

SHOTTERMILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK

We would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year and a warm welcome back to School. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's form teacher or the School Office and we will be happy to help.

Y3 GREEK WORKSHOP

On Monday 20th January Year 3 will be taking part in a Greek workshop. Information has been sent out about this but please contact the Office if you need more information.

YOUNG VOICES

Final information will be sent out early next week – please look out for an email.

INSET DAY

We have an INSET Day on Friday 24th January, following Young Voices.

YEAR GROUP ASSEMBLIES

Last term we held very successful curriculum workshops for parents to attend. This term, we will be sharing Class Assemblies where children in Years 3 – 5 will be involved in sharing their learning, with parents invited to watch. The dates are listed below and we look forward to welcoming you along to these. Please note that Year 6's Leaver's Assembly is planned for the end of the summer term and we will share this date nearer the time:

Classes 3G & 3F	Thursday 19th March at 9:15am
Classes 4H & 4T	Friday 7th February at 9:15am
Class 4RB	Friday 6th March 9:15am
Classes 5M & 5B	Friday 27th March at 9:15am

TIK TOK APP

We would like to bring to your attention the latest App which some of our children have been using. TikTok replaces Musical.ly and is growing among young people as a popular video sharing application. Young people can make and share videos with other users all around the world, but although this is fun and very entertaining, we would like to draw to your attention to the risks that come with using this App. In particular, we are concerned to learn that young people are being directly targeted with notifications from strangers asking them to watch their videos, which poses a substantial risk if their devices are not adequately monitored by parents.

Most importantly, the age recommendation for TikTok is 13+ and anyone under 12 years using the App is breaking the terms and conditions set by TikTok.

To find out more information about this App and any others - please visit the link below on the NSPCC net aware website:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>

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Remember - parents should always monitor how their children are using their electronic devices to communicate with others.

NEW RELATIONSHIPS AND HEALTH EDUCATION

As many of you will be aware, the Government has recently made changes to Relationships and Health Education to be taught across all primary and secondary schools. Schools must take necessary steps to integrate the required changes from September 2020, therefore we have been working with Teachers, Governors and the Parent Forum to discuss how we plan to adapt our PSHE scheme of work to integrate these changes. We will be hosting a parent information session on **Thursday 26th March at 9:05am** where we will explain the changes and provide an overview of the content that will be taught in each year group. Please email the School Office to tell us if you are planning to attend the session, so we have an idea of numbers.

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KEY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM 2020

January	
Monday 6th January	SCHOOL INSET DAY
Tuesday 7th January	Back to School
Thursday 9th January	Y4 Police Visit to discuss Internet Safety: 1:15 – 2:15pm
Monday 20 th January	Y3 Greek Workshop
Thursday 23rd January	Young Voices: 11:00 – 12:00am
Friday 24th January	SCHOOL INSET DAY
February	
Friday 7 th February	4H and 4T Class Assembly: 9.15am
Monday 17th – Friday 21st February	HALF TERM
Friday 28 th February	PTFA Quiz Night
March	
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	4RB Class Assembly: 9.15am
Thursday 19 th March	3G and 3F Class Assembly: 9.15am
Thursday 26 th March	Parent Information Session regarding Relationship and Health Education changes
Friday 27 th March	5B and 5M Class Assembly: 9.15am
April	
Friday 3rd April	END OF TERM: 1:30pm Finish
Monday 20 th April	Back to School
May	
Friday 1 st May	PTFA Adult Band Night
Friday 8 th May	Bank Holiday – School is closed
Friday 22nd May	SCHOOL INSET DAY
Monday 25th – Friday 29th February	HALF TERM
June	
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th June	Y5 Brenscombe Trip
Monday 29 th June – Wednesday 1 st July	Y4 Sayers Croft Trip
July	
Friday 10 th July	PTFA Summer Fayre
Thursday 16 th July	Y6 Leavers Disco
Wednesday 22nd July	END OF TERM: 1:30pm Finish

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