

SHOTTERMILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Newsletter

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TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

We are pleased to inform you that working parents can use the government tax-free childcare scheme to help pay towards our Shottermill Junior School Breakfast Club. If eligible, parents can receive 20% towards the costs of childcare (up to £2,000) a year. Please see the attached guidelines for more information and details on how to check if you are eligible and set up an account. If anyone has any questions, please contact the School Office on 01428 642096.

TESCO COMMUNITY GRANT

We are raising money to help fund the costs of maintaining the field at Polecat so our pupils and local community can enjoy using the field during the summer months - we are pleased to inform you that from mid-January until the end of March, customers can vote towards this project in Tesco stores.



The project will be one of three in the participating Tesco stores and the project with the highest number of votes will receive £1,500, the second placed will receive £1,000 and the third placed will receive £500. The participating stores are Haslemere Superstore and Midhurst North Street Express. To vote customers will need to make a purchase within store to receive a blue token.

From mid-January until the end of March, Tesco customers will vote to decide on how much funding we will get so please support us in raising funds - next time you shop in Tesco please donate a token to our project. Thank you for your support.

For more information on Tesco and their community grants please visit the following link: <https://www.tescopl.com/sustainability/communities/tesco-community-grants/>

CHINESE NEW YEAR LUNCH

On Monday 23rd January there will be a special 'Chinese New Year' school lunch. If your child would like this please book in the usual way via Scopay. The menu is as follows:

Sweet and sour chicken or veggie chow mein
Served with steamed rice, prawn crackers and a crispy spring roll with dipping sauce
Banana pancakes with syrup sauce

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CHRISTMAS ITEMS – FINAL CALL

Following the success of the Christmas Clothing Swap Shop, we will be collecting pre-loved and out-grown Christmas tops, t-shirts, jumpers and pyjamas until the end of the day today. Also before you recycle or throw away your used Christmas cards, the PTFA would love these to use at the next Christmas fair. Please bring your cards (or ideally just the fronts if you have time to tear off) to the office. One more small step to reduce single use waste!



YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY

If your child would like to take part in Bikeability Level 2 we will be running this at school w/c 20th March. The course will run for 1.5 hours each day during the school day, for five days (Monday-Friday) and involves on-road training on quiet roads. Children will be required to bring in their bicycle and helmet each day – unfortunately, these cannot be stored overnight at school.

The course costs £15 per child or £4 if you are eligible for free school meals. Please note this is **not compulsory** and children do not need to take part if they don't want to.

Children who wish to take part must be booked on and full payment received (via Scopay) by half-term as we need to let Surrey County Council know final numbers.

LOST ITEMS

We would like to encourage children to have greater ownership of their belongings in school as unfortunately we have noticed that items frequently go missing or sometimes get broken, which is costing the school a lot of money. At the start of the term, we always issue children with the equipment they need (e.g. ruler, pen, pencil, whiteboard pen, etc) and if these run out, they we replenish these items. However, if pupils do not take good care of equipment, we kindly ask that a donation of 50p is made on Scopay for a replacement of each item broken or lost. Thank you for your understanding and support.

ACTIVE SURREY SURVEY

Active Surrey would like to hear from parents about how they can improve physical activity opportunities and the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games. Here is the survey link: <https://wss.pollfish.com/link/8a3cc349-445c-4df8-9c97-afe78a0e15e7?apik=%apik%&transid=%transid%>

Active Surrey have asked Magenta Research to run this survey on their behalf to; explore families preferences for taking part in physical activity; how parents/children find out about activities in their area; and how Active Surrey could provide improved ways for children to be more physically active.

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KEY DATES FOR 2022-2023

January	
Thursday 19 th January	Young Voices at the O2 Arena in London: back approx 11.45pm
Friday 20 th January	Inset Day
Monday 30 th January	Year 3 Portals to the Past – Greek Workshop
February	
Monday 6 th February	Year 3 class assembly: 2pm
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 7 th and Wednesday 8 th February	Sports Festival – run by Year 6 sports leaders (lunchtime)
Wednesday 8 th February	Parent Consultations: 1.30pm-8pm
13 th - 17 th February	HALF-TERM
Tuesday 21 st February	Year 4 Artist visit
Tuesday 21 st and Wednesday 22 nd February	Sports Festival – run by Year 6 sports leaders (lunchtime)
March	
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Monday 6 th March	Year 4 Fishbourne trip
Tuesday 14 th March	Barnados Parent Session 1 hosted by SJS
20 th – 24 th March	Year 6 Bikeability (optional)
Tuesday 21 st March	Barnados Parent Session 2 hosted by SJS
Thursday 23 rd March	Year 4 class assembly: 2pm
Tuesday 28 th March	Barnados Parent Session 3 hosted by SJS
Thursday 30 th March	Year 5 class assembly: 2pm
Friday 31 st March	End of Term: 1.30pm finish
April	
Monday 17 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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