

SHOTTERMILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Newsletter

No. 7



This is the last newsletter of the term and it is hard to believe that Christmas is nearly upon us with this being the final week of term. It has been very busy in school these past few weeks and we would like to thank you all for your continued support, especially with volunteering to help with ECAs, on school trips, listening to children read and being positive about new ideas and initiatives we continue to try to ensure the children at Shottermill always receive the best quality education possible.

On behalf of all the staff and Governors, we hope you all enjoy a lovely break with your families and friends and we would like to wish you all the very best for 2016. The last day of the autumn term is Friday 18th December and the first day of the spring term is Tuesday 5th January.

PTFA CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone for their generosity with donations for our recent Christmas Fair and to the PTFA for organising such an excellent event. Although we are still waiting to hear the final amount that was raised, we believe we have secured just over **£4000** profit which is outstanding! This means that together with the Quiz Night and this week's Christmas Movie Night, we are well over half way towards raising our target of £10,000 this academic year! Well done to all involved - the next PTFA Meeting is scheduled for 14th January at 7:00pm in our Dance Studio.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

A special thank you to Mrs Luckett, Mrs Welland and Mrs Duke for a fantastic Christmas dinner, this is a very special occasion which brings the whole school together. The table decorations were once again wonderful this year and we will be awarding prizes to the winners in each year group in this Friday's assembly.

Bag2school

The Eco-Council were delighted with the huge quantity of unwanted clothes and items that were donated to the Bag2school initiative, which seeks to deliver recycled textiles to countries in Eastern and Western Europe, Africa and Asia. We very quickly received a cheque for £125.00 for our efforts and the Eco-Council has been given the responsibility for spending this money on further Eco-friendly ideas in school.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

The cost of school meals is **£2.15** a day and we request that parents or guardians pay in advance using the on-line system. Please inform the office if your child wishes to change from, or to school meals in the spring term. The cost of school dinners from Tuesday 5th January until Friday 12th February is £55.90

CLUBS

All after school clubs have finished for this term. School run clubs will recommence week beginning **Monday 11th January** and will continue until **Friday 18th March**. School run clubs will not take place during Parents' Consultation week. Information about spring term clubs will be sent home during the first week of the spring term.

EASY FUNDRAISING

We would be very grateful if parents, friends or family members who shop online would support our **Easyfundraising** page, especially in the lead up to Christmas. If you already shop online with retailers such as Amazon, M&S, Argos, John Lewis, Comet, eBay, Boden and Play.com (to name just a few of the 2,000 retailers involved with Easyfundraising) then we would be really grateful if you would register with Easyfundraising to raise money, without any cost to yourself for our school.

Registering is very easy to do, just follow the link below and search for Shottermill Junior School PTFA and click to donate to us before you purchase anything online. A large number of companies are linked to the website and it could generate a tidy sum with very little effort!

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/find-a-cause/?t=cause&q=Shottermill+Junior+School+PTFA>

WAITROSE COMMUNITY MATTERS BOX

We are delighted that Shottermill Junior School has been chosen alongside other local charities to feature in the 'Community Matters Box' where shoppers can post their green token in and hopefully secure a donation. We will feature for the period of December only so if you are regular shopper in Waitrose, we would encourage you to drop your green tokens to contribute to the refurbishment of our school library.

CHELSEA FC TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Izzy, Rhys, Archie, Austen, Jack, Orson, Harry and Josh who proudly took part in the prestigious Chelsea Foundation tournament at the Chelsea FC Training Facility. The team played really well and came joint 5th out of 16 teams. This was a fantastic opportunity for the team who had a brilliant time.



CAR PARKING

At the beginning and end of the day there is a lot of activity on the roads outside school. Please remember to park responsibly respecting neighbours access and avoiding yellow lines and zig-zag areas. We do promote 'keeping healthy' with all the children and encourage you all to walk to school wherever possible. We appreciate how congested the roads are but it is important to keep everyone safe and respect our local residents wherever possible. Please be aware that we have, together with the infant school, requested that the parking warden visits the local roads to help alleviate the problem. Your consideration is much appreciated.

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

November	
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