

# SHOTTERMILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

Last week, Mrs Hooker and I were delighted to take members of our Gardening Club to join with children from the infant school and Haslemere in Bloom volunteers, to plant out commemorative flags for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. This was actually a challenging task, as we planted approximately 200 young plants which should hopefully produce the red, white and blue colours later in the growing season. The planted flags are just in front of the newly installed toilets on Lion Green, near to where the community celebrations will be taking place on Saturday 10th of May. These celebrations will provide a fantastic opportunity for families to come together and mark VE Day with music and remembrance activities. Shottermill Arts Council and Year 3 have also produced two large poppy inspired canvases on the theme of 'Hope' and 'Peace', which will form part of the exhibition on the day.

## **BANK HOLIDAY**

A reminder to parents that Monday is a bank holiday and therefore school will be closed. We hope everyone has a wonderful long weekend.

## **END OF THE DAY**

At the end of the day, if your child has to come back into school for anything, i.e. lost clothing, water bottles or go to the toilet, could you please bring them back into school via the School Office, rather than send them back in through the exit. For Health and Safety purposes, we need to know who is in the building at all times.

## **WOODLANDS AREA VANDALISED**

We were especially upset to find that during the Easter holidays, areas of the Forest School Woodland had been purposely damaged by people / children, despite this being clearly an area of school premises. Unfortunately we found fly-tipping, discarded cans of alcohol and some of our forest school equipment damaged - which will need to be repaired before the children can access this space again. I would like to urge any parent / local neighbour to let us know if they have seen any authorised entry or trespassing on school premises so that we can report this to the Police. It would be helpful if local parents could also share this message with the residents of homes which have gardens bordering the school site. Going forward, please can I urge local residents to support the school in keeping its grounds safe for children to access and always call the Police if they see trespasses outside of normal school hours.

## **PTFA NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who attended the school disco last month. Over £1,000 was raised!

Last Saturday's Quiz Night also raised a staggering £2,000. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Clack for the leading the event, and thank you to the parents who attended and donated so generously. The money raised will go towards a new kiln in the Art Room and a new Hall projector.

## **SUMMER SCHOOL MENU**

Please find attached the Summer Term menu. Please contact the School Office for special dietary menus.

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### SUMMER WEATHER

Now the weather is getting warmer please may we remind parents that children must come to school each day with a water bottle and sun hat (these must be the Shottermill green caps) which can be purchased via Scopay and then collected from the School Office. A delivery of these is due in school next week – apologies for the delay. We also recommend children have suncream applied before school. Children are welcome to bring suncream into school if they need to reapply during the day. Please ensure this is named.

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### KEY DATES FOR 2024-2025

May	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY – School is closed
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	E-safety parent meeting in the Dance Studio: 2pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Sayers Croft Parent Information Session: 5pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	3N trip to Pizza Express
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 6 to Chessington
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 3 to meet their Year 2 buddies
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	INSET DAY
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half-term
June	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	3G trip to Pizza Express
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 photographs
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Swimming Gala at Haslemere Leisure Centre: 1pm – 3pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Sleepover (details to be circulated soon)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 to Brenscombe
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Tilford Rural Living Museum trip
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Healthy Living Week
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Junior Citizens – Guildford Spectrum (pm)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Woolmer Hill taster day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 to Sayers Croft
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 2 to visit and eat pizza with their Year 3 buddy
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA Summer Fair
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Confederation Sports
July	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Move up morning
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	District Sports (am)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Party: time tbc
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly: 9am start
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of Term: 1.30pm finish

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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 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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