

SHOTTERMILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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PARENT WORKSHOPS

Coming up this term are our Parent Workshops. These provide you with a great opportunity to come in and find out what the children have been learning in school and also helps you to understand some of our teaching approaches we use, such as calculations in Maths or grammar terms in English. Below are the dates for the workshops this term:

Year 3: Thursday 24th October from 9.00 - 10.00am

Year 4: Thursday 21st November from 9.00 – 10.00am

Year 5: Wednesday 2nd October 2:00 – 3:00pm

Year 6: Monday 21st October 2:00 – 3:00pm

PARENTS EVENING

We will be holding Parents Evenings on the following dates. Further information on how to book your appointment on Scopay will be sent out next week.

Wednesday 16th October: 3:30 – 7:00pm

Thursday 17th October: 3:30 – 6:00pm

START OF THE DAY

Our school gate opens at 8:35am every morning and we expect all children to come in to school at this time so that they can benefit from learning activities and interventions which all begin early in the morning. The latest time children can arrive at school is 8:50am when the register is officially taken. Please note that children who arrive after the gate has closed must be signed in by an adult at the School Office.

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

We would like to remind all parents and children that mobile phones are only permitted in school for very exceptional reasons. Mobile phones must be switched off at the gate when children enter school and taken directly to the School Office and placed in the box provided. A teacher will then collect the box and take this to the playground at the end of the day, where the phones can be collected. Children are not permitted to keep their phones with them throughout the day.

In school we regularly teach children about how to stay safe online through our e-safety curriculum. However, we would also like to remind all parents that it is their responsibility to regularly check how their child is using online devices to ensure that they are always acting in a safe and appropriate way.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FENCING WORKS

In a few weeks, Surrey County Council is going to replace the fencing and access gates along the perimeter of the school car park. These works are essential to the safety and security of the school as the current fence is unstable and due to its height, intruders are able to easily access the site. The replacement fencing will be of the same style as the current fencing but approximately a foot taller at 1.8 metres high.

The works will start on **21st October 2019** and are estimated to last for eight weeks. Pedestrians will still have access to the footpath between the school and the houses on Lion Lane, however during this time, the footpath will be slightly narrower to allow for the works to take place. Once the works have finished the footpath will be fully accessible.

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We also appreciate that whilst the works are taking place this may cause some inconvenience and congestion along the pathway and we would like to thank you in advance for your patience.

Lastly, please remember that parents are not permitted to enter the school car park to drop off or collect children, unless they have a blue badge and have discussed accessibility with the Headteacher.

LOCAL ROADS AND PARKING

On 16th September, a small group met together across both schools to discuss road safety, with Nikki Barton invited as our local Councillor. The meeting was to determine whether anything more could be done to try to improve the ongoing issue of parents continuing to park and drive irresponsibly along local roads surrounding the infant and junior schools. The children from both schools have already undertaken parking patrols with the local Police to discourage parking on pavements, parking on zig-zag lines and the children have tried hard to explain to parents the problems being caused with reducing access for pedestrians and the inconvenience caused to local residents.

We are planning to undertake some analysis this term on where the majority of traffic comes from in order to try to establish a walking bus provided by willing parent volunteers. In the meantime, please may we continue to remind all parents that we have two large car parks within a 5 minute walk from our schools that are much safer places to park. Walking and cycling also bring a host of health benefits and are an eco-friendly option too!

HEAD LICE

In order to prevent the spread of head lice, we have a strict policy regarding tying back children's hair. Pupils with long hair must ensure that they always have their hair tied up and we would like to remind you that plain, simple accessories in the school colours are only permitted.

WELCOME COFFEE MORNING

We would like to thank all of those parents who attended our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on Thursday, we raised £167 which was excellent!



HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

Half-term is from Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November, with normal school resuming on Monday 4th November. Please find attached some flyers for local activities/action camps running during half-term.

YOUNG VOICES

Following our letter, earlier this week, tickets for your child to participate in Young Voices are now on sale on Scopay. If you have any queries about the event which is taking place on Thursday 23rd January please contact the School Office.



