

SHOTTERMILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Newsletter

No. 9



YOUNG VOICES

What an incredible day out we had last Thursday at the o2 Arena in London with our huge party of 225 children and adults – we were the largest school in attendance by a long way! The children were impeccably behaved and a real credit to us all. We sang and danced all day, watched incredible performances and felt a huge sense of achievement after all of the hard work learning the complicated songs and dance routines. The children who remained in school also had a terrific day with art, computing and sporting activities. We would like to thank all of the adults involved (particularly the parent volunteers) and we look forward to many special events like this in the future at Shottermill Juniors.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

As you know, plans are underway to refurbish our school library. We have already invested a considerable amount of time and money in updating our current stock of books to ensure children have access to high quality reading material even before the refurbishment has started. The children are now regularly accessing the library again and can borrow books using our computerised self-issue system.

We have taken on board parental feedback from the Curriculum Information Sessions at the start of the year, to create a recommended reading list for Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6, which includes more contemporary, high quality authors that parents can encourage children to read books from. We also encourage children to make their own recommendations and very soon, children will be starting a **home school reading challenge**. Watch this space!

The school encourages children to use the public library facilities too – especially during the holiday periods. Click on the following link for further information on Surrey resources and reading ideas. <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/libraries>

END OF THE DAY COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Recently we have had a few occasions where children have been unsure about who should be collecting them at the end of the day. In the interests of keeping all children safe and ensuring they always go with the correct adults, please email the School Office in advance if there are any changes to who will be collecting them.

CAR PARKING

Further to our previous message in our newsletter number 7, we continue to receive concerns from parents and neighbours highlighting that some adults are not parking and/or driving responsibly. Wherever possible please choose the healthy option and walk your child to school instead of driving. If you do drive to school, please ensure you are considerate to our children and neighbours. The safety of our children must be a priority. Thank you for help and co-operation.

#FIT WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY

We are creating a PE display in school and we would like to see if we can get all of our children to contribute! Please send your child into school with a good quality photo of them taking part in any exercise or sports with friends and family. This will be added to our #FitWithFriends&Family display in the Year 4 corridor. Please ensure the child's name is on the back to help us return photographs at the end.

NEW COMMUNITY CHOIR AT HASLEMERE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Haslewey Community Centre are starting a new Community Choir on Wednesdays from 7.30pm – 9.00pm, commencing 24th February. It is very much a community choir with no auditions or previous experience needed. For more information or to book a place, please email haslemerecommunitychoir@gmail.com

MESSAGE FROM WOOLMER HILL

The Friends of Woolmer Hill's annual Quiz Night will be on 26th February. This is a great evening of silly questions, daft activities and lots to fun. Everyone is welcome. You can enter teams of up to 8 people or opt to be teamed up with others. Tickets are £5 and are available from Sheila Johnston or Kirstie Hockham.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR REQUIRED

We are currently looking to recruit a Lunchtime Supervisor to help with supervision at lunchtimes and to run play based activities with the children. If you are interested in applying, please contact Mrs Glasspool in the School Office.

Key Dates for the Spring and Summer Terms 2016:

February 2016	
Friday 5 th February	INSET - School will be closed to children on this day (joint with Shottermill Infant School)
Thursday 11 th February	Year 5 Assembly 2.15pm – 2.45pm
Thursday 11 th February	PTFA Valentines Disco
Friday 12 th February	Children break up for half term
Half Term	Ski trip – as organised by PTFA
Monday 22 nd February	First day back for the second half of the spring term
Wednesday 24 th February	Year 5 Visit to Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium
Friday 26 th February	PTFA Year 4 Cake Sale
March 2016	
Thursday 3 rd March	Year 4 Fishbourne Roman Palace
Thursday 3 rd March	E-Safety Information Evening for parents of both Shottermill Infant and Junior schools – to be held in the hall at the Junior Site
Thursday 3 rd March	Year 3 Assembly 2.15pm - 2.45pm
Thursday 10 th March	Year 6 Assembly 2.15pm - 2.45pm
Monday 14 th March	Parents Consultation Evening
Tuesday 15 th March	Parents Consultation Evening
Thursday 17 th March	Year 4 Assembly 2.15pm – 2.45pm
Friday 18 th March	PTFA Year 5 Cake Sale
Friday 18 th March	MUFTI Day – donations of Chocolate for Easter Tombola
Monday 21 st – Wednesday 23 rd March	Year 5 Bikeability Level 1
Thursday 24 th March	Last day of the spring term 3:10pm PTFA Easter Chocolate Tombola sale
April 2016	
Monday 11 th April	First day of the summer term
Friday 29 th April	PTFA Year 6 Cake Sale
May 2016	
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday – School will be closed to children on this day
Monday 9 th May	SATS week for pupils in Year 6
Friday 27 th May	Children break up for half term
June 2016	
Monday 6 th June	First day back for the second half of the summer term