

SHOTTERMILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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COVID UPDATE

Further to Mrs Barnes' email earlier this week we would like to reiterate that in order to ensure continuity of education for our children, we urgently need your support with doing everything possible, to help reduce the spread of coronavirus within our school.

All staff members are committed to undertaking Lateral Flow Tests on a daily basis and we strongly urge you to also test your children every day, before they come to school. We would ask that you do this for the next two weeks. LFT tests can be ordered online (google ordering lateral flow tests) or collected from a pharmacy, for free.

As the symptoms of Covid-19 are similar to that of a cough or cold, we would urge parents to take their children for a PCR test if they are unwell in any way, as the PCR test is the most accurate method of testing. People who have had Covid-19 in our school community have reported the following symptoms: sore throat, headache, cough, blocked or runny nose, high temperature and loss or changes to taste or smell.

If your child is isolating due to Covid-19 work will be set daily for them on Google Classroom, should they be well enough to complete it.

CHANGE OF DIARY DATES

Unfortunately, due to the need to keep the school as safe from Covid-19 as possible we have had to make some changes to some diary dates:

Carol Service – We are now going to film our Carol Service in year groups and post these videos on Google Classroom for parents to watch at home. We know it is extremely disappointing that parents won't be able to watch their children in a live performance, however Public Health England have made it absolutely clear that events like this should not be happening whilst we have a high number of cases. We also want to prevent any disruption to the Christmas holidays for everyone, so thank you for your support and understanding.

Our **Christmas Fayre** has unfortunately been cancelled. Instead, on Friday 3rd December we will have a mufti day, and are requesting children bring in hamper items in exchange of wearing home clothes. Further information is below in the newsletter.

Christmas Jumper Day – this will be on Friday 10th December and children are welcome to wear something festive to school, in exchange for a £2 donation. We will be dividing the money raised between 'Save the Children' and our Year 5 Brenscombe trip.



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CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS/MUFTI DAY

We are delighted to announce that the PTFA will be running the 'Luxury Christmas Hamper Raffle' again, to kick your Christmas OFF in style!

Due to your incredible generosity last year, we created over 30 hampers and raised over £1,300, and we hope to make this year even bigger and better!

Friday 3rd December will therefore be a mufti day, and our Christmas elves will be collecting your kind donations in the playground from 8:30am-9am.

We'd love each year group to ideally donate the following 'luxury' items:

Year 6: Bottles: Champagne, Prosecco, wine, spirits, tonic etc

Year 5: Chocolate, sweets, treats

Year 4: Christmas food (no chilled or perishable food please!)

Year 3: Gifts: candles, 'pamper' items, Christmas decorations etc

Tickets will be on sale via Scopay from Friday 3rd December - Thursday 9th December at £2.50 a ticket. There will be no limit on the number of tickets you can buy, and winners will be announced on Friday 10th December!

Thanks in advance
From the PTFA

TEMPERATURE IN SCHOOL

In line with the Covid guidelines we are having to ensure the school stays well ventilated during the school day. This does mean the classroom temperature is lower than it usually would be. We are trying to strike the right balance between ventilating and also making sure the classrooms are comfortable but we do recommend children wear a base layer of clothing to school, and remember their hat, gloves and scarf for playtime.

LAPTOP GRANT

We are incredibly fortunate to have been allocated funds for some Chromebook computers for use in school. This will make such a difference and we are so grateful to the Haslemere Penny Ha'Penny Trust for their kind and generous donation.



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THE MAYORS CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



We were delighted that Marley Ward (Year 4) won a local competition to design the Mayor's 2021 Christmas card.

Marley's card design will be posted out all over the country to wish people a Merry Christmas! What a fantastic achievement! Well done Marley!

CLICK IT LOCAL - £10 OFF VOUCHER

Please find attached a voucher for £10 off purchases from Click It Local, and free delivery to each household. This is valid until 15th December. Click It Local supports local retailers and offers delivery in the borough, and in Guildford.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need last Friday – we raised £202.50.

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SPECIAL MENTION

Well done to the following children who all achieved wonderful things in Sport recently. Please do let us know your child's achievements, as we would love to celebrate their successes with them.



Arthur Veal – Year 3

Arthur was man of the match for scoring the decisive goal for his team Haslemere Hawks Under 8s for Haslemere Town!

Toby Dodson – Year 4

Toby won the silver cup for Haslemere Football Club two weeks in a row! Once for being a great goalie, and the next week for fantastic scoring!



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KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2021

	December
Friday 3 rd December	Mufti day in exchange for hamper items
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper day
Wednesday 15 th December	Carol Service in school – timings to be confirmed
Thursday 16 th December	Pantomime visiting school
Thursday 16 th December	Christmas lunch
Friday 17 th December	END OF TERM: 1:30pm finish
	January
Tuesday 4 th January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 th 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. Our full Attendance Policy is available to view on our website.

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