



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

On Friday last week, I accompanied the winners of the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Poster Competition, to TESCO to see their work on display in the store. The theme set was around 'Respect' and remembering to choose kindness in the community. You can see these on display for the next few weeks, so do pop down to TESCO and take a look!

This week saw both Shottermill Schools come together to make hundreds of Remembrance Poppies for a local community project. The Poppies that children have created from all local schools will be assembled into some large commemorative wreaths, which will be on display as part of the VE Day Anniversary activities - in particular, there will be large community event on Lion Green on Saturday 10th May for everyone to get involved in. The Year 3 children and Arts Council also helped to create some wonderful modern poppy canvases to be displayed - with messages of Peace and Hope at the centre. Our children really are a creative bunch!

I would like to end by wishing you all a really lovely Easter, for those of you who celebrate this, as well as a lovely holiday.

NEW CHAIR AND TREASURER FOR PTFA REQUIRED

Are you looking for a new way to support your child and the school community? The Shottermill Juniors PTFA are looking for a new chair and treasurer for next year to continue the great work being done by the current committee. If you think you would like to get involved please send an email to ptfashottermilljnr@gmail.com or message a member of the current committee to express your interest. The next meeting will be 9th May at the Lion's Den immediately after drop off and the new committee members will need to be recruited and voted in then.

PARKING

Please may we remind parents to show respect for the local residents when parking before and after school. Sadly we have had reports of parents being angry in their vehicles, and this reflects very badly on us as a school.

LUNCHES

Please may we remind parents to book their child's school lunches at home. You can order a lunch up until 9am on the day, and this saves your child having to come to the Office and interrupt their learning. It would also be helpful if you discussed the lunch choices with your children so they know and are happy with the option they are having each day. The new Spring/Summer menu is attached which starts after the Easter holiday. Thank you for your cooperation.



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SMARTFREE CHILDHOOD

We have been asked to share the below information by some of our parents.

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Hi everyone,

Have you heard about the Smartphone Free Childhood movement of parents that has sprung up across the UK? It's a community of more than 200,000 parents working together to change the culture around kids and smartphones.

If you've been worrying about the impact of smartphones and social media on your child, you're not alone. Smartphone Free Childhood is all about changing the norm so that we don't feel like we all have to get our child a smartphone just because everyone else does. Here's what you can do:

Sign the Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact

By signing this Pact you're joining a fast-growing community of families across the UK who are choosing to wait to give their child a smartphone, until at least the end of Year 9.

It's totally anonymous and many parents across our school have already signed up. You can find more information on the attached flyer, and sign the Pact

here: <https://surreyparentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

Plus, you can see how many parents have signed up in each year group in our school

here: <https://parentpactresults.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/surrey#shottermilljuniorschoolshottermill>

It's all about strength in numbers. If your child knows that other kids in their class won't be getting a smartphone for a few years either, the peer pressure instantly dissolves.

Join the Whatsapp group

There's a Smartphone Free Childhood Whatsapp group for Shottermill Junior School parents. It's a relatively quiet group, so you won't receive lots of notifications, and everyone is welcome. It's a great place to share any questions, concerns or ideas. You can join here: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EUn6gapqf3HLKObqYr6CN6>

Thank you for your time,

Shottermill Junior School parents in the Smartphone Free Childhood movement

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HASLEMERE MUSEUM

Haslemere Museum has lots of wonderful events taking place this Easter – see the attached pdf and details below:

[Feathered Friends Drawing](#) for ages 5-11 - Tuesday 8 April, 10.30am-12pm

[Easter Egg-citement](#) - family Easter crafts and a garden trail with a chocolate reward - Thursday 10 April, 10.30am-1pm

['Mini Masters' family art session](#) - Tuesday 15 April, 10.30am-1pm:

['Batty About Bats'](#) - for 5-11 year olds to learn all about bats - Thursday 17 April, 10.30am-12pm:

Full details and advance booking via haslemereuseum.co.uk/whatson or on the attached pdf.

