



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I would like to welcome you all back to the start of new academic year! Together with the staff, I have been so impressed with how enthusiastic our Year 3 children have been since joining our school and their behaviour has been impeccable. We have also welcomed lots of new families into other year groups too so I would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who is new to our school.

As always, I would like to remind parents that we are here to help in any way we can and we are looking forward to a really productive year ahead.

MOBILE PHONES

In line with Government expectations that 'schools should be phone-free environments', we would like to remind parents that children are **not** permitted to bring a mobile phone to school at any time. This is because they have the ability to bypass our filtering systems, which poses a serious safeguarding risk. Thank you for your support in ensuring that this important rule is adhered to all times. Please note that the same rule applies to any other device (such as a smartwatch) which has the functionality of connecting to the internet, taking photographs or messaging. Please see the following link to Smartphone Free Childhood which we actively support as a school: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

REMINDERS

Please may we remind parents that you must book your child's lunch at home. You can book lunches several days in advance but children must come to school having already ordered a school lunch or with a packed lunch. If you have any issues please call the School Office and we will be happy to help you. The Lunch Menu is attached – we are on Week 2 currently.

HEALTHY SNACK

Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack for break time. Ideally this should be fruit, vegetables or a healthy bar (nut free). Crisps are not an acceptable snack for break time.

TERM DATES

We have scheduled our inset days for the academic year, these are:

Friday 22nd January 2027
Monday 26th July 2027
Tuesday 27th July 2027
Wednesday 28th July 2027

Our term dates can be found on our website and on the Surrey County Council website:

[School term dates - Surrey County Council](#)

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DOGS ON THE PATHWAY

We have noticed that we have a few children who are a little fearful of some of the dogs that are often around at drop off or collection on the path way. We recommend that parents perhaps stand a little further away from the gate area if they have a dog and always ensure they are on a tight lead and under control at all times. Thank you for your support with this matter.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We are currently looking to appoint a new Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. Parent Governors play a vital role in supporting the school to ensure the best possible outcomes for all pupils. The role is both rewarding and fulfilling, offering the opportunity to contribute to the strategic direction of the school, help shape important decisions, and work alongside school leaders and fellow governors to make a positive difference to the education and wellbeing of our children. The usual term of office is four years, and while no specific experience is required, enthusiasm, a commitment to the school community, and a willingness to learn are essential.

If you are interested in finding out more or would like to put yourself forward, please email the school office, and we will be in touch with further information about the nomination process. We would be delighted to hear from you.

PTFA NEWS

The PTFA is looking for people to join the committee, please see the email sent out by the school office on Monday, and get in touch with the team at ptfashottermilljns@gmail.com if you would like more info.

The PTFA also has a Whatsapp group you can join to hear about volunteering opportunities, such as helping at the school disco or with festive events. There's no obligation, but it's a great way to hear how you can get involved. You can join the group here: <https://bit.ly/46bJhkQ>

The PTFA is hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Thursday 24th September after morning drop-off. It's Macmillan Cancer Support's biggest fundraising event, bringing people together over hot drinks and cake to raise money for people living with cancer. It will be held in the dance studio and everyone is welcome, so please pop the date in your diary! If you would like to volunteer to help at the event, or to bake something delicious for it, please email ptfashottermilljns@gmail.com



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Your help can make all the difference!

Dear parents and carers,

We are looking for a new PTFA committee to help raise valuable funds for our school and plan fun activities for the children.

What's involved?

The new committee will have full ownership of the PTFA's activities. You can choose to continue the events from last year, or try brand-new ones! In 2025/26 our calendar included two school silent discos, the Christmas Reindeer Run, class cake sales, mufti days, a festive hamper raffle, an adults' quiz night and more. Each year, the committee typically raises around £10,000 for the school.

Why are we recruiting?

We recently said goodbye to our fantastic Chair, Ash, who moved abroad this summer. Additionally, due to changing work commitments and their children entering their final year at school, our Treasurer, Bee, and Secretary, Charlotte, are looking to step back. Now is the ideal time to get a new committee onboard to ensure a smooth, supported transition.

Who can join?

Any parent or carer at the school! You can join as an individual to meet new people, or as a group of friends who want to run the committee together.

Which roles are available?

All of these roles can be split across multiple people (e.g. Co-Chairs). The committee always works as a team to plan all events.

