



NEW HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

This year's Head Boy and Head Girl are Stanley Gates and Astrid Telehagen from 6W. Both Stanley and Astrid have written a short paragraph introducing themselves:

"We are honoured to have the responsibility of Head Boy and Head Girl. Being in lockdown hasn't been easy for anyone, with not being able to socialise with family and friends, so we are glad to be back at school. Coming back to school has been an amazing experience because we are now at the top of the school, even with restrictions like social distancing and the one way system. As Head Boy and Head Girl we have an extra responsibility of setting examples to the students of the years below us, although any Year Six should set an example to the lower school. We have always hoped to be an ambassador of this wonderful school, which is why we are glad to be Head Boy and Head Girl. Thank you for reading our paragraph of the newsletter."

Astrid Telehagen, Head Girl and Stanley Gates, Head Boy

GETTING YOUR CHILD OFF TO THE BEST START



The majority of children have settled really well back into school and are gradually rediscovering their learning, friendships following the lockdown. However, we have noticed that the start of the day can be a little tricky for some children. We would like to share with you some top tips for establishing a good routine, which should help to make for a positive start to the day for you and your child:

Revisit a good bedtime routine! Your child needs a good night's sleep in order to thrive at school the next day. We know that bedtimes got later for many children over the lockdown, but as the nights draw in, try to re-establish a sensible bedtime for your child, ideally with a shared story or book before going off to sleep.

Get packed and prepared! Many people are not at their best in the morning and without good organisation, the family can end up leaving the house in a rushed and rather stressful way. We would recommend that you get as much ready the night before if you can:

- Hang out uniform for children to put on so they aren't looking for things.
- Pack rucksacks and put them by the door so nothing gets forgotten.
- Make packed lunches the night before and pop in the fridge.
- Lay the table ready for breakfast the evening before.

Set that alarm in good time! Time flies in the morning, particularly in busy households. Try setting your alarm 30minutes earlier to allow for a calmer start to the day. We recommend that children have their own alarm clock because this helps them to learn to tell the time, as well as take responsibility for getting themselves up in the morning.

Ensure your child has a healthy breakfast! Your child cannot thrive on an empty stomach. During the lockdown, we know that routines around eating changed and children had access to snacks often throughout the day. Now that they are back to school day, please make sure they have had a hearty breakfast and provide a fruit snack for break time if needed.

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Monitor that screen time! During the lockdown, we realised the benefits of technology to help stay connected with our friends and family, not to mention online learning! However, some children have become a little over reliant on screens during this time. We recommend a cut off time of at least 1 hour before children go to bed to aid a restful night's sleep. You may also like to reflect on whether TV or technology before school, get in the way of a smooth start to the day? Consider whether you are promoting a culture of communication and talking in your home or whether screens sometimes take over and make small, gradual changes where you can.



I hope you find these top-tips a helpful reminder for setting healthy family routines and to help your child be successful in their development. Please do get in touch if you are finding home routines a challenge, as we may be able to offer support through our Home School Link Worker - Vicky Noble.

ABSENCE

It is our duty to inform you that the Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1 September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of Surrey County Council to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

The cost of a penalty notice is £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days (rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days) i.e. a family of 2 adults and 2 children could be fined £240 (or £480 if not paid within 28 days). If the Penalty Notice is not paid within 28 days the Local Authority must prosecute the parent under the Section 103. The issue of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions during the preceding 6 school weeks.

The parents' failure to engage with supportive measures proposed by the school or Education Welfare will be a factor when considering the issue of a Penalty Notice. Unauthorised absence will include late arrival after the close of registration without good reason. With the exception of unauthorised leave of absence taken in term time, parents will be sent a formal warning of their liability to receive such a notice before it is issued.

Please can we also remind parents that a request for leave of absence should be made before taking a child out of school so that we can be sure of their safety. Please can medical appointments be made outside of school hours when possible. If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during the school day, please can you notify the School Office with as much notice as possible. Should your child be unwell, please inform the School Office before 9am by email, telephone or through the website 'report an absence' form.

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SHOTTERMILL JUNIOR SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB



This week saw the start of our Shottermill Junior School Breakfast Club! So far it has been a great success - all week the children (and staff!) have been taking part in fun games and outdoor play, whilst having a healthy breakfast, ready to set them up for the day. Drop off is from 7.45am and it is £4.50 per session. For more details on the club and how to book please see the attached flyer.

KEYBOARDS

Earlier this year the school received a grant of £500 from the Universal Music Sound Foundation. The grant was used to purchase some new keyboards and headphones for the children. Last week these were delivered and the children are having a great time playing on them. Having more keyboards means that whole classes can play at once, and with headphones, too they can really concentrate.

It is donations like this along with our Y4 keyboard parent donations that enable us to offer our children such an enriched curriculum. Thank you.



SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER

We would like to advise parents of children in Year 6 that **Saturday 31st October 2020** is the closing date for applications to secondary school. However, as this is during half-term, we strongly recommend you submit the application by **Friday 23rd October 2020**. Please visit surreycc.gov.uk/admissions for more information on the application process and admission arrangements for Surrey schools.

WIZZBITS TOYS

One of the parents at our School owns a traditional toyshop in Midhurst called Wizzbits Toys. They have just opened a second shop on Haslemere High Street between Cockerill Shoes and The Haslemere Pet Shop. Wizzbits is full of fun and imaginative toys, games and traditional gifts, and this pop up shop will be there until Christmas. Please find attached a 10% discount valid for all parents and staff at Shottermill Junior School during October.

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KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2020

	October
Monday 12 th October	Year 5 Portals to the Past Workshop on Ancient Mayans
Friday 23 rd October	Recommended deadline for Year 6 Secondary School Transfer applications to be submitted
Friday 23 rd October	INSET Day
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October	HALF TERM
Saturday 31 st October	Secondary School transfer deadline application
	November
Thursday 5 th November	Optional Nasal Flu Vaccinations – all years
	December
Friday 18 th December	END OF TERM: 1:30pm finish
	January
Monday 4 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th January	Spring Term begins
	February
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February	HALF TERM

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