

# SHOTTERMILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Newsletter

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## START OF A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR!

A BIG welcome back to everyone and a warm welcome to our new Year 3 children and families who have joined us this term. We hope the children are enjoying the start of the new term and academic year. Everyone has settled incredibly well and we are very proud of them.

We are so pleased children are eager to enter school and begin learning in the mornings. Having the majority of the class present from 8:35am onwards is also helping teachers to get started with activities in the mornings. However, we are also aware that it is particularly busy around the drop off and pick up times at present, and this could be making some children and families feel unsafe.

We want to clarify that the official published start time of the day, when registration occurs, is 8:50am. This leaves a 15 minute window for you to drop your child off, if needed. If you are finding it too busy, or you are concerned for you or your child's safety, please do come a little later than 8:35am - to avoid the crowds. Your child will not be marked late before 8:50am.

In the afternoons, we have had some parents arriving as early as 2:20pm to queue at the gate to pick up their children. This actually causes a distraction, especially to those children who are doing PE on the playground or Art in the Art Studio. Please may we politely request that parents arrive closer to 3:00pm when the gates open. The official end time of school is 3:10pm.

Lastly, a reminder that the roads get very busy around drop off and collection times and this can affect local residents in particular. Walking or parking further away (e.g. M&S car park or Tesco) really helps ease the congestion. Please do not park on pavements, double park or cause obstructions. We want to keep everyone safe at all times. Thank you for your help and understanding.

## INSET DAYS AND DAYS WHEN SCHOOL IS CLOSED

So far we can confirm these are:

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September (already held)**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

The remaining days will be confirmed later in the year. Please note that Autumn half-term is the week commencing **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October** and children will return to school on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**.

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## CLUBS

Teacher-led after school clubs will start running w/c Monday 13th September. You will have received an email yesterday with information on the clubs which can be **booked on Scopay from midday today.**

Please also find attached flyers for Yoga (Tuesday morning before school), Year 6 Smarty Arty (Tuesday after school) and Nutritional Ninja's (Wednesday after school) and details of how to book.

## CORONAVIRUS

It is vitally important that we all work together to ensure that the school remains a safe place for everyone. Therefore we would like to remind you of some key messages, which form part of our infection control policy. If anyone in your household displays any of the key symptoms associated with Covid-19 (listed below) please arrange for a coronavirus test as soon as possible. This needs to be a PCR test and not just a lateral flow test. If your test comes back as positive you are required to self-isolate for 10 days, however other members of your household do not need to isolate providing they have been double vaccinated or are under 18 years old. If you have any queries please contact the School Office who will be happy to help.

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

## AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

If your child is going home with someone different after school please send your child in with a note for their form teacher. If we are not informed that your child is going home with someone different they will not be allowed to leave school with that person.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September school photographs will be taken of all pupils. If Tuesday is a PE day for your child they will still need to come into school in their PE kit.

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## SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER

We would like to advise parents of children in Year 6 that **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021** 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**. Please visit [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) for more information on the application process and admission arrangements for Surrey schools.

If you pay your Council Tax outside Surrey, please contact your Local Authority directly for details about the application process. If you require any help, please contact the School Office who will be happy to assist.

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March you will receive an email with the outcome of your application, and you will need to accept or decline your offer online by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

## JOIN OUR TEAM



We currently have vacancies for a part-time Learning Support Assistant and a part-time PE Coach/Teacher. Details of both positions and how to apply can be found on the eteach website <https://www.eteach.com/schools/shottermill-junior-school-13862>

## CLASS REPS NEEDED

We are looking for a class rep for **4H and 5B**. If you are interested in this role please contact the School Office.

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

We are delighted that we have been reaccredited with The International School Award. The award rewards schools that have shown a commitment to embedding international awareness and understanding within their school. The International School Award is available in 16 countries and is well regarded in education globally. Our teachers have diverse and engaging activities planned to support in the learning of key global themes, including identify and belonging, respect and value of differing cultures and beliefs, and the importance of celebrating diversity. Our children have developed a curiosity about the world we live in, their respect for other cultures and beliefs, their understanding of similarities and differences around the world, and their eagerness to be global citizens. Well done to everyone involved!

## LITTLE KICKERS FOOTBALL CLUB

We are delighted that little Kickers will be holding a football club at school on a Saturday morning. The club is aimed at children aged 1-7 years but we know there are many parents with younger siblings so we hope this will be of interest. Further information can be found on the attached flyer.

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## **CHILDREN'S YOGA**

Haslemere Leisure Centre have started a weekly yoga class aimed at children aged 8-15 years on a Sunday afternoon (5pm – 5.45pm). The class costs £3.50 per person and is the perfect way for children to relax and learn something new. For more information please contact Haslemere Leisure Centre and enquire about Kirsten's yoga class.

## **FREE ONLINE TRAINING COURSES FOR PARENTS**

Surrey Family Learning are offering some amazing free online training courses for parents/families. A full list of the courses can be found by following this link [www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning) but examples of the courses include, however there are many more.

[Explore Behaviour Strategies 2 week course Thursday 16th -23rd September 1-2.30pm](#)

[English for EAL Families 6 week course Wednesday 15th September - 20th October 12.30-2pm](#)

[Family Maths for Key Stage Two 6 week course Thursday 16th September-21st October 12.30-2pm](#)

[Health and wellness with Ayurveda 3 week course Thursday 16th -30th September 10-11.30am](#)

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## KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2021

	September
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 to Brenscombe
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 Haslemere Museum visit
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	School photographs
October	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival service for Years 3 and 4 at St Stephen's Church
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Recommended deadline for Year 6 Secondary School Transfer applications to be submitted
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	INSET DAY
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Secondary School transfer deadline application
November	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	TBC date for optional Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Stone Age workshop
December	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St Stephen's Church
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime visiting school
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	END OF TERM: 1:30pm finish
January	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring Term begins

*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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