

# SHOTTERMILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Newsletter

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## **SCHOOL CLOSURE – MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER**

Following the sad news last week, we would like to confirm that the school will be closed on Monday 19th September in line with national expectations for the Bank Holiday, to mark the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.

## **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.

Please may we ask that children don't play on the playground equipment at drop off and pick up. This equipment isn't suitable for young children and as we approach the winter it can be dangerous and slippery.

## **INSET DAYS NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR**

Please note the below inset days which have been scheduled for the academic year:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May



## **CHESS BOARDS**

If anyone has a chess board they no longer use and would be happy to donate to the school we would be incredibly grateful. Our new chess club is proving very popular and we are keen to be able to accommodate as many children as possible.

## **FLU VACCINATION**

The Child and Family Health Surrey immunisation team will be visiting school on Monday 21st November to deliver Influenza (flu) vaccinations via nasal spray. Please complete the e-consent form by 4pm on Tuesday 15th November by visiting: [www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk](http://www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk) and entering our school's unique code SR124979. If you do not want your child to receive a vaccine then please fill in the 'No' box.

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## SCHOOL LUNCH THEME DAYS

We are excited to let you know that school lunch theme days are back again! The first theme day is to celebrate Harvest Festival on 6th October. Please remember to book your child's school lunch via Scopay.

### **Main**

Yorkshire Pudding filled with Roast Chicken Breast or Yorkshire Pudding filled with Glamorgan Sausage (Vegetarian) served with Thyme Gravy, Roasted Potatoes and super healthy fresh Seasonal Harvest Vegetables.

### **Dessert**

Harvest Apple Oat Crunch with seasonal Berry Crème Fraiche

## DIVING TALENT SEARCH

Diving Talent Search "Little Rippers" Star Diving Club Guildford, in partnership with the Swim England Diving and British Diving, is coming to Shottermill Junior School on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September to take part in an exciting initiative designed to unearth the next generation of Olympians.



'Talent Search' is a school-based talent identification programme for the Olympic sport of diving, testing over 2,000 children from Primary schools across Surrey. The Talent Search programme involves special Talent Identification (TID) testing of pupils, by experienced diving coaches, Kirsty and Laura. Coaches will deliver this 'search' in a fun and challenging way, a little bit like a PE lesson, ensuring all pupils will enjoy the experience of taking part. This doesn't take part in the swimming pool. Many children identified through TID programmes are unaware of the natural talent that they possess.

Every child will receive a certificate of participation for their involvement and be invited to a free taster session if they would like to give diving a go. A small number of children will be given a letter inviting them to attend Phase 2 (which will be a fantastic achievement!). This is a second, more sports specific session of diving activities taking place independent of school. The session will be free and will take place at Guildford Spectrum. Following the Phase 2 session, a few children will be invited to a TID Squad Trial Phase with the aim of reaching national or even international success in the future.

If you would like to find out more about the club, please visit [www.stardiving.org](http://www.stardiving.org) or via Facebook (StarDivingClub) and Instagram (stardivingclubguildford).

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## **PUNCHBOWL CHALLENGE – 25TH SEPTEMBER**

Please find attached a flyer regarding the upcoming 'Punchbowl Challenge' which is being held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at the Devil's Punchbowl. The races are 1k for 6-8 year olds and 2.5k for 9-11 year olds. There are also races for juniors and seniors at 5k and 10k. The Black Down and Hindhead Supporters of the National Trust are using funds raised by this event to support the initiative of introducing beavers into the Haslemere area. A special beaver medal will be given to all runners.

## **SAM MUSIC LESSONS**

SAM Music Service provides 30 minute 1:1 online music lessons, allowing your child the opportunity of learning to play the guitar, drum kit, piano/keyboard or to sing from home. Lessons are weekly and affordable at £16.50 per lesson and £15 in the holidays, suitable for both children and adults, and the first lesson is free! To enquire, complete the short contact form on SAM's website ([www.sammusicservice.com](http://www.sammusicservice.com)), and they'll be in touch soon, or you can email [lessons@sammusicservice.com](mailto:lessons@sammusicservice.com) or call 0800 756 9411 to speak to one of their friendly team.

## **BEL AND DRAGON PUB**

Please find attached a flyer from the Bel & Dragon pub in Churt. They offer on a Saturday a free supervised arts and crafts table so you can relax whilst your children have fun. Excellent!

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### KEY DATES FOR 2022-2023

September	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> /Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Diving Assessments in PE with Year 3, 4 and 5
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Forum: 1.45pm start
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Year 5 Parent Information Session: 5.30pm start via Zoom
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Interviews for Head Boy and Head Girl
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	PTFA meeting: 2pm start
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Parent Information Session: 5pm start via Zoom
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual school photographs
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 trip to Haslemere Museum
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 football tournament at St Edmund's
October	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Macmillan Coffee morning
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultation Evening (1.30pm-8pm)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	'Break the Rules' day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Finish for half-term – normal finish time
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	HALF-TERM
November	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Day
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	School Disco: 6pm-8pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Flu vaccinations in school – optional
December	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair: 5pm start
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime at school
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term – 1.30pm finish
January	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Inset Day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Spring 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. Our full Attendance Policy is available to view on our website.*

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