

SHOTTERMILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Newsletter

No. 5



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK!

Today, we are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Hannah Clements, who has been working as a Learning Support Assistant in Year 6 over the past year. Mrs Clements is a wonderfully kind, patient and supportive member of our team and we shall all miss her very much. We wish her all the very best for the future.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Today, children brought in a range of teddies, mascots and cuddly toys in exchange for a donation to Children In Need.

PARENT GOVERNOR

We are very pleased to inform you that Simon Newland, father of Esme Newland in Year 4, has been appointed as Parent Governor. Information about all of our Governors and their committee membership and attendance at meetings is available on the school website.

SAFETY AT SCHOOL ENTRANCE

We are delighted with the resurfacing at the entrance to the school and our Head Boy and Head Girl have written to thank Councillor Nikki Barton, who helped to facilitate this project. However, we have again been made aware of parents parking and driving inconsiderately when collecting or dropping off their children. To ensure everyone's safety, we advise that wherever possible, you walk your child to school. If you do need to park a car, please avoid doing so near the entrance, which gets particularly congested. Please park responsibly and safely, to ensure the safety of all pedestrians.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Most recently, we have found that children have not been collected promptly following after school clubs. Most of our school run clubs finish at 4.15pm and parents are advised separately of the finish time of clubs run by outside agencies.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please remember that Monday 16th November is the last day to donate a Shoe Box the Samaritans Shoe Box Appeal. Thank you to all those children who have already brought in a box for this charity.

SICKNESS

Please remember that if your child has been sick or had a tummy bug, they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode of illness. Most cases of vomiting get better without treatment but if symptoms persist, please consult a doctor and keep us informed of any absence from school.

PTFA – CHRISTMAS FAIR

As the Christmas fair draws ever closer, we would like to say thank you to our fantastic PTFA who are organising what is set to be the best Christmas Fair Shottermill Juniors have ever seen! Very soon, your child will bring home **a cup to decorate and fill with sweets**, please leave these in the main entrance.

Please also be aware of two MUFTI days, where children can come in their home clothes in return for donations towards various stalls, as shown below. (We respectfully ask that edible donations are 'in date' so we can use them)

MUFTI DAY 27th NOVEMBER

YEARS 3 & 4 – please bring in high-quality sweets and chocolates for the chocolate tombola

YEAR 5 – please bring in a luxury hamper item (further information is available from the PTFA class reps)

YEAR 6 – please bring in either mulled wine, bottled beer, cans of soft drinks or small bottles of water

MUFTI DAY 4th DECEMBER (Children can come in Christmas themed outfits if they wish!)

ALL YEAR GROUPS – please bring in homemade cakes (nut free) or chocolate for the tombola

Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2015 & Spring Term 2016:

November	
(New date) Thursday 19th November	NSPCC assembly and workshops for Year 5 and 6
Friday 20 th November	3:10pm Year 5 PTFA Cake Sale
Tuesday 24 th November	Full Governing Body meeting 6.30 pm (<i>Please inform Verina Gibson, Clerk to the Governors if you wish to attend</i>)
Thursday 26 th November	2:15pm Year 4C Class Assembly to parents and guardians
Friday 27 th November	PTFA MUFTI day for the Christmas Fair (please see donations list)
Monday 30 th November	1.30pm Special Guitar Assembly for invited guests only
December	
Tuesday 1 st December	Parents Consultation Evening
Wednesday 2 nd December	Parents Consultation Evening
Thursday 3 rd December	Stone Age workshop Year 4
Thursday 3 rd December	2:15pm Year 5 Class Assembly to parents and guardians
Friday 4 th December	PTFA MUFTI day for the Christmas Fair (please see donations list)
Friday 11 th December	3:10pm Year 6 PTFA Cake Sale
Wednesday 16 th December	School Christmas lunch
Wednesday 16th December	PTFA Christmas Movie Night
Thursday 17th December	PTFA Christmas Movie Night (please note the change of date)
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Carol Service at St Stephen's Church
Friday 18 th December	3:10pm End of term
January 2016	
Tuesday 5 th January	First day of the spring term
Thursday 28 th January	Young Voices trip to the O2 Arena London
Friday 29 th January	INSET Day – School will be closed to children on this day
February 2016	
Friday 5 th February	INSET (joint with Shottermill Infant School)
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
March 2016	
Thursday 24 th March	Last day of the spring term
April 2016	
Monday 11 th April	First day of the summer term