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PTFA EVENTS

This Term the PTFA are running two after school events which can be booked on Scopay.

Family Fright Night – Thursday 24 October - 6:30 - 8:00pm

£5 per family, which includes a disco, dressing up, face painting and lots more!

Toy Story 4 Movie Night – Friday 22nd November - 6:30 - 8:00pm

£3.50 per child (parents are welcome to stay, or drop their children and collect them at 8:00pm)

ACHIEVEMENTS

Lexi Gilding (5B) was awarded runner up for Junior Outstanding Performance at her trampolining club annual awards. Well done Lexi!



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KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2019

	September
Friday 13 th September	Second hand uniform sale on bottom playground: 3:10pm
Monday 16 th September	School run clubs commence
Monday 16 th September	Y3 Curriculum Information Session for parents: 2:00 – 3:00pm
Tuesday 17 th September	Photographer in school – pupil photographs
Tuesday 17 th September	Y4 Curriculum Information Session for parents: 2:00 – 3:00pm
Wednesday 18 th September	Y5 Curriculum Information Session for parents: 2:00 – 3:00pm
Thursday 19 th September	Y6 Curriculum Information Session for parents: 2:00 – 3:00pm
Monday 23 rd September	Y6 Head Boy & Head Girl interviews
Tuesday 24 th September	School Nurse Asthma Training for pupils and parents in Y3 & Y4
Thursday 26 th September	Y3 Haslemere Museum visit for 3G and 3F – all day
Thursday 26 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning for parents: 9:00 – 10.30am
Monday 30 th September	Full Governing Body Meeting: 6:00pm
	October
Tuesday 1 st October	School Nurse Asthma Training for pupils and parents in Y5 & Y6
Wednesday 2 nd October	Y5 Parent Workshop: 2:00 – 3:00pm
Monday 7 th October	NSPCC Whole School Assembly
Monday 14 th October	NSPCC Follow Up Workshops with Y5 & Y6
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th October	No school run clubs this week due to Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 16 th October	Parents Consultation Evening: 3:30 – 7:00pm
Thursday 17 th October	Parents Consultation Evening: 3:30 – 6:00pm
Monday 21 st October	Harvest Assembly at St Stephens Church with Y3 & Y4: 2:00 – 3:00pm
Monday 21 st October	Y6 Parent Workshop: 2:00 – 3:00pm
Wednesday 23 rd October	Skipping Workshop in Assembly
Thursday 24 th October	Y3 Parent Workshop: 9:00 – 10:00am
Friday 25 th October	Recommended deadline for Y6 Secondary School Transfer applications to be submitted
Thursday 24 th October	PTFA Family Fright Night Disco: 6:30 – 8:00pm
Monday 28 th – Friday 1 st November	HALF TERM
Wednesday 31 st October	Secondary School Transfer deadline application

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	November
Thursday 7 th November	Open Morning for future Y3 children: 9:15 – 10:15am
Tuesday 12 th November	Y4 Stone Age Workshop
Tuesday 12 th November	Parent Forum Meeting: 1:30 – 3:00pm
Tuesday 19 th November	Open Afternoon for future Y3 children: 2:00 – 3:00pm
Thursday 21 st November	Y4 Parent Workshop: 9:00 – 10:00am
Friday 22 nd November	PTFA Toy Story 4 Movie Night: 6:30 – 8:00pm
Tuesday 26 th November	Y6 Drumming Workshop
Thursday 28 th November	Optional Flu Vaccinations in School – please register your child
	December
Friday 6 th December	PTFA Christmas Fair: 5:00 – 7:30pm
Monday 9 th December	Last Week of School run clubs
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Carol Service: Y3 & Y4 (am) and Y5 & Y6 (pm)
Friday 13 th December	Harmony in Red Choir performing at Hasleway Community Centre: 1:30 – 2:30pm
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Pantomime – Beauty & The Beast
Friday 20th December	END OF TERM: 1:30pm Finish

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