

SHOTTERMILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Newsletter

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We would like to welcome everyone back to school and to the start of the Spring term. We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about any element of school life please contact the School Office who will be happy to help.

COVID UPDATE

To update parents about our Covid procedures this term we are continuing to, where possible, keep year groups separate however it is our ambition that we will move back to normal activities as soon as possible.

We would like to thank you for continuing with regular lateral flow testing (as and when you can obtain testing kits) and ensuring that children stay away from school if you suspect they could be infectious. Following a confirmed case of Covid-19, children can potentially now return to school earlier than the 10 day isolation period if they receive two negative LFT results at least 24 hours apart (with the first being taken no earlier than day 6). If you are in any doubt about this new guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office, who will be able to discuss this.

NOTES TO THE TEACHER

If your child is going home from school with someone different please send your child into school with a note for their teacher, or email/call the School Office before 10am. Unfortunately, we are hearing from parents sometimes as late as 3pm and it is then almost impossible to get a note to the class before the children go outside.



NEW SMARTBOARD IN THE DANCE STUDIO

We are pleased to announce that just before the end of term we had a new smartboard installed in our dance studio. This has been funded by the PTFA so we would like to say a massive thank you to the PTFA and their supporters. The new board will be used primarily for music lessons and will aid our pupils learning enormously.

LOST PROPERTY

As usual, our lost property box is already overflowing. Please can we appeal to parents to please name their children's clothing. It would make the task of returning items to their owners much easier. Items that are unnamed at the end of each half-term will be used as emergency spares by the Office.

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TISSUES

Please may we request donations of boxes of tissues. We would be grateful of donations to the classroom so we can keep up with demand! If you are able to donate a box please drop it into the School Office or your child can give them to their form teacher. Thank you in advance.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please see below for several new dates for the diary this Spring Term. We are hopeful that this term will see the return of exciting things happening in school!

KEY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM 2022

January	
Wednesday 5 th January	Spring Term begins
Monday 24 th January	Year 3 Greek Day
February	
1 st – 8 th February	Book Fair in school
Friday 11 th February	Last day of school before half-term (normal finish time)
Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th February	Half-term
Thursday 24 th February	Proposed date for Parents Consultation Meetings (times tbc)
March	
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Monday 14 th March	Year 4 visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace
w/c 21 st March	Year 6 Bikeability (optional)
w/c 28 th March	Year 6 Bikeability (optional)
April	
Friday 1 st April	Finish for the Easter holidays. 1.30pm finish
Tuesday 19 th April	Summer 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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