

SHOTTERMILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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ONLINE TUTORS

Every year, private tutors help children catch up with missed work or address areas they are struggling with, or with extra-curricular activities like music. Lockdown has led to major growth in this area, especially online and this is expected to continue. We want to bring to your attention that anyone can set up as a tutor and there are no registration procedures or a requirement for an Enhanced DBS check.



To help parents navigate through the process, LGfI have prepared a leaflet supporting parents to select the right tutor, establish clear rules and help children understand what they should know. Please read the attached guide for further information.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT HELP

Information for Surrey residents who may be facing financial hardship and the support Surrey can provide.

The message during these hard times is clear: if you are struggling, Surrey councils are here and continuing to support through these unprecedented times. There is a dedicated helpline that residents who are struggling and in need of support can call, and someone will be able to get you the help you need. In addition, all the latest information can also be found on the [Surrey County Council COVID Financial Support web page](#).

Community helpline number: **0300 200 1008** (Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm)

SMS: 0786 0053 465 for deaf and hearing impaired residents only (Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm)

HEALTHY SNACKS FOR BREAKTIME

We would like to remind parents that children are welcome to bring in a mid-morning snack to keep them going until lunchtime. These snacks however should be either a piece of fruit or another suitable healthy snack. Please also remember we are a nut-free school.



Please could we also remind parents to send their children into school with a named water bottle each day.

PTFA

We would like to thank Jenny Thrower and Paula Holt who have been an amazing Chair and Treasurer of the PTFA for several years. With their wonderful ideas and guidance the PTFA have raised a considerable sum of money over the years through fundraising and events. This money has then gone on to fund school equipment, resources and trips. Thank you very much!

Jenny and Paula have now stepped down from their roles and we are looking for a new Chair and Treasurer. If you feel you would like to put yourself forward for the role, or would like more information please contact the School Office.

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ONLINE MUSIC LESSONS

Our private music tuition provider SAM Music Service are currently offering an online service for private drum, guitar, piano and vocal lessons, as they are unable to come into school as usual. SAM is an Ofsted registered online music service who are able to deliver lessons outside of school hours via a secure digital platform. For further information about what SAM can offer please call 01273 915264 or watch their [promotional video here](#).

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We are delighted that we are now in a position to be able to offer a hot school lunch option, which is great news now the cold weather has started. At present we are unable to use the school hall for lunches so the hot lunch option is designed to be 'portable' and to be eaten in the classroom. A menu is attached. The lunches are cooked fresh on site, and the feedback we have received from children is that they are great! To book your child a hot school lunch please do so via Scopay, if you have any problems please contact the School Office.

HELP REQUIRED

In the New Year we are hoping to purchase a greenhouse for the grounds of the School to help further develop the children's love of the great outdoors and gardening. We were wondering (Covid guidelines permitting) if any parents would be able to assist in helping us dig up the tarmac and help put down a suitable base. If you might be able to help please let the School Office know.

CHRISTMAS FINISHING TIME

Please note on Friday 18th December School will close earlier than usual for the Christmas holidays. Please pick up your child in the usual place, ensuring they have everything they need for the Christmas break. There will be no access to the School until Tuesday 5th January.

1.15pm – Year 6

1.20pm – Year 5

1.25pm – Year 4

1.30pm – Year 3

FAMILIES MAGAZINE

We have been sent a link to the digital version of Families Magazine. It is packed with local Christmas events and ideas for Christmas crafts, cooking and more to help you and your family enjoy Christmas time. You can [read the magazine here](#).

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KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2020

	November
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need – crazy/odd socks or tights
	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

Penalty Notices - Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your child out of school without authority, you will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive four penalty notices.

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