

SHOTTERMILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week I have had the pleasure of visiting a number of classes to observe lessons across the full curriculum. As always I have been extremely impressed by the children's attitude in lessons and they have certainly been demonstrating a 'Love of Learning'. I have also been reminded of the high quality teaching and learning opportunities our wonderful staff are working hard to provide our pupils with every day and an example of this was the successful Year 3 visit to Haslemere Museum on Monday, as part of their Ancient Egyptians unit of study.

I would like to extend my thanks to Year 5 School Councillors: Ada, Bardia, William and Amy for their assistance with the Head Girl and Head Boy interviews held last week. We are delighted to announce that **Oban Wright** is our new Head Boy and **Liana Everson-Hall** is our new Head Girl. Following these important appointments, I have also had the joy of presenting the badges in assembly to our new House Captains and Deputy House Captains, who are very excited about taking on this new role for the year ahead. This first job will be to help at the Macmillan Coffee Morning which is coming up on Monday 2nd October, where we look forward to welcoming our parents into school for tea and cake from 9:30am onwards - as always everyone is welcome!

JEWELLERY AND UNIFORM REMINDERS

We would like you to remind parents that it is our school policy for children to remove all jewellery for PE lessons, including earrings. Children should be able to independently remove their earrings for PE lessons, otherwise they will not be able to fully participate.

We would also like to remind parents of the requirement to ensure long hair is tied back. We have had some instances of headlice recently, so this will help to prevent this issue.

For those ECAs which are physically active (e.g. multi sports) we expect children to bring their usual school PE kit in a bag and change at lunchtime. Children participating in Survival in the Wild need old clothes, wellies and a waterproof coat to wear please.

FITNESS EQUIPMENT AND CLAMBER STACK

Children are not permitted to play on the fitness equipment or clamber stack at the end of the school day/pick up time. This is particularly important for infant aged children who are too small for the equipment and could be injured.

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NEW SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Please find attached the new school lunch menus which will start after half-term.

Did you know...

- 80% of the school lunch menu is made from fresh ingredients
- All meat is Red Tractor Approved and ethically sourced
- The Fish Friday menu uses sustainably sourced MSc fillets
- The menu has lots of hidden goodness within it – for example the beef burgers contain hidden vegetables, butter beans and cannellini beans, and our pizza tomato sauce contains blended carrot and courgette
- Even the puddings are full of goodness, the sponge puddings are 50% fruit!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Monday 2nd October we would love to see as many parents, grandparents, carers etc from 9.30am-11.30am in our school hall for a charity cake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research. The Year 6 children will be helping to serve and we hope it will be a lovely opportunity for parents to get together, whilst enjoying some delicious sweet treats! If you are able to donate any cakes, biscuits etc please drop these to the School Office on Monday morning – this would be much appreciated.



ONLINE SAFETY PRESENTATION

Navigating the online world can be a daunting experience, for children and adults alike. We would like to invite you along to a special online safety presentation on Thursday 5th October at 6:30pm at Shottermill Infant School. This online safety presentation will explore the various online risks that children might experience and help parents and carers feel more confident and empowered to help keep their children safe online.

It will highlight the common areas where children's technology consumption habits start to change, including gaming and social media. It will look at the steps parents and carers may consider around smartphone usage, family controls and starting to build an open dialogue. Tim Barette is a Computing Teacher and Independent Consultant. He has supported schools and families with online safety for the last 15 years and will be hosting the talk for us. [If you would like to attend this free talk, please email the School Office or the Infant School to reserve a space.](#)

FLU VACCINATIONS

The Child and Family Health Surrey Immunisation Team is visiting your school on Thursday 16th November 2023 to deliver Influenza (flu) vaccinations via nasal spray to all children in Years 3-6. Please complete the e-consent form by 4pm on Friday 10th November 2023 by visiting: www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk and entering your 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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FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals please complete the below form and send this to the School Office. All checks are confidential and quick.

<https://surreyeducationsservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/147534?source=Newsletter&guid=C244E6F4-8A0C-4247-A710-8A8D70A462F3>

WHATSAPP

With more than two billions active users Whatsapp is the most popular messaging service. Although the age restriction is 13+ we do know children much younger do use the app. Please do read the attached flyer for some advice regarding whatsapp.

LEGO CHURCH

Calling all families! 'Lego Church' and free tea will be starting at Haslemere Methodist Church on Friday 27 October from 3.30pm-5pm. Children, parents, carers and grandparents are all welcome. Lego Church will be held on the last Friday of every month. To enquire and to book a tea, please email

haslemerelegochurch@yahoo.com or call 07708 163271.

IS YOUR CHILD IN YEAR 6?

If your child is in Year 6 you can now apply for a secondary school place. This must be done before 31 October 2023. Please visit [Secondary applications - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk) 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. Offers will be made on 1st March 2024.

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KEY DATES FOR 2023-2024

October	
Monday 2 nd October	Macmillan Coffee morning
Thursday 5 th October	Online Safety presentation – Infant School
Tuesday 10 th October	Governors Meeting
Wednesday 18 th October	Parent Consultation appointments: from 1pm
Thursday 19 th October	Open afternoon for prospective parents: 2.15pm
Friday 20 th October	Break the Rules Day
Monday 23 rd -27 th October	HALF-TERM
Tuesday 31 st October	Open afternoon for prospective parents: 2.15pm
November	
Thursday 2 nd November	Open afternoon for prospective parents: 2.15pm
Thursday 2 nd November	School disco: 6pm start
Friday 10 th November	Flu vaccinations - optional
Monday 13 th November	INSET DAY
Thursday 16 th November	Year 4 Portals to the Past workshop at school
Friday 24 th November	Mufti day in exchange of hamper items
Tuesday 28 th November	Governors Meeting
December	
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fair (5pm start) and Mufti day in exchange of tombola items
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas lunch
Friday 15 th December	End of Term: 1.30pm finish

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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