RUN, MRS JONES RUN!

On Sunday 6th April, Mrs Jones (our SENCO) is running her first ever half marathon in London. She's been training for the last three months and is running for Charlie's Promise Charity, which was set up following the tragic death of her nephew. The charity carries out vital work educating all of our young people about the dangers and wide-spread impact of knife crime.



Sadly, if it can happen to Charlie, it can happen to anyone. To read Mrs Jones' story, find out more about the charity or to sponsor Mrs Jones for her half-marathon, please follow this link [Zoe Jones's Story: Just Giving for Charlie's Promise](#). Thank you.

Sending lots of luck for a great run, Mrs Jones! From all of us at Shottermill Juniors.



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THE HASLEMERE YOUTH HUB – YEAR 6

There are fun activities available for Year 6 children at The Haslemere Youth Hub. Please see below:



Year 6 Egg Hunt and Hangout
Tuesday 15th April
3pm-5pm

Circuits Fitness Club
Every Friday during term time
4.30pm – 5.30pm
Free entry for children aged 10-12



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PTFA QUIZ NIGHT

The SJS PTFA Annual Parent Quiz Night will be held on Saturday 26th April in the School Hall, so please message your friends, organise a team and book those sitters asap! The event will start at 7pm!

You can look forward to a brilliant night with a fun quiz, a well-stocked bar and yummy homemade chilli (vegan options available). There's room for 100 players with suggested teams sizes of 4 - 8. Tickets are £15 per person, payable via Scopay. The Quiz Night is great fun and very popular, so please do email the PTFA on ptfashottermilljns@gmail.com

Please include your QUIZ TEAM NAME and your TEAM MEMBER NAMES.

A Team Captain can either pay for all team member tickets on their Scopay as one booking or team members can pay individually for their own tickets via their own parent Scopay and the PTFA will match by parent names. Whatever is preferred!

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

ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

Wednesday 7th May 2-3pm

Dance Studio at Shottermill Junior School

Learn how to protect your children from online threats so they can grow into the digital age with confidence and safety. This engaging and non-technical presentation is delivered by Surrey and Sussex Police's passionate Cyber Protect Officer Daniel Sykes. Parents from all year groups are very welcome and encouraged to attend. We recommend that parents of children who have their own phone or other internet-enabled device attend if possible.

Please book a ticket below (free) so we have an idea of numbers:

[Free Online Safety for Parents talk from Surrey and Sussex Police Tickets, Wed 7 May 2025 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES

We are delighted that Year 6 can now order their Class of 2025 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 '25' 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 available to purchase in bottle green - our school colour.

To place an order, please visit the following website: <https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/>

Our School Unique ID is: J08988YR6

If you would like to order a hoodie you must place an order before 28th April 2025. I cannot stress this deadline enough, as we do not want anyone to be disappointed. The school will not be ordering any spare.

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KEY DATES FOR 2024-2025

April	
Friday 4 th April	Mufti Day in aid of Dogs for Autism
Friday 4 th April	End of Term: 1.30pm finish
Tuesday 22 nd April	Start of the Summer Term
Saturday 26 th April	PTFA Parent Quiz Night: 7pm
Wednesday 30 th April	Brenscombe Parent Information Session: 5pm
May	
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th May	SATS Week
Wednesday 14 th May	Sayers Croft Parent Information Session: 5pm
Tuesday 20 th May	3N trip to Pizza Express
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 6 to Chessington
Friday 23 rd May	Inset Day
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May	Half-term
June	
Tuesday 3 rd June	3G trip to Pizza Express
Tuesday 3 rd June	Year 6 photographs
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th June	Year 5 to Brenscombe
Monday 9 th June	Year 3 Tilford Rural Living Museum trip
Wednesday 18 th June	Year 6 Junior Citizens – Guildford Spectrum (pm)
Monday 23 rd – Wednesday 25 th June	Year 4 to Sayers Croft
Friday 27 th June	PTFA Summer Fair

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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 19th 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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