



ENGLISH LESSONS

A past teacher here at Shottermill, Mrs Claire Gordon, has along with a group of volunteer teachers, been teaching English to Ukrainian refugees in Haslemere for the past 18 months. They have been fortunate in now being allocated some funding for these lessons from Waverley, which means we are able to open them up to anyone in the area who is looking to improve their English.

The lessons will take place on Wednesday and Friday mornings at Haslemere Leisure Centre and there will be lessons for students working at different levels. They will run for at least the remainder of this academic year, beginning in early November. These lessons are completely free of charge and will include all course materials at no cost to the students. If you are interested please email englishinhaslemere@gmail.com to be sent further details.

AUTHOR VISIT

This month, we had the pleasure of inviting the author Peter Murray to our school. He was extremely engaging and inspiring. Our Year 4-6 classes (and staff) were totally enthralled by him. He captured our imaginations for a whole hour, in which he talked about life as a writer, as well as about his new book, which is set in the Isle of Wight. Peter was fantastic with the children, with just the right amount of scariness interspersed with lots of humour. He orally told the beginning of some of the stories from his book, 'The Darker Side of Wight', leaving them on a cliff-hanger, which we absolutely loved.

YOUNG CARERS

Do you have anyone in your family with special educational needs? Do you have a close family member with a medical condition or difficulties managing drugs or alcohol? Is your child helping to care for a family member, for example an elderly relative?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, your child may be a Young Carer and eligible for extra support either inside or outside of school. Registering your child as a carer helps us to provide them with additional emotional support, as well as other assistance in school (e.g. help accessing extra-curricular activities). For more information, please contact Jacki Toth, our Young Carers Champion or Katherine Bourne our Home School Link Worker. The following Surrey Young Carers website is also a great source of information and help for young people, under the age of 18, with a caring responsibility. <https://www.actionforcarers.org.uk/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A **BIG** thank you to the PTFA who have kindly paid for new picnic tables and parasols. These are much needed and will give our children more room to eat their lunches outside in the warmer weather. The picnic tables have arrived and we would like to ask for volunteers who can give up some free time on a weekend to help put together the tables. If you are able to help, please contact the School Office on office@shottermill-jun.surrey.sch.uk. Thank you.



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POPPY APPEAL

From Monday 6th November children will be able to purchase poppies and other poppy related merchandise in exchange for a donation to the Poppy Appeal. These items can be purchased at lunchtime from the playground or from the School Office.

Our Armed Forces risk everything to protect our way of life. Wearing a poppy helps to show you care and the Poppy Appeal to continue their vital work. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

EA SPORTS FC 24

Please find attached a flyer detailing the risks associated with the football video game EA Sports FC 24. This is a very similar proposition to FIFA 23 but there are features that parents should be wary of.

CROCUS PLANTING

Shottermill Junior School and Shottermill Infant School helped to plant crocus bulbs on Lion Lane, before half-term. The children all thoroughly enjoyed this, and we will look forward to the crocus flowering in the spring and helping to brighten Lion Lane.

Well done to all involved!



HOME 2 HOME CLEANING

A parent in Year 6 has asked us to circulate the following, to promote vacancies within their cleaning business:

We are looking to support local families with the opportunity, in these very tough times, to have an opportunity to work with us. We are offering very flexible, school time hours, from 2-20 hours per week. We pay £13.50 an hour with all products and branded shirts provided. We have really pushed our profile over the last year, adding working with the BBC on Stacey Solomon's show 'Sort Your Life Out' which was very exciting! For more information please contact us – details are on our website - home2homecleaning.com

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FESTIVE SWAP SHOP

Sorry to mention Christmas in October...but following the success of last year's swap shop, we will be running another one!

Until Friday 24th November please donate your clean, pre-loved Christmas jumpers, onesies and costumes to the School Office. Then visit the Swap Shop at the Christmas Fair on Friday 1st December and choose some new-to-you items for a small donation...all ready for Christmas Jumper Day!

CROWDFUNDING

Our wonderful LSA and ELSA Mrs Ransom is crowdfunding to help her twins (former Shottermill pupils) continue their ice hockey dreams! Both children are within the England programme, and are without doubt the rising stars of ice hockey! Mrs Ransom is quite frankly incredible, she dedicates everything to her children and their dreams and is every weekend up and down the country driving them to games, at the ice rink for 6am, the list is endless. We would love to support them so please read more about their story here: <https://gofund.me/2c3000d4> and if you are able to please donate. Every pound means a huge amount.



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.

WELL DONE AND GOOD LUCK

A huge well done and good luck to Scarlett in Year 6 who is appearing in Aladdin from 15th-18th December at the Ben Travis Theatre in Godalming! Tickets are priced at £12.50 and the performance is described as 'A magic carpet ride of a panto for all the family this Christmas!' The panto is a toddler friendly, semi relaxed performance with child friendly matinees and relaxed morning performances. Well done Scarlett, we are sure you will be wonderful! For more information and to book visit www.gtguk.com

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KEY DATES FOR 2023-2024

November	
Thursday 2 nd November	Open afternoon for prospective parents: 2.15pm
Thursday 2 nd November	School disco: 6pm start
Monday 13 th November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 14 th November	Odd Socks Day – the start of Anti Bullying Week
Thursday 16 th November	Year 4 Portals to the Past workshop at school
Thursday 16 th November	Flu vaccinations - optional
Tuesday 21 st November	Year 3 Parent workshop: 9.15am-10.15am
Wednesday 22 nd November	Year 6 Parent workshop: 2pm-3pm
Friday 24 th November	Mufti day in exchange of hamper items
Tuesday 28 th November	Governors Meeting
Wednesday 29 th November	Year 5 Parent workshop: 2pm-3pm
December	
Friday 1 st December	Year 4 class assembly: 9.10am
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fair (5pm start) and Mufti day in exchange of tombola items
Thursday 7 th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carol Concert at St Stephen's Church: 10am-11.30am Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert at St Stephen's Church: 1.45pm-3pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas lunch
Thursday 14 th December	Red Riding Hood pantomime coming into school to perform
Friday 15 th December	End of Term: 1.30pm finish
January 2024	
Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3 rd January	Start of the Spring Term
Tuesday 30 th January	Year 4 Parent workshop: 9.15am-10.15am

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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