



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

In the last few weeks we have enjoyed welcoming a large number of prospective parents into school through our 'Open Afternoons'. This has been an invaluable opportunity to celebrate what Shottermill Junior School has to offer to those parents of early years+ children and it has been particularly wonderful to hear that we are attracting parents from a wider catchment area, due to our positive reputation. I would like to encourage our existing parents to continue to recommend their friends to visit our school if they have a child in Year 2 as there is still plenty of time before the admissions deadline of 15th January 2024. Appointments can be booked via the School Office.

In our assemblies this term, we have been talking about our Core Values, which underpin everything we do here at Shottermill Juniors. For example our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been working hard on developing a child-friendly Anti-Bullying Policy linked to Respect and our Year 6 children used their skills of Communication and Creativity when it came to their drumming workshop recently.

With this in mind, I am keen to develop a brand new set of positive postcards, designed around each of our core values: Trust, Respect, Love of Learning, Creativity, Communication and Excellence. I am attaching a template sheet, where children can create a postcard design to enter into our competition! Children can enter one or more designs for any of the core values - they just need to remember to write their full name and class on the back of their design(s). The entries will then be judged by the Governors and the 6 winning designs will be created as postcards which staff will be able to send home to parents, as part of our established positive reward system in school. The deadline for entries is Tuesday 2nd January.



COATS

Please remember to send your child into school every day with a jumper and warm, waterproof coat, now the weather is colder. This means they can go out to play at break and lunchtime. Please also remember to name everything!

KOOSA KIDS FREE TRIAL

KOOSA Kids are running FREE taster sessions at the after school club from Monday 4th December to Friday 8th December. If you are considering using the club either now or in the future, this is a great opportunity for you and your child to meet the kind and caring staff and sample the fun games and activities on offer each afternoon. For more information and to book please call 01276 21884.

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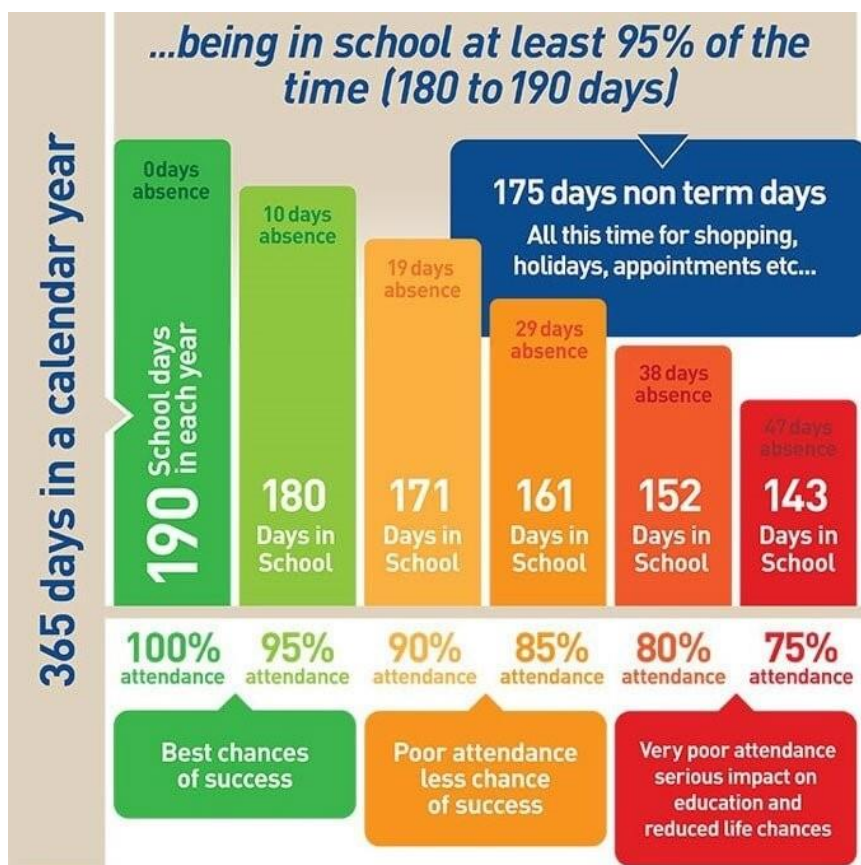
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ATTENDANCE

As you may remember from the beginning of term attendance is a continued focus for us this academic year. We have worked closely with the Inclusion Service to amend and update both our Attendance Policy and Request for Absence form – both of which are attached. Please do ensure you have read these.

If you need to take your child out of school, even just ten minutes early we will require a completed Absence Request Form. Any absence taken without a completed form will unfortunately be noted as unauthorised. Medical appointments will always be authorised however ideally we would prefer these to be made outside of school hours - we appreciate this is not always possible however.



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WELL DONE

A huge well done to Lucas in Year 4 who took part in the first Waverley Cross Country race and came first! He competed in tough wet conditions and against a strong field of runners from neighbouring schools.

Well done Lucas, and we look forward to hear how the forthcoming races go!

THE MAN IN THE MOON PRODUCTIONS

We have a couple of children in school who are appearing in 'The Hundred and One Dalmatians' which is a youth theatre production of young people aged between 6-18. The production is showing at the Buzz Studio Theatre in Woking on Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th December at either 2.30pm or 7.30pm. Tickets cost £15 and is suitable for anyone over 4 years old. For more information please visit themaninthemoon.co.uk – all the very best everyone!

END OF TERM

School finishes for the Christmas break at **1.30pm on Friday 15th December**. Please ensure your child brings everything home with them on this day – coats, jumpers, water bottles, lunchboxes etc. If your child has mislaid anything this term please do come and look in our lost property boxes which are by the Office. Anything not claimed will be donated to our local charity shop Vintage so feel free to take anything that is unnamed.

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KEY DATES FOR 2023-2024

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
February	
Tuesday 6 th February	Governors Meeting
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th February	Half-Term
Wednesday 21 st February	6W attending the HHH Classical Concert at St Christopher's Church
Thursday 22 nd February	6H attending the HHH Classical Concert at St Christopher's Church
March	
Friday 1 st March	Year 3 class assembly: 9.10am
Friday 22 nd March	Year 5 class assembly: 9.10am

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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