Chair: liaises with the school, oversees fundraising events and leads the committee.

Treasurer: manages the PTFA bank account and financial records and counts/banks all cash.

Secretary: shares updates via class reps and the newsletter, creates meeting agendas and takes minutes.

What support is there?

You won't be thrown in at the deep end! The new committee will get a full briefing from Bee and Charlotte, who will remain on hand to provide support throughout the year. There is also a wonderful, friendly group of PTFA volunteers who always step up to help at events.

What does the money go towards?

Every penny goes back to the school. Last year alone, the PTFA funded:

- Residential trip subsidies for Years 4 and 5
- Christmas treats and a pantomime
- A new outdoor speaker
- Support for the Year 6 leavers' disco and a visit from an ice cream van
- Netball bibs and sports equipment
- Science torches and reading intervention books... and more!

Get involved!

If you are interested in a role, or want an informal chat to learn more, please email ptfashottermilljrs@gmail.com or ask your class rep to put you in touch with Bee and Charlotte by **23 September**. Thank you!

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FACE FAMILY ADVICE

Now that we have started the new school year, we have pasted the timetable for FACE Family Advice September 2026. These sessions are **FREE** for all Shottermill Junior School parents. If your child is new to the school, please follow the booking instructions below to access any of these sessions **FREE OF CHARGE** through our school subscription.

FACE offers parents practical advice, information and support, across a wide range of topics, including supporting neurodiverse children, understanding emotions and managing behaviour.

Many parents have accessed sessions from FACE and have given very positive feedback.

Go to facefamilyadvice.co.uk or [click here](#)
Go to PARENTS – Live talks page.

Accessing the talks free of charge:

Shottermill Junior School has bought a subscription and the access code is **SM160326**

This can be used by any parents from our school for unlimited access to all the regular FACE Parent Talks (usually £24 each). The code must not be shared with parents or staff from other schools.

At the payment stage of booking, add the school code where it says ADD PROMO CODE. This will drop the price from £24 to £0.

FACE September Timetable	
All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long	
£24 each or FREE with School Membership	
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk	
Recordings available for 48 hours	
Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm

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The Haslemere Youth Hub

YOUTH SPACE

TERM TIME TUESDAY 5:30-7PM

HASLEMERE YOUTH HUB

YEAR 6 CLUB

- SOCIAL SPACE**
- GAMES**
- CRAFTS**
- HELP WITH TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL**

GROUP COST £4 PER SESSION

WE ARE A REGISTERED CHARITY! CHARITY NO. 1205814

WWW.THEHASLEMEREHUB.COM/YOUTH

CHLOE.THEHUB@GMAIL.COM

YEAR 6 SOCIAL CLUB

Please find details of a Year 6 social club which runs on a Tuesday from 5.30pm-7pm at The Haslemere Hub.

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KEY DATES FOR 2025-2026

	September
Thursday 24 th September	Macmillan PTFA Coffee morning: 8:45am - 10:30am
Tuesday 29 th September	Individual school photographs
	October
Wednesday 7 th October	Year 3 Haslemere Museum trip
Tuesday 13 th October	Year 5 Pumpkin Day
Wednesday 14 th October	Parent Consultation appointments: from 1.30pm
Thursday 15 th October	Harvest Festival: 1.40pm arrival
Monday 19 th October – Friday 30 th October	HALF-TERM (note this is a two-week half-term)
	November
Tuesday 10 th November	Year 4 Workshop: 9.15am
Wednesday 18 th November	Optional flu vaccinations
Wednesday 18 th November	Year 6 to attend HHH Concert at St Christopher's Church
Tuesday 17 th November	Year 5 Parent Assembly: 2.30pm
Thursday 19 th November	Year 4 Stone Age day
Wednesday 25 th November	Year 3 Workshop: 2pm
Monday 30 th November	Year 4 DT Day
	December
Monday 7 th December	Year 5 Workshop: 2pm
Wednesday 16 th December	PTFA Christmas Jumper day, Christmas Lunch and Pantomime
Friday 18 th December	End of Term: 1.30pm finish

Forthcoming dates:

Y6 Workshop: Wednesday 10th February: 2pm

Y4 Parent Assembly: Thursday 18th March: 2:30pm (this is also Roman Day)

Y3 Parent Assembly: Wednesday 24th March: 2:30pm

Y6 End of Year leaver's assembly: date tbc

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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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