



We would like to wish everyone a restful, restorative and fun Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Wednesday 3rd January.

Please remember children are to be collected from school at **1.30pm** today. Please ensure children have all their belongings with them and you have checked the lost property boxes in Reception if your child has lost anything this term.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week our children have been working on many practical activities, in particular in the subject of Design Technology. I had the pleasure of reviewing the work in Year 4, where children had to design and make their own desk tidy. They had to show both perseverance and problem solving skills - the end results were really effective! On Wednesday we also enjoyed a delicious Christmas Dinner, prepared by Bryony and Hayley, our school cooks. I would like to thank them for serving up such a delicious meal, to a very large number of children and staff!

At the end of this week we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mr Dunbar, who has worked on supply, as part of our support staff team this term. Mr Dunbar has contributed a great deal in such a short time, particularly in Year 3, and we will miss him after Christmas. He will be going off to complete the final stages of his Teacher Training in the new year, so we wish him all the best and hope to see him again in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their invaluable support this term, especially those members of our community who volunteer regularly, whether this may be accompanying school visits or coming into school to hear children read. I would also like to thank our Staff for their hard work and dedication to ensure that every child at our school is given the best educational experience possible.

I wish all of you a very Happy Christmas and a restful holiday.
Mrs K. Barnes

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Christmas Fair last Friday, it was a brilliant event and the PTFA have now raised an incredible **£6,000** from the Fair, Disco and parent sponsorship this term. Thank you to everyone who was involved – it was a wonderful team effort by the PTFA and everyone had so much fun!

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

Mance Productions visited the school yesterday to perform Red Riding Hood to all the children. The show was packed full of fun and laughter! We would like say a BIG thank you to the PTFA for contributing towards half of the cost for the panto. We would like to ask if donations of £1 can be made towards the rest of the cost - these can be made on Scopay. Thank you.

CHARITY DONATIONS

Shottermill Juniors raised **£285.10** for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – thank you to everyone who donated. In addition, following our very successful Macmillan Coffee morning we raised **£188.10** to help support those affected by cancer. As always thank you to everyone for their generosity and kindness.

THE BIG AMBITION SURVEY

We have been asked to share 'The Big Ambition' survey with the children and parents at Shottermill Junior School. The closing date has been extended to Friday 19th January 2024 to allow even more children the chance to have their say. This will give schools, children and young people an extra month over the festive season to take part in 'The Big Ambition'.

Children and parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

It only takes 5-10 minutes and 'The Big Ambition' provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell policy makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. Let's make sure that the children and young people of Surrey are represented in the results.

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WELL DONE

A huge congratulations to the Beacon Hill Under 9 Football Club (The Lions) who won in the final of the North East Hampshire Youth Cup Final in Frimley, against The Guildford Gladiators.

97 teams entered at the start of the season and The Lions managed to win the final and receive the silver plate and a trophy each. Well done to Henry, Charlie, Leo, Noah, Arthur, Jack and Archie in Year 4! Superstars!

If your child has achieved something special outside of school, please do let us know as we love to celebrate everyone's successes!

MENU CHANGE

Please note on Wednesday 3rd January the school lunch option will be cheese and tomato pasta, this has been switched with Thursday. Thursday will then be a roast. This is due to deliveries coming in time after the Christmas break.

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KEY DATES FOR 2023-2024

	December
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
Monday 22 nd January	Year 3 Greek Day
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
Monday 4 th March	Year 4 to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	Let Girls Play – International Women's Day
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd March	Year 6 Bikeability (optional)
Thursday 21 st March	Governors Meeting
Friday 22 nd March	Year 5 class assembly: 9.10am
Wednesday 27 th March	PTFA Disco: 6pm-7.30pm
Thursday 28 th March	End of Term: 1.30pm finish
Monday 15 th April	Start of the Summer 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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