



We would like to wish everyone a restful half-term break. The Autumn Term always feels particularly long, especially when the mornings are darker and the evenings are drawing in. With this in mind we hope everyone can have a well-deserved break from the routine of school, and we look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It was my absolute pleasure last week to attend the Cross Country event at Bohunt - where our Year 3 and 4 children put in an especially strong performance. Shottermill came third overall – fantastic! All children who ran successfully managed the distance and we were very proud of their efforts.

The Years 5 and 6 competed in a Basketball tournament on Tuesday this week, and again came third out of seven teams! Another great accomplishment and the children were really keen to take part again.

These were just a couple of sporting events that have already happened or are planned for the year ahead in partnership with Bohunt or other local schools. Some events are designed to be fully competitive and some are aimed at encouraging children to have the opportunity to participate in a new sport, in order to improve their physical activity. Parents will receive an email notifying you that your child has been selected. We kindly ask that you always respond to this email as soon as possible, so that we may choose other competitors to attend, should your child not be able to go.



### POPPY APPEAL

From Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November children will be able to purchase poppies and other poppy related merchandise (this year there are pencils, rubbers, sharpeners and rulers, as well as the usual items) in exchange for a donation to the Poppy Appeal. These items can be purchased at lunchtime from the playground. Our Armed Forces risk everything to protect our way of life. Wearing a poppy helps to show you care and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

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### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The PTFA hosted a Macmillan coffee morning last Wednesday which was a great success, despite the gloomy, rainy day. Thank you to everyone who helped to support the event either by coming along and purchasing some cake, or donating in advance. A massive **£225** was raised! This will go towards Macmillan to help support people living with cancer.

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### **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November children are encouraged to come to school wearing odd socks – the brighter and odder the better!

This initiative is designed to celebrate being unique. Last year 80% of schools in the UK marked the week and we are proud to continue to empower our children to make positive kind choices and counter the harm that bullying causes.



On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November all children must wear PE kit to school as we are having special drone photographs taken in the playground of the children and the school. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their yellow PE t-shirt. Sports Leaders must wear their yellow t-shirt and not their blue one.

### **THE HILLS FIREWORK DISPLAY**

If you're looking for a fireworks display to attend this year, then tickets are on sale for The Hills Fireworks. Formerly held at Beacon Hill, this year's event takes place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from 4pm - 7pm, at Woolmer Hill School. All the details including the timings, and a link to purchase tickets are available here: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/thehillswireworks>

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## KEY DATES FOR 2024-2025

October	
Friday 25th October	Break the Rules Day
Monday 28th October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	HALF-TERM
November	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Drumming workshop
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	HHH Concert with 6W attending
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	HHH Concert with 6H attending
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Drone photographs taken – all children to wear PE kit to school (yellow t-shirts)
12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Open days for prospective parents
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Stone Age workshop
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Disco: 6pm-7.30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Forum: 1.30pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Mufti Day – hamper items
December	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Mufti Day – tombola items
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair: 5pm-7pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term: 1.30pm finish
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Inset Day

*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 is £80.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £160.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you 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. Please note if you have received a penalty notice fine since 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 the second penalty notice will be a flat fee of £160.00 – there is no reduction in fee regardless of how quickly payment is received. If you incur two penalty notices within three years you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996. Our full Attendance Policy is available to view on our website.*

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