

Junior Blues

NEWSLETTER – Issue 003 – February 2023

INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone,

Welcome to your first newsletter of 2023!

We hope you had a great Christmas – seems ages ago now! – and that those of you who came along, enjoyed the Christmas Party at Kingpins in Southend.

You may be aware of some unsettling stuff at the football club at the moment with protests and some angry voices, and that some of the adults you come along with are stressing about what's going on with our beloved SUFC. I wish I could give you some reassurance, but at the moment we are all just having to hope that the Chairman can get things sorted out.

All I can say is that the management team are doing a fantastic job and the players need your support now more than ever so get behind our boys whenever you can and give them loads of cheers!

We hope to bring you news next month of an Easter event so please ask your grown-ups to keep an eye on our social media, if you can't do so yourself.

We will also very soon be putting all our old stock of **Junior Blues** merchandise on sale via the Shrimpers Trust website, this will all be at bargain prices so keep an eye out for this too! Everything we sell here helps with making sure you guys get the best value possible out of being in the Junior Blues, so if you want a money box, lunch bag, pop socket or some bam bams, do let your grown-ups know!

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.

Hope you have all had a fab half term,
Take care
Sammy



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PLAYER OF THE MONTH



The Player of the Month award for October was won by Kacper Lopata. He was presented with his award by Junior Blues member, [Charlie MacDonald](#).

The Player of the Month awards for November and December were both won by Jack Bridge. Here's [Junior Blues](#) member [Noah Locke](#) presenting him with his 1st award below, on the left, and [Junior Blues](#) member [Alfie Smith](#) presenting the 2nd award on the right. Can Jack make it three in a row?



JUNIOR BLUES GOODIES SALE

We're pleased to offer you the chance to buy some of our former join up gifts that we still have some stock of. These can be bought via the Shrimpers Trust shop on the Trust website using the following link <http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/shop.asp?catid=1> or from the Shrimpers Bar, by ordering in advance for collection.



Money box – a blue (what else would you expect?!) piggy bank ideal for saving towards that Southend United merchandise you really to buy yourself!

Priced at just £2.00 plus packing & postage.

Lunch bag – a cool navy lunch bag with cool insulated lining, perfect for school or days out.

Priced at just £3.00 plus packing & postage.



Battle cards – Top Trumps Southend United styleeee!

Priced at just £1.00 plus packing & postage.

Pop Socket – perfect for putting on your mobile phone.

Priced at just £1.00 plus packing & postage.



Bam-bams – great for making some noise at matches!

Priced at just £1.00 plus packing & postage.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2022



We hope those of you who came along had a great time at the Christmas Party! The players who came certainly did and it was fab to see so many photos after the event being shared on social media. Huge thanks to Gary Williams from the Shrimpers Trust, and Rylee and April from SUFC for their help on the day.



AWAY TRAVEL



Book a place by visiting the Trust website at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/travel.asp or call **Lesley Hicks** on 07892 905338. Online bookings now require payment to be made at the time of booking.

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

Next matches:



TORQUAY
Saturday, 25th February 2023
Adult, Student & OAP members - £30
Non-members - £35
Junior Blues/Under 18s - £10





WREXHAM
Saturday, 11th March 2023
Adult, Student & OAP members - £30
Non-members - £35
Junior Blues/Under 18s - £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.

The top three travellers are as follows:

1st place – Joey Smith – 148 miles

2nd place – Evie-Mae Oliver – 106 miles

3rd place – Harry Blenes – 60 miles

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, it's where information can be found quickly about events, flag bearers etc:



<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.

BIRTHDAYS

SENDING BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR JUNIOR BLUES WHO HAVE HAD BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY & WHO HAVE THEM IN FEBRUARY

16 – Daniel Finn; Jack Goodier; Aaron Harris; Jake Lepage; Tyler Scyfang;
India Smith; Isaac Waters & Bobby Whitehead

15 – Noah Hammond; Isabelle Jarentowski; Alan Kirkland; Ellis Lowe; Liam
Radley; William Stearman & Ben Wing

14 – Jack Hilson & Oliver Redgrave

13 – Erin Radley; Oliver Soussana; Luke Tiller; Ethan Williams & Jake Williams

12 – Arben Gjolena; Grace Murdoch; Alfie Smith & Ryan Yates

11 – Jacob Clarke

9 – Alfred Hutchins & Hayden Roche

8 – Teddy Baker

