blues** will once again be entitled to one free travel per season to a league game of their choice, on the official travel coaches organised by the Shrimpers Trust, as long as they are with an accompanying adult and travel for the fantastic bargain price of just £10 at other times!

***All under 18s must be accompanied.**

A full set of Away Travel Terms and Conditions can be found at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk



DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE
Saturday, 8th October 2022
Adult, Student & OAP members - £10
Non-members - £15
Junior Blues/Under 16s - £10

ROOTS HALL	09:30
THE ELMS	09:40
HADLEIGH CHURCH	09:45
TARPOTS CORNER	09:55
THE WATERMILL	10:10
FORTUNE OF WAR	10:15



MAIDSTONE UNITED
Tuesday, 25th October 2022
Adult, Student & OAP members - £10
Non-members - £15
Junior Blues/Under 16s - £10

ROOTS HALL	15:30
THE ELMS	15:40
HADLEIGH CHURCH	15:45
TARPOTS CORNER	15:55
THE WATERMILL	16:10
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TOP TRAVELLER

Every year we run a competition for the Junior Blues to see who travels the furthest with the Shrimpers Trust, with an exclusive prize at the end of the season for the one with the highest miles tally.

A league table of the top 5 travellers will be published in newsletters. This will be available in our next newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS

BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR JUNIOR BLUES WHO HAVE HAD BIRTHDAYS IN JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

16 – Harvey Bexon; Oliver Blogg; Reuben Boxcer; Isaac Burgess; Jack Buttifant; Ivan Collier-Smith; Archie Hardy; Oliver Holiday; Matthew Huggins; Ryan Long; George McAlister; Jack Nubbert; Mark Petchey; Olivia Posnack; Jamie Powell; James Russell; Dylan Smith & Tommy Woodcock

15 – Finlay Barney; Josh Graham; Emma Humphrey; Charlie Larn; Daniel Rodriguez; Alfie Thomas & Ryan Twidell

14 – Harrison Bessant; Jake Bond; Louis Campbell; Jack Cook; Ellis Cross; Ollie Davis; Harrison Doherty; Joey Smith & Chloe Wilkins

13 – Freddie Blackburn; Lewis Buffin; Ben Fentiman; Ryan Frood; Oliver Jeeves; Lily Jones; Nathan Jones; Isobelle Manning; Jack Manning; Daniel McKenna; Henry Mills & Charley Stephenson

12 – Thomas Holman; Fynn Parks; Fred Traylor & Will Verner

11 – Lexi Clarke; Lewis Hague & James Phillips

9 – Asa Keane; Laura Walton & Ruby Yates

8 – Jack Bird; Kaitlin Brooks; Joseph Bushell; Finley George; Edee Hawker & Beau Lambert

7 – Jack Davies & Oliver Rix

6 – Harley Hill

4 – Harry Blenes and, finally, Freddie Wood, who is 1

