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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

These last few weeks have been particularly busy in school! We have welcomed **Godalming College PE students** into school to coach our girls, as part of the #LetGirlsPlay football initiative, **Year 3 performed a wonderful Class Assembly** to a huge crowd of parents and of course **World Book Day** was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate a love of reading with the children. Parents will be delighted to hear that the money raised through the **Book Fair** has allowed us to purchase over **150 new books** for the library!

This week our learning has been linked with **British Science Week** <u>https://www.britishscienceweek.org</u>. Our assemblies have explored some inspirational Scientists who have overcome barriers to achieve in the field of Science. For example the children heard how Dr Maggie Alderin Pocock MBE uses her Dyslexia as a way to help her think outside the box in her work as a Space Scientist. On Thursday, children also enjoyed visiting different classes to participate in a day of science learning activities. These linked to pond dipping, shadows, space, computer programming and much more! Please see the **Shottermill Science Superstars Google Classroom** for a selection of photographs from the day.

Next week **Years 3 and 4** are looking forward to joining Revd. Radcliffe for an **Easter Service** led by the team at St Stephen's Church. If you are able to help with walking the children to and from the church, please do contact the School Office.

Year 6 parents are invited to attend a SATS parent information session online via Zoom on Tuesday 19th March (4pm-5pm). This will be recorded and added to Google Classroom for those unable to attend live.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

We are aware the parking at school drop off and pick up can be very busy, especially when it's raining. Please may we reiterate to parents to be considerate of pedestrians and other drivers. We have had several 'near misses' on Vicarage Lane and at the junction between Chilcroft Lane and Lion Lane with drivers driving too fast or manoeuvring/reversing when children are walking past. <u>Please do be mindful</u>.

Children can be dropped off at school between 8.35am-8.50am so there should be ample time to drop your child to school and park somewhere locally without needing to rush or make unwise driving decisions.

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LET GIRLS PLAY FOOTBALL

On Friday 8th March - International Women's Day - we had a very exciting day in school. As part of #LetGirlsPlay (an FA initiative), all the girls at school were given coaching by some students from Godalming College who are PE students and football players themselves. The coaching was brilliant and the girls learnt some great new skills. Many of them commented that they enjoyed the session so much that they now wish to join a football club. Huge thanks to Godalming College and the girls who all participated so enthusiastically.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with swimming next term. Volunteers would be responsible for helping the school teachers during the swimming session. Parents would need to be committed to helping out on a regular time slot each week and would need to be DBS checked (we can organise this). If you would be able to help for an hour or two a week please contact the School Office.

SCHOOL TRUST FUND DONATIONS

Thank you to all parents who have made a termly donation to our School Trust Fund. These donations help to ensure that we can continue to provide high quality facilities, specialist teaching staff and activities - all which make our school unique! Donations can still be made on Scopay. If you are a registered UK taxpayer we are able to claim a further 25% gift aid contribution from the Government on top of your donation - if you would like to do this, please complete the attached form and return this to the School Office. Thank you for your continued support.

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RED SHOES SUMMER DANCE SCHOOL

This year Red Shoes is running a Summer Dance School from 12 - 14 August at Camelsdale Village Hall.

Anyone can join from the age of 5 to 13 years who enjoys dance, wants to learn new skills, and be taught by highly qualified teachers Is welcome to join!

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Each day will be fun-filled with lots of different styles of dance including some of the following: Street, Contemporary, Jazz, Lyrical and Acro.

£30 per day (10am - 2:30pm) or £70 for all 3 days! Book soon!

PARENT QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 19TH APRIL

The SJS PTFA are holding their Annual Parent Quiz and Curry Night on Friday 19th April in the School Hall, so message your friends and book those sitters! The evening starts at 7pm!

You can look forward to a brilliant night with a super fun quiz, a well-stocked bar and a wonderfully delicious homemade curry. There's room for 100 players, with suggested teams sizes of 4 - 8. Tickets are £15 per person, payable via Scopay. To book your team in, please email the PTFA at ptfashottermillinrs@gmail.com

with your Team Name and your Player Names.

The PTFA and school community are so thankful for your continued fundraising support!

NCT NEARLY NEW SALE

On Sunday 21st April Camelsdale Primary School are hosting a NCT Nearly New Sale from 10.30am-12pm. There will be plenty of high quality, preloved baby and children's clothing and shoes (0-12 years), maternity wear, nursery equipment, toys, books and more. Please do pop along, or spread the word!

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YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES

We are delighted that orders can now be made for the Class of 2024 Leavers' Hoody! We are working with Fizz Hoodies, the UK's premier supplier of Leavers' Hoodies, and are eagerly anticipating what is sure to be a wonderful keepsake to celebrate Year 6's time at SJS. The hoodies will have a large '24' print on the back, containing the names of all students in the year group, and will also feature an embroidered school logo on the front. The hoodies are only available to purchase in bottle green - our school colour.

To place an order, please visit the following website: <u>https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/</u> Our School Unique ID is: **J08988YR6**

You must place an order before **<u>28th April 2024</u>**. We cannot stress this deadline enough, as we do not want anyone to be disappointed. The school will not be ordering any spare hoodies, so please don't miss out.

STAMPS

We are collecting used stamps in the School Office, please bring any in as and when you have them! Please leave a border around the stamp. We will then send these off to raise funds for the RNIB – Royal National Institute of Blind People.

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KEY DATES FOR 2023-2024

	March
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd March	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 19 th March	Year 6 SATS parent information session (Online via Zoom): 4pm – 5pm
Thursday 21 st March	Easter Service at St Stephen's for Years 3 and 4: 10am
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
	April
Monday 15 th April	Start of the Summer Term
Thursday 18 th April	Eco Day
Friday 19 th April	PTFA Quiz Night: 7pm (parents and guardians only)
Wednesday 24 th April	Brenscombe Information Evening (Online via Zoom): 5pm-6pm
Thursday 25 th April	Governors Meeting
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Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8 th May	Sayers Croft Information Evening (Online via Zoom): 5pm-6pm
Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Tuesday 21 st May	3N to Pizza Express
Wednesday 22 nd May	Year 6 to Chessington
Friday 24 th May	Inset Day
	June
Tuesday 3 rd June	3G to Pizza Express
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th June	Year 5 to Brenscombe
Tuesday 11 th June	Year 6 class photographs
Monday 17 th June	Year 3 to the Rural Life Centre
Tuesday 18 th June	Confederation Sports
Friday 21 st June	PTFA Summer Fair: from 5pm
Monday 24 th – Wednesday 26 th June	Year 4 to Sayers Croft

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Penalty Notices - Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your child out of for 10 sessions or more and the 'leave of absence' is without the authority of the head teacher, each parent is liable to receive a penalty notice for each child who is absent. The amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority must consider a prosecution for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996. Our full Attendance Policy is available to view on our website.

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